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July GCA Meeting

Join us on Thursday, July 16, at 7:30 p.m. to hear Sally Bethea speak about the health of the Chattahoochee River. Sally is with RiverKeeper, a watchdog group that works to keep our local rivers clean and pure. This is an important meeting that no paddler can afford to miss. Come learn what's happening, and what you can do to help preserve our own backyard river.

The meeting will be held at the Garden Hills Community Center: From Peachtree Street, go east on East Wesley Road (8/10 mile south of the intersection of Peachtree and Roswell Road). Turn left on Rumson Road. Go about 100 yards to the first intersection and you will see the Community Center on the right.

We'll provide the refreshments, as usual. See you there. ✂

August GCA Meeting

Ready to build a boat? Keith Liles, Dagger technical representative and Team D member (sponsored paddler who won the '97 Ocoee Rodeo) will present a slide show on boat building on Thursday, August 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Garden Hills Community Center.

We'll get an inside view of the Dagger factory, learning how they use computer models to help design boats, the process for building and testing a prototype, and creation of the final product. This is not an advertisement for Dagger — it's a really great opportunity to learn how today's boats are built. Unless you tour the factory, you won't get a better view of recreational boat building.

Bring a snack to share if you like, and we'll provide refreshments as well. See you there!! ✂

DEEP RIVER BLUES

Let it rain, let it pour
 Let it rain a whole lot more,
 'Cause I got them deep river blues,
 Let the rain drive right on
 Let the waves sweep along,
 'Cause I got them deep river blues.

My old gal's a good old pal,
 And she looks like a water fowl,
 When I get them deep river blues,
 Ain't no one to cry for me,

And the fish all go out on a spree
 When I get them deep river blues.

Give me back my old boat
 I'm gonna sail if she'll float,
 'Cause I got them deep river blues,
 I'm goin' back to Mussel Shoals,
 Times are better there I'm told,
 'Cause I got them deep river blues.

If my boat sinks with me
 I'll go down, don't you see,
 'Cause I got them deep river blues,



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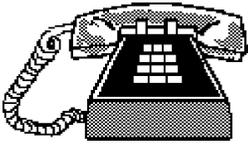


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Now I'm gonna say good-bye
 'N' if I sink, just let me die,
 'Cause I got them deep river blues.

Let it rain, let it pour
 Let it rain a whole lot more,
 'Cause I got them deep river blues,
 Let the rain drive right on
 Let the waves sweep along,
 'Cause I got them deep river blues.

- Recorded by Doc Watson.



Who Ya Gonna Call?

The following list is provided for your convenience:

For general information about the club - Call the club telephone number, 770-421-9729, and leave

a message. Someone will get back to you.

To volunteer to help with club activities - Call President David Martin at 404-351-8208 or contact the committee chairperson for your area of interest.

For information on payment of dues or membership status - Call Treasurer Ed Schultz at 404-266-3734.

To sign up for a club trip - Call the trip coordinator at the number listed on the activity list.

To sign up to lead a club trip - Call Cruisemaster Jason Schnurr at 770-422-9962.

For change of address or for *Eddy Line* subscription information - Call Ed Schultz at 404-266-3734 .

If you didn't receive your *Eddy Line* - Call Ed Schultz at 404-266-3734.

For information on GCA clinics - Call the clinic coordinator listed on the clinic schedule, or call Training Director Steve Cramer at 706-208-8382.

For information on roll practice - Call Revel Freeman at 404-261-8572.

For information on placing want ads in *The Eddy Line* - Call Newsletter Editor Allen Hedden at 770-426-4318, or see "To place an ad" in the Want Ad section of *The Eddy Line*.

For information on commercial ads - Call Advertising Director Jim Kautz at 770-321-9826 or Newsletter Editor Allen Hedden at 770-426-4318.

For information on videos and books available from the GCA Library - Call GCA Librarian Tom Martin at 770-662-0058. ✂

Board of Directors Meetings

Georgia Canoeing Association Board of Directors meetings are held on the first Thursday of even months (Feb., Apr., etc.). All members are encouraged to attend. The location is the Atlanta Jewish Community Center on Peachtree Street, beginning at 7:30 P.M. Ask at the front desk for the room location, as it varies from month to month. If you have an item for discussion, please call President David Martin at 404-351-8208 so he can add your item to the agenda. Attending Board meetings is a great way to become more involved with the GCA. ✂

GCA Executive Committee

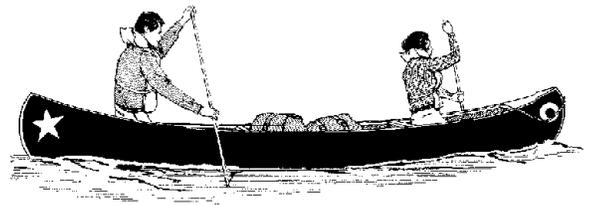
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Submitting *Eddy Line* Material

Deadline for material to be submitted for publication in the next *Eddy Line* is the fifth of the month, i.e., for the January issue, material should be submitted no later than December fifth. The editor must receive all articles, trip reports and want ads by the deadline or they MAY 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 inch IBM/DOS formatted disk as an ASCII file labeled with a ".txt" file extension, or as a text file on a 3-1/2 inch high density MacIntosh formatted disk, and include a printed copy (Disks will be returned only if specifically requested). We can also accept Word Perfect version 5.0, 5.1, and 5.2, and Microsoft Word for Windows files in IBM/DOS format, as well as some other word processing program files. Contact Newsletter Editor **Allen Hedden at 770-426-4318** for specifics. TO SUBMIT ARTICLES VIA MODEM, Call **Allen at 770-426-4318** for instructions. Our modem supports most transmission speeds and protocols. TO SUBMIT ARTICLES VIA EMAIL, sent to **gacano@mindspring.com**. All want ads will be run for two months unless otherwise requested. Send all material to: **Allen Hedden, 2923 Piedmont Drive, Marietta, Ga. 30066**. Hand-written or phoned in material CANNOT be accepted. Thanks for your cooperation. ✂

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



July

11 Upper Hooch	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Louis Boulanger	404-373-4775
11 Upper Hooch Full Moon	Class 2-3 Intermediate	John McCorvey	770-921-5116
11 Chattooga Section 3-1/2	Class 3-4 Advanced	Paul Ifkovitz	770-446-5096
11 Pigeon	Class 3-4 Advanced	Charles Bruce	770-974-2481
12 Paddle With The Prez (Note 1)	Class 2-4 Intermediate-Advanced	David Martin	404-351-8208
12 Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Charles Bruce	770-974-2481
16 Club Meeting — Entertainment — Fun!!	Garden Hills Community Center	Marvine Cole	770-475-3022
18 Metro Hooch	Class 1+ Easy Beginner	Jack Taylor	770-998-0350
18 Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Roscoe Sharpe	706-276-4691
25 Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Brannen Proctor	770-664-7384

August

1 Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Pat Hagan	770-393-1420
6 Board of Directors Meeting — Members Invited		Atlanta Jewish Community Center	
8 Leader's Choice Full Moon Trip	Class 2-3 Intermediate	John McCorvey	770-921-5116
9 Paddle With The Prez (Note 1)	Class 2-4 Intermediate-Advanced	David Martin	404-352-8208
16 Cartecay Cleanup	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Edward Stockman	770-394-3469
20 Club Meeting — Entertainment — Fun!!	Garden Hills Community Center	Marvine Cole	770-475-3022
22 Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Louis Boulanger	404-373-4775
22 Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Brannen Proctor	770-664-7384

September

26-27 Fall River Safety & Rescue Clinic		Bo Wise	770-806-6001
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This space is for YOU to sign up to coordinate a trip. Call the Cruise Master Jason Schnurr at 770-422-9962 to sign up to show your fellow club members your favorite run. CALL NOW before the space is gone!!!

Note 1: Paddle With the Prez monthly trip will be Class 2-3 or 3-4 depending on season and availability. Call David Martin for details.

Signing Up - Call the trip coordinator listed to sign up for trips. Call early in the week to ensure you get a spot on the trip, and in consideration for the coordinators, PLEASE avoid calling late in the evening.

Training Trips are a combination of recreation and training designed to attract those boaters who have completed a formal training clinic and would like some on-the-river time with instructors practicing what you learned in the clinic and expanding your skill level.

To Volunteer To Lead Trips: Call the Cruisemaster, Jason Schnurr, at 770-422-9962. 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.

Roll Practice at Stone Mountain Lake on Wednesdays at about 7:00 PM thru September. Call Revel at 404-261-8572.

GCA Library Items Available

The GCA Library has many videotapes and books available to any GCA member. All you have to do is call GCA Librarian Tom Martin at 770-662-0058 to find out what is available. The cost is \$3.00 per tape or book for postage and handling.

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

Tom Martin
6339 Danbury Lane
Norcross, GA 30093

The following items are currently available:

Videos:

A Second Helping - A Review of Kayak Basics
Canoes by Whitesell
Cold, Wet & Alive
Expedition Earth - Bio Bio in Chile
Faultline
First Descents (North Fork Payette)
Grace Under Pressure
Kayak Handling - The Basic Strokes

Only Nolan (Canoe Technique)
Path of the Paddle: Quietwater
Path of the Paddle: Whitewater
Plunge!
Prijon Wildplay Wildwasser Sport
River Rescue-The Video
Solo Playboating!
Southeast Whitewater
Southern Fried Creek
Take the Wild Ride
The C-1 Challenge
The Kayaker's Edge
Ultimate Canoe (Niagara Gorge & Other Rivers)
Waterwalker
Whitewater Bloopers
Whitewater Groove
Books:
A Canoeing and Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Florida, Vols I and II
A Canoeing and Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Tennessee, Vol I
A Hiking Guide to the Trails of Florida
A Paddler's Guide to the Obed/Emory Watershed
A White Water Handbook for Canoe and Kayak

Brown's Guide to the Georgia Outdoors
California Whitewater - A Guide to the Rivers
Canoeing & Kayaking
Canoe Trails of the Deep South
Idaho Whitewater
Path of the Paddle
Paddle to the Amazon - The World's Longest Canoe Trip
People Protecting Rivers: A Collection of Lessons from Successful Grassroots Activists
Mountain Get-Aways in GA, NC & TN
Northern Georgia Canoeing
River Rescue
River's End - A Collection of Bedtime Stories for Paddlers By Bill Sedivy
Song of the Paddle
Southeastern Whitewater
The Chattooga Wild and Scenic River
The Digest Book of Canoeing
Whitewater Home Companion: Southeastern Rivers
The Georgia Conservancy's Guide to the North Georgia Mountains
They Shoot Canoes, Don't They?
Waterfalls of the Blue Ridge
White Water Handbook for Canoe and Kayak

Announcements

Weekday Paddlers

There has been good response to the request to develop a list of paddlers available to paddle during the week.

We now have 70+ listings on the list, including members who are retired persons, those with variable or non-standard work schedules, those available to paddle weekdays when school is out (students and teachers), and even those who have a lot of vacation time to burn and want to take vacation days for paddling. The list includes members who paddle smooth water as well as all classes of white water

If you would like to be included in the list, please call Allen Hedden at 770-426-4318 and leave your name, phone number, days of the week you are available to paddle, and class of water (flat, I thru V) that you are interested in paddling. You will then receive an up to date copy of the list. The list will be re-published quarterly (January, April, July, October). Updates are available by request through the GCA phone line. If you received your copy of the list more than 3 months ago, you should request an updated copy (the July update is out). There have been considerable changes to the list. To receive an up to date copy, call the GCA phone line at 770-421-9729 and leave your name and address with a request for the list.



GCA Web Page

Check it out at <http://www.mindspring.com/~gacanoe>. We are adding information and links of value to paddlers with each update. Send your ideas for updates to Charles Clark: cbclark@mindspring.com.

Thanks to **Mindspring Enterprises** for furnishing GCA with web space for our page. ✂

GCA Email List

The member response to the GCA email list has been great. We have at this printing about 170 subscribers. Thanks to Mike Kaplan and our friends at Kaplan Communications (an Internet Access Provider) for providing software and server space for the GCA email list.

Here's how the list works:

By sending an email to "gacanoe@kapcom.com" you automatically reach all subscribers to the list with the message. Anyone can use the address — it's just another email address — and all subscribers will get the email. The list is an "open list", i.e., anyone can subscribe to it mechanically by sending an email to "majordomo@kapcom.com" and on the first line of the body of the message type:
subscribe gacanoe

You will receive a verification that you are subscribed and a welcome message with instructions on how to unsubscribe and various other commands available

through the service. Be sure to save this information for future reference.

All GCA announcements and forwarded email from other sources concerning new river access issues, late breaking news items of interest to the paddling community, etc., will be sent out via the GCA email list at gacano@kapcom.com. If you want to receive any of this information, please subscribe to the list using the above instructions. Also, don't be shy about using the list to send out or to request information about paddling related topics, rivers you're interested in, etc.

By the way, should you change or lose your email ID, please take a minute to "unsubscribe" your old ID and/or to "subscribe" your new one. ✂

Ocoee Raft Trips For Sale!

(Proceeds support the ACE Junior Team)

Need a good gift idea? ...an employee bonus? ...a fun, wholesome, cool activity for your church youth group this summer? How 'bout a raft trip for two... for four... for twenty?

Thanks to a generous arrangement by Larry Mashburn, former Chair of the Atlanta Center of Excellence (ACE) Board and current proprietor of the Ocoee's latest greatest rafting company, Ocoee Adventure Center (OAC), the ACE Junior Team members are busy selling raft trips to subsidize an extensive junior development program now underway with ACE. Funds raised will support "Project 2004," a new outreach effort designed to develop interest among younger paddlers with sights on the 2004 Olympic Games.

Depending on whether or not the desired trip date is a "peak" day, trips range from \$34 to \$42 per person. Groups of twelve or more qualify for group discounts. If you are interested in inquiring about a trip or referring a friend, co-worker or neighbor, please leave a message on the ACE voice mail at 770-937-5073.

The OAC opened just last spring and, already is among the most popular outfitters in the region. According to Larry, "Our customers seem to like the Ocoee Adventure Center best because we take our time so that our rafters enjoy longer-than-typical trips. Playing and surfing is a priority for us. And, we're the fastest route to the Ocoee from Atlanta and one of the closest outfitters to the put-in. In addition, the Upper (Olympic) section of the Ocoee is expected to open for 16 days in 1998, providing extra white water thrills!" The OAC also offers catered lunches, mountain bike rentals and guided trips, and sit-on-top float trips on neighboring Class I and II water.

Larry, through his association with ACE, and his

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wife, Joellen Dickey, through her leadership of ORCKA, have been long-time supporters of recreational boating and white water racing. ACE gratefully acknowledges this latest gesture of support. ✂

Summer Roll Practice

Joint AWC / GCA Summer Roll Practice will be held at Stone Mountain Lake this year beginning in May and running through September. Sessions are scheduled for Wednesdays at 7:00 (or earlier). Admission is free once you enter the park (a season pass is highly recommended if you intend to attend multiple sessions).

To get there, enter the park from the Stone Mountain Freeway entrance and take the first left. Continue about a mile until the road crosses the dam and take the first right into the parking lot. The boat ramp is on the right.

Use the area around the ramp to load and unload boats only. There is a fair amount of power boat traffic putting in and taking out at the ramp. Once in the water, try to stay clear of the ramp for the same reason.

Note: Park regulations do not allow "swimming" at

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this location, so if you are in the water spotting for someone, an explanation to the park officials may be in order. So far no one has been cited for a violation there.

Volunteers are needed to help with kayak, canoe and C-1 rolling. Your help is appreciated! ✂

Upcoming Events of Interest

July 11— NOC Citizens Mini-Camp and Race / Slalom
July 15-17 & 20 —Dixie Division Camp Challenge —
Bryson City, NC — Mike Hipsher, NOC

July 18 — US Junior Olympic SE Qualifier / Slalom,
Nantahala River

July 25 — NOC Citizens Mini-Camp and Race / Slalom

Aug 1 — NOC Citizens Mini-Camp and Race / Slalom
September 26-27 — Surf Kayak Nationals — Cape
Hatteras, NC — Pam Malec, 800-948-0759

Oct. 30-Nov 1 — NOC Guest Appreciation Festival

Nov. 20-22 — Fall Knobscorcher Mountain Bike Race

Nov 26-28 — Slalom Thanksgiving Training Camp (pri-
marily for juniors — all athletes welcome)

Dec. 5-6 — Bryson City Citizens Race / Slalom & Wild
Water Race ✂

Upper Ocoee Releases

1998 Upper Ocoee releases will occur on each Satur-
day in August, the first Saturday and Sunday in Septem-
ber, the remaining Saturdays in September, October 3,
10, & 11.

- From the *Knoxville News-Sentinel*. ✂

Fall River Safety & Rescue Clinic by Bo Wise, Safety Chairman

GCA's 1998 Fall River Safety and Rescue Clinic is
scheduled for September 26-27 and promises to be a good
one. This is a great way to learn river rescue and safety

skills and to refresh and practice what you already know. The Fall Safety Clinic, held at Mountaintown Outdoor Expeditions (MOE) in Ellijay, Ga., is one of GCA's most popular clinics. It is a fun, low intensity clinic, suitable for all paddlers that are trained beginner level and above.

Saturday we will conduct dry land sessions at MOE that will cover topics such as rope throwing skills, single and multiple person wading skills, Z-drags, boat unpinning, and much more. GCA member Lonny McBride will be giving a presentation on hypothermia. Lonny is an RN, Wilderness First Aid and Swift Water Rescue instructor, and an experienced white water boater who has paddled extensively throughout the Eastern US. His presentations are always interesting and informative.

Saturday night, dinner will be provided by Jay Srymanske and the staff at MOE. Talk to anyone who attended last year's dinner for a reference on the cuisine. Warning! Last year some GCA members took gluttony to new and frightening levels (we saw you and you know who you are!!!). Are they coming back? Will they eat that much again???

There will also be a Blind Knot Tying contest (Men and women who wear rubber suits tying knots?? Blind-folded??? At night????? Hmmmmm.) open to all clinic participants who have never taken an ACA SWR class. Prizes will be awarded! Contestants will be jeered and heckled by their "friends" !!! A good time will be had by all.

Sunday we will paddle the Cartecay in small groups led by instructors. As each group paddles down river, they will encounter staged scenarios where they will be able to practice the rescue skills they learned on Saturday.

If you have never attended a Fall Safety Clinic, come see why members talk about them for months afterward. If you have attended one in the past, come back to practice your rescue skills, enjoy dinner, and have a good time with other paddlers.

Registration forms are in this month's *Eddy Line*. See you in September.

NOTE: GCA throw ropes are being redesigned for faster, easier use. The new ropes will be on sale at the Fall Safety Clinic. See the August *Eddy Line* for more information and pricing. ✂

The use of rescue lines requires training; uninformed use may cause injury. Never tie yourself into either end of a line without a reliable quick-release system. Have a knife handy to deal with unexpected entanglement. Learn to place set lines effectively, to throw accurately, to belay effectively, and to properly handle a rope thrown to you. - From the *AWA Safety Code*

From the Prez....

What Is Membership All About?

by David Martin

We all join organizations for different reasons. Maybe it is the newsletter or magazine subscription that comes from the group. Maybe you need that trip list every month as options for weekend planning. Perhaps you have that volunteer gene that gets you out in the community helping to build a better world. But did you know that just by belonging to an organization whose principles you support, you give that organization huge power and resources?

Grants and large corporate donors do not build



defense and action funds (though they help), the largest funds are built with \$10, \$15 and \$25 donations. When representatives of your club talk to lobbyists and candidates about river access and environmental issues, they seem uninterested until we tell them we represent over 1100 families of voters, then they are very interested.

We cannot sit by passively and expect to be able to enjoy our rivers if we are not involved in their protection. Membership is a way of involvement. So the next time you renew, throw in a few dollars to the River Access Fund.

And by the way, when was the last time you renewed your membership with the USCKT, the American Canoe Association, American Rivers, The Chattooga River Watershed Coalition, The Upper Chattahoochee River Keeper, to name a few? Basic memberships in these organizations are not expensive, generally in the \$15-\$25 range, and your membership empowers them to promote and protect the resources we love. ✂

Georgia Adopt-A-Stream 5th Annual Conference
"From Cold Water Streams To Black Water Swamps"
Columbus State University, October 24

Georgia Adopt-A-Stream is a citizen monitoring and stream protection program. Both individuals and entire communities learn how to evaluate and protect their local stream, river, wetland or lake. Volunteers conduct cleanups, evaluate watersheds, stabilize stream banks, and regularly monitor biological and chemical conditions in local waterways.

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- + Community / watershed programs

Contact Georgia Adopt-A-Stream for details
404-656-0099.

Wilderness Advanced First Aid Course

Wilderness Medical Associates and the Georgia Canoeing Association are presenting a wilderness advanced first aid course on September 11-14. The course will be held at Camp Kiwanis on the Broad River outside of Danielsville.

The course will cover treatment of injuries and illness when 911 is not available and you must care for the patient with limited resources and improvised equipment. Musculo-skeletal injuries, drowning / near drowning, and hypothermia are just a sample of the topics that are covered. There are no prerequisites for the course except to be 18 years old (16 with parental consent). CPR is highly recommended as it will not be taught.

The course will consist of 10 hour days starting at 8 AM on Friday and ending at 4 PM on Monday with 100% attendance required. Lodging will be available at Camp Kiwanis in shared bunk house cabins with hot showers. Commuting for long distances is discouraged due to homework each night and the long days.

The cost of this course will be \$325 and will include lodging, lunch each day, and all teaching material. Class size is limited to 30. To register, complete the form in *The Eddy Line* and send a \$150 deposit to:

Lonny McBride
227 Kings Ferry Rd
Comer, GA 30629
706-783-3395

e-mail: adventurer@athens.net. ✂

"What's a Nice Girl Like Me Doing in a Place Like This" or "How I Survived The ACA Swift Water Rescue Course."

by Gina Johnson

I am a cautious open boater with an over active imagination and a class II/III comfort level. In 1988 I spent a lot of time swimming the Ocoee because my skill level wasn't up to the job. My goal since that year is to stay in my boat and watch other people swim. If you see me on the Ocoee these days, I'm on a cataraft or in a tandem boat. My last GCA River Rescue Course was in 1991 on the Broad River.

When my husband Haynes decided to sign up for the Swift Water Rescue course, as usual I wanted to tag along. He thought it was being taught on the Amicalola. I assumed he meant the Upper Amicalola!!

I knew I was in trouble when the Instructors went over the waiver word by word: "death" and "disability" were prominently displayed, along with "financial losses". I realized that I had inadvertently signed up for the most strenuous River Rescue Course the GCA offers. There were ten men, one other woman (who was MUCH younger!), three instructors and little me.

On Saturday morning, I learned to my shock that we were going to be working on the Lower Amicalola and in Edge of the World, a rapid I have great respect for. We started the day with rope throwing — a skill I have effectively avoided for ten years. At the end of the hour, I could see that practice would give me an effective and accurate throw of about 40+ feet.

The rest of the day was spent in the water in the middle channel of Edge of the World. As the crab-walking and active swimming exercises proceeded, I watched carefully. To my surprise, I liked the crab-walking and using the pyramid. Creating an eddy in 2+ water seemed magical. I found myself with no footing on several occasions and was grateful to have teammates to hold on to. The active swimming made me very nervous. Although I was not comfortable, I got through it, and it did get easier as I got used to swimming into the current.

Sunday consisted of rescue management techniques, setting mechanical devices, knot tying and more river work with the rescue vest and river crossing techniques. Our final exam consisted of a major accident scene at Edge of the World. There was a pinned kayak and a stranded kayaker with a broken leg at the top of the rapid with a



tandem boat pinned below. One of the open boaters was still in the boat with a neck injury and the other had a bad ankle and was stuck on a rock above the last drop. Carol was our "crisis manager" and did a great job with a confusing scenario.

I am very grateful that I didn't chicken out and quit the SWR course. I learned more about the river and myself in two days than I have in

the last eight years. It is possible for me to swim into a rapid, down a rapid and over a strainer if I have to. I can walk through current and waves safely with one or more folks who've had the same training. With practice, I can also throw a rope and bring in a swimmer.

I'll never be very strong and probably won't be able to throw a rope 70 feet, but I can set a Z-Drage and tie a butterfly knot and use three small trees to anchor a line. As a result of this class, I now have skills that can be used as part of a rescue team, and when time is critical, being part of a team that understands priorities and techniques makes the difference.

We're lucky that the GCA offers three levels of river safety and rescue courses. Since none of us breathe under water too well, it is very important to know what to do when disaster happens. It is also a great confidence builder to know you can move around in the river safely. River Rescue is not a "guy" thing. I hope the river ladies will take heart and sign up for a safety or rescue course. The Fall River Safety & Rescue Clinic is in September. If you're nervous, give me a call and we'll talk about it.

The members of this class were Carol Meyhoffer, Don Kinser, Chuck Johnson, Tony Colquitt, Haynes Johnson, Duncan Cottrell, Steve Gochenour, Byron Jones, Joe Pringle, Alan Reid, Jack Shoaff and me.

Our instructors were Bo Wise, David Martin and Brent Coleman. Their instruction and support were terrific. Our "victims" were Kathy King and Royce and Marc Hughes.

My understanding is the next ACA Swift Water Rescue will not be taught on the Lower Amicalola — too bad, I'd like to try it again. ✕

Bring a Rope & Use It

by Leland Davis, Ashville

On the Ocoee, a swimmer was in the second hole at Double Suck, getting recirculated again and again. He was in a type 5 PFD, so was not coming out very easily. There were about 10 people eating lunch on the rock in the middle of the river, and one was actually saying something like, "Check it out... that dude's drownin'."

After I screamed at them a couple times, they finally got off their asses and went to get a throw rope. They were not surfing, they just couldn't be bothered to interrupt their LUNCH!

On the Tallulah, at Oceana, someone was getting chundered in the bottom hole, out of their boat. About 40 - 50 people watching. When he had been in the hole long enough for me to ferry from river right to river left and yell at the people calmly videotaping, someone finally got up to look for a rope. **NO EXAGGERATION:** I could have gotten to the side, gotten out of the boat, gotten my rope, and run up and thrown it faster than they found a rope.

In both cases, luckily the swimmers eventually washed out on their own.

Here's what I have to say about all this:

If you paddle, bring a throw rope.

If you are sitting next to a rapid watching, have the throw rope with you.

If someone is getting munched, throw the f____g rope!

If you can't follow these simple rules, you need to take up golf or knitting and give your boat to me.

- From a posting on the Internet News Group *rec.boats.paddle.* ✂

The Other Side of the Coin

by Rick Kuhn, West Point, GA

Sure, a lot of people think that it's someone else's problem to help. But . . . it isn't always so. I, stupidly mind you, went on a trip with some kids down the French Broad in open canoes. I had listened to friends who equated the French Broad and the Nantahala. I also listened to a preacher who asked about adding some kids to the trip who (he assured me) "knew how to paddle". Both big mistakes.

We had more swimmers than the Olympics and lost one boat, and almost its paddlers, to an undercut rock. If

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it hadn't been for the extreme assistance of two kayakers from the Asheville area who shepherded us down to Stack House, we would have had been in deep "used food". We were already caked with it between our toes.

These two guys didn't know us from Adam, but they hung with us and policed up boats and kids until we got out, and I will be eternally grateful to them. So, things aren't completely hopeless . . . Thanks for the concern, for the butt that may be saved could be mine, my son's, or even yours!

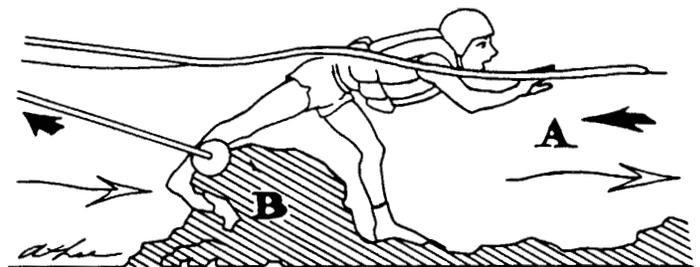
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Sea Kayaking News

Sea Kayaking?!?

by Fred Couch, Jr.

You may have met him Winter paddling on a windy, snowy, 20 degree day, and thought "Is he crazy?" Or you may have heard about his boat surviving a 115 ft drop into Little River Canyon (just a dent, would you believe?) The Snakes Are Smarter. How about the day water was too high and he went up 450 ft of embankments and cliffs (took 4 hours) to get out. Worse yet, you may have paddled with him.

What's he up to now? Would you believe — flat water paddling! Exciting? Yes. Challenging? You believe it. Where's he going to accomplish this? What's he going to paddle?

He's driving from Alabama 58 hours to Grand D'Or, Quebec, then flying by chartered sea plane 5 hours North



to the 57th parallel. What's there? Mountainous terrain meets saltwater... water 70 ft deep within 20 ft of the bank. Topos show 1000 to 3000 ft elevations within a half mile of shore. No trees, some glaciers, a few polar bears, 38 degree water temp (don't swim more

than 3 minutes), be out of the water, and pump out boat in 10 to live. Counterclockwise tides, continuous 15 mph (sometimes plus) winds, barren rocky coasts, mosquitoes which will tote off your gear; 18 hours of sun (lotsa lotion needed); you need 60 lb test fishing line; 150 miles to meet next plane (don't be tardy), boggy soil to squish walk through. "Yes! He could be crazy!"

Will he come back? Do you really want to paddle with this guy? Maybee.... Gosh, 4 pro-guides decided to join him, then a pediatrician, a pharmacist, and a college professor. He'll send in an article this Fall. It may be crazy! ✂

Atlanta Athletes Dominate US White Water Slalom Team Trials

Eight Selected For 1998 US National Team

ATLANTA - May 14, 1998 — The Atlanta Center of Excellence (ACE) proudly announces the following Atlanta-based athletes, who have been selected for the 1998 US National White Water Slalom Team:

Rebecca Bennett (Women's Kayak, Boat 2) - Atlanta
Adam Boyd (Men's Single Canoe, Boat 3) - Atlanta
Chris Ennis (Men's Double Canoe, Boat 4) - Atlanta
Eric Giddens (Men's Kayak, Boat 2) - Atlanta
Sarah Leith (Women's Kayak, Boat 6) - Atlanta
Scott McClesky (Men's Double Canoe, Boat 2; Single Canoe, Boat 6) - Decatur
Scott Shipley (Men's Kayak, Boat 1) - Atlanta
Matt Taylor (Men's Double Canoe, Boat 1) - Atlanta

This year's US Team Trials were held May 8, 9 and 10 on the Wisconsin River in Wausau, Wisconsin. US Olympic Coach and ACE Team Coach Mike Larimer was pleased with the results posted by this year's contingent from Atlanta. "I believe that Atlanta is currently the strongest white water slalom training center in the country. Atlanta-based athletes were poised to dominate US National Team Trials and that's exactly what they did.



Race Watch

Our athletes were very well prepared and continue to set a standard for the national family of slalom competitors."

The top three positions in each class are eligible to compete in five international World Cup events this summer in Slovakia, Slovenia, Macedonia, Spain, as well

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as Wausau, Wisconsin. There is no other training center in the country with such a high concentration of athletes represented than the Atlanta Center of Excellence.

Doris Babcock, Executive Director and Board Chair of ACE, is proud of the direction ACE is taking with its development program. As Mrs. Babcock describes it, "The success of Atlanta-based athletes this year is a direct result of 1996 Olympic Games, which included white water slalom. Under Coach Larimer's direction, ACE's training programs are building important momentum for the development of the slalom athletes of today and tomorrow. We are really proud of our athletes!"

Atlanta is also home for two members of the 1996 US Olympic White Water Slalom Team. Native Atlantan Eric Giddens and Scott Shipley of Poulsbo, Washington, were awarded the top two positions in Men's Kayak (K-1) on the US National Team. According to Eric Giddens, who suffered through Trials with a case of the flu, "Besides the flu, (Team Trials) was another fun experience. The races went down to the wire and I think the team has a great mix of youth and experience."

According to multiple-year US Team Member Matt Taylor, who with his partner Lecky Haller of the Nantahala Racing Club secured the first boat position in the men's Double Canoe division, "I had the best trials ever, largely because of the enormous amount of homemade peanut butter chocolate bars I ate during the week leading up to the race." That certainly bodes well for the peanut farmers in our state.

The Atlanta Center of Excellence is recognized as an official training "center of excellence" by the United States Canoe and Kayak Team. ACE exists to introduce, promote and advance white water slalom racing in the metropolitan Atlanta area for paddlers of all ages. For more information about the Atlanta Center of Excellence, call Doris Babcock, Director and Board Chair, at 770-937-5073 or Betsy Hamilton, Volunteer Media Coordinator, at 404-352-5930. ✂

ACE Athlete Profiles

Each month ACE will spotlight a local member of the US National Team and a local "up and comer" with a profile, possible interviews, and/or photos for The Eddy Line. Our thanks to Betsy Hamilton of ACE for her efforts in honoring these athletes and publicizing white water racing.

ACE Athlete Profile of the Month: Eric Giddens, Men's Kayak (K-1)

US National Team, 1990-1998 (National "A" team since 1993-1998)

National "B" team from 1990-1993)

1997 International ranking: 11th

US Olympic Team, 1996

US Junior National Team, 1990-1991

Two-time Champion, Olympic Festival

Two-time 4th Place finish at World Cup events.

Champion, Champion International White Water Series, 1995

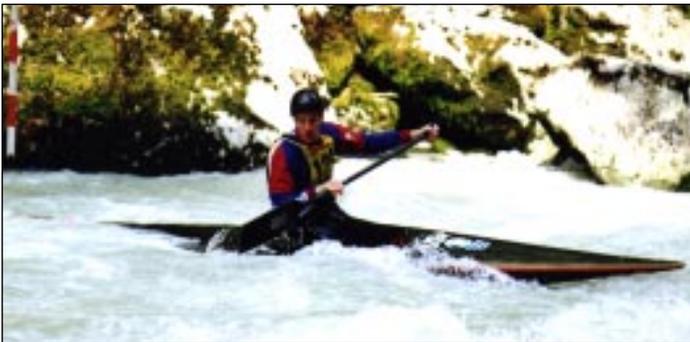
2nd Place, US National Championships, 1993, 1995, 1997

Champion, 1997 Mid-America Series



Eric Giddens at a past Ocoee Double Header. He was a 1996 Olympian and is headed to Europe for three World Cup events in June.

Eric Giddens, an Atlanta native, has been racing since 1986, having first learned to boat recreationally 10 years earlier at the age of three. He attended Paideia School in Atlanta for twelve years before attending Georgia Tech where he is presently a Senior pursuing a degree in Environmental Biology. His parents, Don Giddens and Karin Baldzer, have been at the forefront of national white water slalom leadership. Eric and his family are long-time affiliates of the Atlanta Whitewater Club. Eric's 1998 goals include medaling in the 1998 World Cup events. He hopes to qualify an Olympic boat "slot" in 1999 at the worlds, make the 2000 Olympic Team, medal at the 2000 Olympics, win the 2001 Worlds (to be hosted on the Ocoee), and, after that, "retire and get fat." Such goals demand a high degree of discipline which is evidenced by Eric's arduous training schedule of up to 12 workouts per week. In high school, Eric competed in basketball and soccer. He now enjoys golf during his limited free time. **ACE "Up and Comer" of the Month: Austin Crane, Men's Single Canoe (C-1); Kennesaw**
US Junior National Team, 1997
6th Place, US Nationals, 1997
21st Place, 1997 Junior Worlds



Austin Crane at the Lofer, Austria, 1997 Junior Worlds.

Having been introduced to white water boating by his paddler father, ACE Board Secretary Frank Crane, Austin Crane has been paddling since the age of five. Austin is a long time member of both GCA and the Atlanta Whitewater Club. Last summer, Austin competed internationally for the first time as a member of the US Junior Team at the Junior World Championships in Lofer, Austria.

Austin is now training for the 1998 US Senior Team Trials; he hopes someday to add "world champion" to his list of accomplishments. His training schedule includes ten in-the-boat workouts and a weight-lifting program. In addition to paddling, Austin has enjoyed accolades in swimming and soccer competition.

Upon graduation last year from Sprayberry High School, Austin began his freshman year at Georgia State University pursuing a degree in Business Administration. His main hobby now is repairing boats. ✂

Remaining Events in the 1998 White Water Slalom Competition Schedule	
June 12-14	World Cup #1 - Slovakia
June 19-21	World Cup #2 -- Slovenia
June 26-28	World Cup #3 - Macedonia
July 18	SE Junior Olympic Team Trials - Bryson City, North Carolina (NOC)
August 2	World Cup #4 - Wisconsin
August 8-9	US Slalom National Championships - South Bend, Indiana
September 11-13	World Cup #5 - Spain

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1998 Southeastern Championships Prize Contributors and Sponsors

by Jim Kautz

Race sponsors and raffle prize contributors play a major role in providing funding for the GCA's Southeastern Championships. Race registration fees are kept low to encourage race participation, and fees cover only about half the cost of putting on the race. To make up the difference, the club relies on raffle ticket sales and race sponsorships.

Raffle ticket sales are the largest source of income after the registration fees themselves. And successful raffle ticket sales depend on having a variety of prizes, with at least one major prize such as a boat. The 1998 Southeasterns raffle offered a kayak, several high-quality paddles, paddle jackets and PFDs, along with nearly 50 other prizes. Manufacturers, outfitters and merchandise distributors who support paddle sport contribute the items while showing off their products. The aggregate retail value of the prizes exceeds the amount of money spent on raffle ticket purchases.

Race sponsors provide race supplies, or cash to fund

the race. In return, they receive recognition and advertising by having their logos printed on the race T-shirts and their banners displayed at the race. Some race sponsors provide a prize for the raffle along with a cash contribution.

Sponsors of the 1997 Southeastern Championships and their contributions were:

Dagger: RPM kayak

Go With the Flow: \$100 cash and a \$50 gift certificate

High Country: \$100 cash, wooden canoe paddle

Mohawk Canoes: \$100 cash and six canoe paddles

NOC Outfitters Store and 'Relia's Garden: throw rope, kayak paddle, pogies, caps, logistic support and race paraphernalia

REI: \$100 cash, convertible travel pack

Perception: kayak paddle and paddle carry bag

Powerfood: 2,000 Power Bites

Raffle prize contributors and their contributions are:

Beacon Sports Center: kayak paddle

Extrasport: 2 PFDs

Menasha Ridge Press: 23 books

Mountain Surf: paddle jacket.

Patagonia: dry top

Prijon Kayaks/Wildwasser Sport USA: helmet, throw rope

Salamander Paddle Gear: Otter Paws, throw bag, caps

Stohlquist: PFD

In addition, Coca Cola contributed six cases of Poweraide for the use of racers and race crew members.

Our thanks to all these sponsors and contributors! ✂

SCENE AT THE RACES





Scene at the Races — Photos submitted by Julie Keller, Jim Kautz & Mike Higgins. (Top to bottom) Page 13 left: Eric Hurd; Cheering section for John McWaters; Betsy Hamilton. Page 13 center: David Martin & Steve Cramer; Mike Hipsher. Page 13 right: Bill Reeves (The Hawk); Doug Pratt being started by John & Tee Brower; Evelyn Hopkins. Page 14 left: Mark Levine; Lecky Haller & Matt Taylor; Joe Jacobi; Mark Fishburn & Marvine Cole. Page 14 center: Excellent safety Joe Gennet rests between runs; Clay Noble; Brannen Proctor; Nancy Barker. Page 14 right: Dylan & Bruce Fussell; Rebecca Bennett; Patrick Keller; John McWaters; Lecky Haller.

River Access

Nantahala Update

by David Martin

To all, I just want to let everyone know that the ACA and the GCA are involved [in the *Fee Demonstration Project controversy at the Nantahala*]. There is nothing we can do about 1998 but we are working with the ACA and the district office of the Forest Service about this issue and their plans for 1999. David Jenkins of the ACA and I will be meeting with the Forest Service sometime in July to voice our concerns and help them formulate some kind of ongoing plan. I will do my best to keep everyone

updated on progress and/or news on this issue. Meanwhile, if you have any questions please feel free to call me or e-mail. (My number's in *The Eddy Line*.)

PS: For safety reasons, it is recommended that this bracelet be worn securely attached to your life vest (around the shoulder pad). We have checked on this with the Forest Service and they seem to be OK with it. ✂

"Nanty" derives from a Cherokee description that means: "Place where otherwise intelligent men and women pay a man who does not own a river to use the river so they may dodge rubber rafts on summer weekends." Hmmmmmmm.....
- From a posting to the GCA Email List by Jim Kautz. ✂

Nantahala Mothers Day Trip

by Chuck Creekmore

The Sunday, May 10th, Mothers Day trip on the Nantahala was interesting, to say the least. There were 9 people signed up but two of them never showed up. The remaining 7 were all experienced boaters. There were 6 kayaks and one open boat: Ray Channell, Susan Blanton, Susan Oehler, Jan Storbeck, Rick Battaglia and I in K-1's, and George Hedrick in an OC-1.

We launched in pouring down rain at about 11:00 AM. Just as we got through Patton's Run, the lightning and thunder began. We talked for a short time about which was best, to wait it out under the trees or paddle down the river. We chose to paddle down the river. The weather began to clear as we got near Ferebee's, but it was here that Ray and Susan Blanton got out. Susan had hurt her elbow the previous day while paddling on the Tellico. She had gotten a new Silver Creek paddle for her birthday on Saturday and had to try it out, even though she was hurting. By Ferebee's, she had had enough. Susan Oehler, Jan and George wanted to blast on down the river while Rick and I wanted to hit the play spots on the way down. We decided to end our official trip there.

The speedy three went on while Rick and I followed



at a play boater's pace. The weather continued to improve as we went on down the river. We ran into the GCA intermediate class at Surfing Rapid. We stayed there quite a while trying to surf that thing and watching some of the class surfing. Rick and I moved on down river ahead of the class, stopping to play along the way. The class caught up to us near the falls. They were scouting the rapid and watched Rick show how to run the traditional route and me running the weird route. Oh, I made it upright, but essentially

I spun out in the upper hole, eddied into Macro and slid down the rest of the falls backwards.

It had stopped raining by then and the weather was actually pretty nice. We got out to watch the class run the falls. Most made it OK, taking the conventional route, except for Julia Franks. She ran the rapid in Revel's RPM and nearly matched my run, turn for turn, except she finished the drop going mostly forward. She made it through upright and looked spectacular doing it. We had a few cool ones after taking out and ate over at River's End restaurant. It was a good day.

The best sight of the day: A young man paddled by in a ducky with an "older woman" in the front. The woman was laughing and waving to everybody as they paddled by, obviously enjoying the ride and having a great time. It was clear to me that the young man had found the perfect "Mother's Day" gift.

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Ocoee

by Jim Maier

It was a perfect day, and the water was great. There were only five of us, so we had an easy time keeping up with one another. It would have been embarrassing to lose someone on the Ocoee. Paddlers included Charles Bruce, Jennifer Bruce and myself in K-1s. Brannen Proctor and George Hedrick were in OC-1s.

This was the easiest trip to lead because everyone was familiar with the river and were expert paddlers. All I had to do is say, "Let's go!"

We went down and played the whole river. No one swam, and I only saw one turn-over by a K-1 at Double Trouble.

I'm afraid GCA and her father are going to lose a great paddling partner — Jennifer Bruce is moving to Colorado to start a career in pediatrics. We are going to miss her. Besides, it's nice having a doctor along on a trip just in case.

With all the dry weather, and probably more to come, it's nice to have such good water to count on any time you want it just two hours from my house in Austell. ✕

Lower Chestatee — Class 1.0

by Jack Taylor

May 16, 1998. The day was warm and slightly overcast as we gathered below "Gold Digger Shoals." These shoals are immediately down river of the bridge that spans the Chestatee River a few miles East of Dahlonega on Highways 19 and 60. We were solo kayakers, Beverly and Kelly Gregor (12), Victoria Parker (13), Kathy King, Maureen Lange and Michael McDonough, and canoers (for those who prefer it, canoeists) Jean Wedthoff (solo) and Betty and Jack Taylor (tandem).

The river that day was clearly a class .4 - .45; nevertheless, we all decided to paddle it because we knew

that river running is wet, thankless work, but somebody has to do it. We immediately put tense, but ready muscles to work as we careened under "Iron Bridge" with Beverly in first boat, and Kathy and Michael quickly settling into position as a team sweep.

Beverly's earlier scouting had revealed that our first obstacle, "The Rock" was a class .5 and should be paddled on river right. As we approached "The Rock" the water speed quickened, as did our heartbeats. We raced single file successfully past "The Rock" with no spills. Soon we passed Appalachian Outfitters and Yahoola Creek on river right. We now had more and swifter water as Yahoola Creek, a class .3 itself, poured gently into the Chestatee which remained class .45.

During the next forty-five minutes, we successfully fought (or paddled) our way around "Mid-River Rock," "Sycamore Run," and "Old Dam Rapid" each a solid class 1. All boaters successfully negotiated these three challenges that the Chestatee threw at us that day, and each of us carried away our own stories that we will proudly tell to generations yet unborn.

Soon Cane Creek, a class .4 tributary, serenely whimpered into the Chestatee from river right. However, the Chestatee now became a solid class .5 - .6 river. All paddlers quickly adjusted boat orientations as necessary to safely paddle the sudden, but virtually unnoticeable increases in water level and speed.

Next, our merry gaggle of proud paddlers stormed ashore at "Big Bend Beach" for lunch. Here our first mishap occurred, Betty dropped her only sandwich onto the sand and dirt, and lost it. At this writing, she is still mourning the loss of that sandwich.

Shortly after lunch, on a gentle part of the river, a large tree (strainer) that could be seen from a significant distance up river blocked about half of the river on river left. One paddler stayed on river left too long and was suddenly being swept toward the strainer. Several of the group yelled, "Paddle, paddle!" And the endangered paddler did execute a few strong rapid strokes to avoid the strainer, but too soon stopped, thinking the obstacle would be safely passed.

The unfortunate paddler was swept into the strainer, flipping among the larger branches at the top of the tree's trunk. The endangered paddler managed to push the boat through and then crawl through most of the danger, while waist deep in the moving water. (Advice to abandon the boat and get to safety on the tree's trunk, which was partially above the water, was rejected.) Beverly soon entered the water and assisted the endangered paddler to safety. Beverly also strong-armed the boat to shore.

We became a subdued and quiet paddling group. As

soon as possible, we stopped safely on shore. Possibly our most experienced paddler, Maureen, led us in a review of what happened, covering what we did right and what we could have done better. Then Maureen led us in a discussion of what we could have done differently. This stop and review seemed to raise everyone's spirits.

Back on the river we soon stormed through "Yeehaw Rapid," some paddlers took the bony left route and some

took the more exciting river right. Then, we savaged "Bass in the Boat Rapid" where Betty got well splashed as our canoe plowed through some haystacks. Both rapids were solid class 1. Soon, our spirited group scrambled ashore at the take-out under the Highway 400 bridge. We had confirmed that river running is wet, thankless work, and we had done it. And then I had my moment of glory, a flat tire at the take-out! ✕

Of Canoes and Canines

by Jim Kautz

"I want my Mom" were the first words I heard Kenny say. He was a 10-year-old Boy Scout. Hyperventilating.... shirt bloody.... wounds on his face, head, arm and shoulder expressing the ferocity of the dog's attack. Shock seemed imminent.

Steve Cramer and Roger Thomas were already preparing the gauze pad and wrapping. Margo Booth urged someone from the troop to get him a blanket.

The scene was played out on the left bank of the Toccoa River, where the Benton McKaye trail crosses on a swinging bridge. The day was May 16. The scouts — a troop from Dawsonville — had hiked in that morning from Highway 60. Along the way a large German Shepherd had joined the group. The dog wore a rabies tag on his collar. He was friendly and gentle. The scoutmaster figured he lived at a house along the trail. For two miles he loped along, the object of the boys' petting and play.

Then, as the boys were setting up camp in the hemlock grove, something happened to him. In a moment of sudden fury he tore at the child's arms and head. No one offered any idea why he chose the smallest, youngest member of the troop. No one recalls that the boys had goaded him or treated him badly. Kenny later told his mother that he was gathering stones from the creek. He intended to build a fire ring. The dog sprang across the creek, circled behind the boy and attacked.

Our group had paddled from Deep Hole and was taking out on the right bank when we heard the shouts from the camp. We had seen the boys playing and had opted for a quieter lunch on the opposite bank. I had my canoe out of the water, making way for the others. "Dog attack!" yelled a boy. "Medical emergency," shouted an adult. "Help! He's bleeding bad."

Steve was the first to cross the river. Roger and Margo followed closely. They found the boy seated on a log. An adult held a wet paper towel to a deep, bleeding hole in his cheek. Others milled about, afraid that the dog would return.

Roger recalls the scene this way: "Steve replaced the

wet paper towel with a sterile compress and stopped the bleeding. The only other bleeding wound, behind the head, had stopped. Concurrently with applying a bandage around the head designed to hold the cheek compress in place, Steve addressed the trauma and hyperventilation by talking to the boy and by coaching him into slower and deeper breathing. When Steve's hands were freed from bandaging and while continuing to talk to the boy, Steve made gentle, up and down hand movements which he got the boy to follow visually and with slight nodding. This had a calming effect. It should be noted that the hyperventilation persisted for many minutes.

"Also helpful, another older boy was holding the injured boy's hand and consoling him. The boy appeared to be a candidate for shock, and Margo . . . had early on counseled with increasing fervor to get a blanket for the boy. . . . Eventually, one of the leaders produced a Mylar blanket. Meanwhile, Steve got the boy to lie down on a sleeping bag and elevated his feet on a log."

We covered the boy with the blanket, convinced the scout leader not to elevate his head on a pillow, and Steve continued helping the boy regain his normal breathing.

Meanwhile, a scout leader had gone back for a vehicle. (Fortunately, the jeep road was not gated.) After the boy's condition had stabilized, a scout leader carried him across the bridge and up the road. Steve and Roger accompanied them to the vehicle.

During the episode, the dog crossed the bridge and calmly prowled the right bank. Once he re-crossed the bridge but did not approach the camp. He was quiet and compliant as a fisherman tied a rope to his collar and led him to his pickup truck. The fisherman took the boy to Georgia 60, where an ambulance, summoned by the scout leader, took him to a hospital. He then took the dog to a ranger station.

By the following Wednesday I had reached Kenny's mother. She told me that the physician found two lacerations in the back of his head, a deep puncture in his cheek and many punctures and bruises on his arms and shoulders. A plastic surgeon had used sixty-seven external stitches and an uncounted number of internal stitches on the boy. Kenny was now doing well; his characteristic

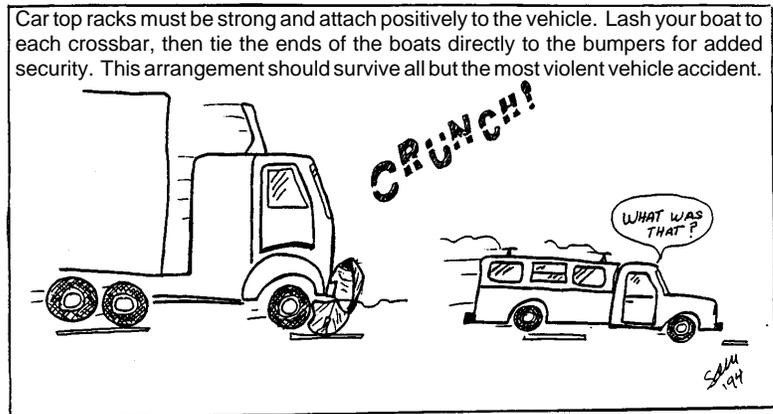
twinkle had returned to his eyes.

Steve's first aid preparation, skill and composure throughout the affair were a clinic. The boy was in good hands. The rest of us did what we could, but there was little to offer. Mainly, we listened to our minds recalling Lonny McBride's recent article on first aid kits (*The Eddy Line*, February 1998, p. 9) and resolved to enroll in the next available first aid training course.

The irony played out that evening when I recalled Steve's reply to my e-mail. I had posted a request for fellow paddlers to join me in a peaceful day of enjoying the mountain laurel on an easy river. Steve replied that he would forego a Section III trip in favor of a restful day on a quiet river. The river, washing its Class I-II rapids in sparkling water, was indeed restful, but the day will live in our memories as a drama. ✕



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FOR SALE - Canoe, Old Town Discovery tandem canoe, 16' Olympic blue. Equipped with optional seat backs, center air bag. In very good condition, paddles included, \$625. We are also interested in purchasing used, in good condition, solo white water canoe. Please call 770-801-1161.

FOR SALE - Canoe, Perception HD-1 with air bags, saddle. A classic in great shape! \$375. 1-800-433-7564.

FOR SALE - Canoe, tandem white water,

Blue Hole Sunburst II -- hull in excellent condition -- \$680. Professionally outfitted for tandem. Includes two Perception canoe paddles. Call KT 770-956-1767.

FOR SALE - Canoe, 18 foot fiberglass by Lincoln. Excellent lake and flat water boat. Good condition. \$425 OBO. 404-377-2766.

FOR SALE - Canoe & C-1. Mad River Outrage canoe. Hot solo play boat. Fully outfitted. Good shape. \$450. Gyra-Max C-1 with spray skirt. Good shape. \$75. Call Jon at 770-806-6587.

FOR SALE - Car, 1988 Honda Accord LXi. White. 5 speed. Must sell. \$1800. 404-252-3524.

FOR SALE - Equipment. ** New Remos Tropicales German style river warrior helmet. \$70. Purple metal-flake - lightweight kevlar lay-up. ** Stohlquist paddling pants sm. almost new. \$35. ** Stohlquist dry suit, size small, exc. condition. \$150. Call KT 770-956-1767.

FOR SALE - Equipment. Extrasport PFD's (1 M, 1 S, 1XS) \$35; Prijon Helmet (adjustable) \$32; Werner paddles (various lengths & models -- call for availability and prices). Bruce 404-231-5624 (day or evening).

FOR SALE - Equipment. Wooden canoe paddle, Remos Tropicales 56". \$65. Kayak

spray skirt, Aquaterra, size small/p. \$40. Both in new condition. 404-636-9339 after 5 PM.

FOR SALE - Kayak, championship quatro racing kayak. Yellow Kevlar "glass". Light weight. Great shape!! 1/2 cut for smaller boaters. \$400. Call Pam Sullivan @ 912-953-9935 or email pamsullivan@juno.com.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Sit on top, aqua colored Torrent Andes by Perception, with knee straps. Bought new in 8/96 and used only a few times since: \$425 obo. Werner fiberglass 82" paddle: \$50 obo. Call Larry - day 770-590-8092, eve. 770-591-4215.

FOR SALE - Kayaks, Corsica S and SuperSport. Some gear may also be sold with boat if sizes fit buyer. Price depends on whether gear goes with boat. Call Courtney at 770-931-1667.

FOR SALE - Kayaks, Dagger Blast. Paddled one season and part of this season. \$400. Good for smaller or female boaters. Very good condition. New Wave Cruise Control. Paddled three seasons. Good condition. Includes with it an adult size XL MTI "slalom-type" life jacket, a Pro-tec helmet with visor, Ainsworth K-100 paddle (80 degree feather, 202 cm). \$475. Boat without gear: \$365. If you're interested, call Joel or Marla at 770-

578-9738 (H) or 770-563-1242 (W).

FOR SALE OR TRADE - Kayak, Dagger Crossfire, black with dark blue swirls, has lower back brace. Used 1 season, in great shape. Spectrum Sea-1 wooden paddle, skirt and air bags. \$500.00 or will consider trade for a small canoe. Call Gregg Smith at 770-971-9884.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Perception Corsica Overflow. Proline, granite color, back band, bulkhead foot braces, drain plug. Super creek and play boat, almost rolls itself. Very good condition. Also paddle (202 cm). Both for \$400. Call Tim at 770-216-8555 (W) or 770-297-1280 (H).

FOR SALE - Kayak, Perception Pirouette. In good shape, lots of scratches, backband. The basic "I'm too old for that cartwheel nonsense" boat. \$250. Steve Cramer 706-208-8382.

FOR SALE - Kayak & gear. Complete set of paddling gear - Dagger Freefall LT, Werner Wenatchee paddle, Mountain Surf Kevlar skirt, Extrasport Squirt PFD, Seda helmet, Kokatat dry suit, booties, pogies, throw rope, air bags, Quick & Easy car racks, all in excellent condition. \$1000 obo. Call Neal 770-214-2870.

FOR SALE - Kayak Dagger Blast, '96, red. Excellent condition. \$500 obo. Call Greg at 770-640-0301.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Dagger Outburst, blue/teal, 16 mos. old. Excellent condition. Superb playboat; does all the moves if you know how. Bare bones, no air bags or equipment. Will also trade for Dagger RPM. \$500. Call John at 770-974-8532 before 9 p.m. or E-mail to Jkayak@aol.com.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Pyranha Creek 280. Blue. Very good condition, includes air bags, back band, hip, thigh pads. Excellent creek boat or beginner boat. Very predictable; Rolls by itself in most places. \$450. Ray -- 404-636-5944.

FOR SALE - Kayaks, (2) Perception Dancers. Both in excellent condition and include air bags. New style (keyhole) cockpit. Paddled about 12 times (ea.). Pick your color -- blue or lavender. \$250/ea. or twofer \$450. Ray -- 404-636-5944.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Perception Overflow. Bright Red. Excellent condition. Includes air bags. Good choice as creek or beginner boat for larger paddler. \$525. Ray -- 404-636-5944.

FOR SALE - Kayaks, Perception Pirouette, purple in excellent condition, \$400. Perception Corsica S in excellent condition for \$350.00. Call Joe (Cotton) Webb @ 770-954-9609 in McDonough.

FOR SALE - Kayak, "New Baby Clearance Sale," Sit-on-top aqua color Torrent Andes by

Perception with knee straps. Used just a few times, \$425 obo. Werner 82" (that's 208 cm for you foreigners), fiberglass paddle, also used just a few times, \$50. Also have female's medium spray pants/jacket, helmet, & PFD, make offer. Call Larry or Carol @ 770-591-4215

FOR SALE - Kayak, New Wave Sleek -- 1997 model -- Excellent Condition -- \$550 or trade. Call KT 770-956-1767.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Wave Sports Lazer -- Good condition, fuchsia/purple -- \$400. Includes a new Seals spray skirt and back band. 10' 9" 69 gallons -- fast hull, crisp turns? Excellent gen. purpose white water kayak for small & medium sized paddlers. Perfect beginner boat! Excellent big-water boat! Call KT 770-956-1767.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Dagger Crossfire, red. Very good condition, with drain plug installed. Asking \$350. Call Jody @ 770-455-9292 after 6pm.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Perception Pirouette S, Perception Horizon Line paddle and Perception Harmony LC-1 spray skirt. Excellent shape. Paddled less than one season. Must see to believe! \$550. David @ 770-962-3169.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Perception Pirouette S, Excellent Condition, Purple, \$450. Contact Nic Freeman at 770-614-9858.

FOR SALE - Kayaks, paddle. Wooden Sidewinder paddle, 206cm., in excellent shape \$90. Epiot boat, (beginners kayak) for children, like new \$75. Also purple Pirouette in great shape, \$400, and a Corsica S, teal in color, in excellent condition, for \$350. Call Joe Webb 770-954-9609.

FOR SALE - Kayak; Dagger AQII in excellent condition, only used 2x. Included is spray skirt and air bags. Will sell all for \$540. Call Joe at 404-843-1645.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Savage Gravity. Excellent condition. Spray skirt included. \$450. Call Roscoe 706-276-4691.

FOR SALE - Kayak, '97 Pyranha Acrobat 270 w/ bags, red w/bow and stern nose cones, paddled only 8 or 9 times, stored indoors, and in excellent condition. \$525. Call Jim @ day 770-421-3280, or voice mail 800-572-4181.

FOR SALE - Kayaks. Dagger Free Fall LT, blue & green, used a few times this year, looks great. \$500! WOW!! New Wave Cruise Control with C-1 conversion kit if you want it. Also looks good. \$325. Call Ben Whittle at 770-887-7821 after 4:30 PM.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Wave Sport Frankenstein, used twice - excellent condition. Includes Seals skirt, Perception Horizon Line paddle, floatation, PFD and helmet. Must sell! \$775 for everything! Call Brad 770-505-9566.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Perception Corsica S.

Red w/ air bags. Well used, but not abused. Asking \$350. Call Neil at 770-410-7786.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Aquaterra Spectrum. Expedition package. Very stable boat - 14'4". Great light touring boat - good condition. \$575. Call Mike at 770-518-9848.

FOR SALE - Sea Kayak, Perception Sea Lion in excellent condition. 17' x 22". This is a good starter boat that you won't outgrow. Its good glide makes it very easy to paddle all day. It's also highly maneuverable for such a long boat. Made of durable rotomolded high density polyethylene. Includes 2 watertight hatches, rudder, seatpad/paddle float, paddle, spray skirt AND one on the water lesson. \$975; new cost \$1350. Located in Athens. We're selling it because Meg bought herself a new boat. Go to http://www.kayaker.com/products/tour_1.html#anchorsealion to see a picture and read the specs. Steve Cramer 706-208-8382.

FOR SALE - Land, 10(+) mountaintop acres in Pickens County. Close to Atlanta AND several great river runs! Overlooks Bent Tree's golf course and lakes. Elevation 3,100 ft., beautiful heavily wooded site with driveway and gate. Underground power and phone at site. Restrictive covenants in place. Awesome view!!! Just off Hwy 515 and a bit above Jasper, Georgia, on Monument Road. (Only 1 hr. from I-75 & I-285 interchange in Atlanta.) \$4,950/acre. Transouth Realty (Martha Herndon) Owner-Agent 404-231-5367.

FOR SALE - Rafting Company on the Ocoee River. For details, call Roger Scott at 423-478-1857.

FOUND - Paddle, kayak. On May 9, 1998, a kayak paddle was found on the Cartecay River. If this belongs to you, please call Andy McBride at 404-872-1090.

HELP WANTED - Full and part time, floor manager and shuttle driver. Call Nick Moore at Beacon Sports, Ellijay, Ga., 706-276-3600.

HELP WANTED - Yes, the GCA needs your help. We need volunteers to serve on committees, label and mail newsletters, etc. Call 770-421-9729 and leave a message.

WANTED - A copy of Jim Snyder's "The Squirt Book". Any condition is acceptable as long as I can read it. Chuck Creekmore, 770-995-5788.

WANTED TO BUY - Kayak. I am returning to paddling after many years and I am looking to buy a used kayak. I need an Overflow X, Corsica, Tornado, or something equivalent. Please call Mark at 770-650-1614 after 7 p.m. or email at mclarendon@mindspring.com. ✂

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