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Extravaganza 2000

The GCA Spring Extravaganza 2000 will be held the weekend of May 5, 6 & 7 at Diamond Lure Campground in Ellijay, Georgia. Be sure to mark your calendars. Regina at Diamond Lure has agreed to keep the prices for Saturday barbecue, camping, and Saturday & Sunday biscuits the same as last year. They will also have wood for the bonfire.

See the articles in the "Announcements" section of last month's *Eddy Line* for a complete listing of programs and events at the Extravaganza. ✂



May GCA Meeting

Join us May 18 at 7:30 p.m. to hear Ken and Juliet Kastorff of Endless River Adventures talk about adventure travel. Ken and Juliet will not only share Endless River's adventures, but teach you how to choose an outfitter that will fit your specific needs — whether you want hair-raising thrills or a quiet canoe-camping trip; travel on a shoe-string or all-inclusive luxury (is there such a thing when you're paddling?). If you're not already planning your dream trip, this will help inspire and prepare you.

The meeting will be held at the Parish Hall of the Episcopal Church of the Atonement in Sandy Springs. The church is located on Highpoint Road (runs north/south), between Glenridge Road and Windsor Parkway, both of which intersect Roswell Road. From I 285 topline perimeter, take Roswell Road/Sandy Springs exit south (inside the perimeter) to Glenridge Road. Turn left on Glenridge Road and right on Highpoint. The church is on your left about one mile south. From Buckhead, come north on Roswell Road and take a right on Windsor Parkway and a left on Highpoint. The church will be on your right. From Rte 400 north or south, take the Glenridge Connector exit (north of the toll booth, but still inside the perimeter). Turn west at the end of the ramp. Turn left on Glenridge Road (it's Johnson Ferry to the right) and immediately left on Highpoint Road (marked well). The church is on your left about one mile south. ✂

Winter Roll Practice

Joint GCA/AWC Winter Roll Practice ended abruptly on a bit of a strange note. The Boys' & Girls' Club pool was closed unexpectedly after being severely damaged when the roof collapsed under a workman who was working on a roof repair at the pool. Thus we missed holding the last few sessions of March. For those of you didn't get the word and showed up for those sessions, we're sorry. The event occurred too late to publish in the newsletter. ✂

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"The river's flow magnifies the consequences of all decisions and all mistakes; it is the flow of time itself. Nowhere else do you see so clearly how one small detail can cascade into the future with terrible consequences."

- Doug Ammons.



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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 Brannen Proctor at 770.664.7384 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 Jim Griffin at 770.498.3695.

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 Gina Johnson at 770.971.1542.

For information on winter 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 Rachel Gates at 404.296.4480. ✂

Board of Directors Meetings

The Georgia Canoeing Association Board of Directors meetings are held on the first Thursday of even months (February, April, etc.) from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Atlanta Botanical Garden, located on Piedmont Road at the Prado, next to Piedmont Park. All members are encouraged to attend. If you have an item for discussion, please call GCA President Brannen Proctor at 770.664.7384 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

President	Brannen Proctor
Vice President	Marvine Cole
Secretary	Tom Martin
Treasurer	Ed Schultz
Member Services Chair	Rachel Gates
Recreation Chair	Jason Schnurr
Resource Development Chair	Debra Berry
River Protection Chair	Dan MacIntyre
Training Chair	Gina Johnson

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. To submit material via EMAIL, send to gacanoec@mindspring.com. The text of an article can be placed in the body of a message, and photo images can be attached to the message as attached files. To submit material via COMPUTER DISK submit articles or trip reports on a 5-1/4 or 3-1/2 inch IBM/DOS formatted disk as an ASCII text 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 returned only if requested). To submit material via U.S. MAIL, send to: **Allen Hedden, 2923 Piedmont Drive, Marietta, GA 30066**. All classified ads will be run for two months unless otherwise requested. Hand-written or phoned in material CANNOT be accepted. Contact Newsletter Editor **Allen Hedden at 770.426.4318** for questions. Thanks for your cooperation. ✂

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



May			
5-7 Spring Extravaganza	Diamond Lure Campground, Ellijay	Denise Colquitt	770.854.6636
13 Upper Amicalola	Class 1 - 2 Trained Beginner	Haynes & Gina Johnson	770.971.1542
13 Leader's Choice	Class 1 - 2 Trained Beginner	Dickie Tillman	770.466.1197
13 Upper Hooch	Class 2 - 3 Intermediate	Oreon Mann	404.522.3469
14 Cartecay	Class 2 - 3 Intermediate	Edward Stockman	770.441.9767
18 Club Meeting — Entertainment — Fun — Episcopal Church of the Atonement — Kay Redmond			404.237.7742
20 Etowah	Class 1 - 2 Trained Beginner	Mike Kaplan	404.636.8795
20 Upper Amicalola	Class 1 - 2 Trained Beginner	David Warner	770.426.8348
20 Cartecay	Class 2 - 3 Intermediate	Tony Colquitt	770.854.6636
21 Chestatee	Class 1 - 2 Trained Beginner	Maggie Griffin	770.498.3695
21 Nantahala	Class 2 - 3 Intermediate	Mike McDonough	770.988.0717
27 Buford Dam Hooch	Class 1 - 2 Trained Beginner	Paul Therrian	770.513.4986
27 Upper Etowah	Class 1 - 2 Trained Beginner	John McCorvey	770.921.5116
27 Leader's Choice	Class 2 - 3 Intermediate	Jason Schnurr	770.422.9962
27 Nolichucky	Class 3 - 4 Advanced	Oreon Mann	404.522.3469
28 French Broad	Class 2 - 3 Intermediate	Knox Word/Marvine Cole	770.475.3022
28 Nolichucky	Class 3 - 4 Advanced	Oreon Mann	404.522.3469
29 Ocoee	Class 3 - 4 Advanced	Oreon Mann	404.522.3469
June			
3 Hudson	Class 1 - 2 Trained Beginner	Dan Roper	706.295.0632
3 Upper Amicalola (Note 1)	Class 1 - 2 Trained Beginner	Brannen Proctor	770.664.7384
3 Nantahala	Class 2 - 3 Intermediate	Mike Winchester	770.319.8969
4 Hiwassee	Class 1 - 2 Trained Beginner	Mike Christison	770.973.6482
5 Board of Directors Meeting	Atlanta Botanical Garden	Brannen Proctor	770.664.7384
9 Ocoee	Class 3 - 4 Advanced	Allen Hedden	770.426.4318
10 Etowah	Class 1 - 2 Trained Beginner	Dick Hurd	770.664.4770
10 Nantahala	Class 2 - 3 Intermediate	Jason Schnurr	770.422.9962
11 Cartecay	Class 2 - 3 Intermediate	Dick Hurd	770.664.4770
15 Club Meeting — Entertainment — Fun — Episcopal Church of the Atonement — Kay Redmond			404.237.7742
18 Cartecay	Class 2 - 3 Intermediate	Edward Stockman	770.441.9767
24 Nacoochee/Smith Island Hooch	Class 1 - 2 Trained Beginner	Dick Hurd	770.664.4770
25 Cartecay (For Beginners)	Class 1 - 2 Trained Beginner	Dick Hurd	770.664.4770

Note 1: Paddle with the Prez.

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, Jim Griffin, at 770.498.3695. 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: Wednesday evenings from 7:00 until dark May thru September at the lake at Stone Mountain Park. See announcement in this issue of *The Eddy Line*.

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 Rachel Gates at 404.296.4480 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. (Please, no bootleg video copies.) Send them to:

Rachel Gates
PO Box 1485
Pine Lake, GA 30072

The following items are currently available:

Videos:

A Second Helping - A Review of Kayak Basics Canoes by Whitesell
Cold, Wet & Alive
Faultline (Will Reeves)
First Descents (North Fork Payette)
Grace Under Pressure (learning the kayak roll)
Heads Up, River Rescue
Introduction to Canoeing
Kayak 101 (mastering the basics)
Kayak Handling - The Basic Strokes
Only Nolan (Canoe Technique)
Path of the Paddle: Quietwater
Path of the Paddle: Whitewater
Performance Sea Kayaking (the basics & beyond)
Plunge!

Prijon Wildplay Wildwasser Sport
Solo Playboating!
Take the Wild Ride
Tallulah Gorge (Rob Maxwell)
The C-1 Challenge
The Kayaker's Edge
The Open Canoe Roll (Bob Foote)
Ultimate Canoe (Niagara Gorge & Other Rivers - Whitesell)
Waterwalker (Bill Mason)
We Come to Play (Orosi)
Whitesell
Whitewater Groove

Books:

A Canoeing and Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Florida
A Canoeing and Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Ohio, Vols I and II
ACA Canoeing & Kayaking Instructors Guide
A Hiking Guide to the Trails of Florida
Alabama Canoe Rides
AMC White Water Handbook
American Red DCross Canoeing & Kayaking
A Paddler's Guide to the Obed/Emory Watershed
Arkansas information (assorted)
Basic River Canoeing
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Brown's Guide to Georgia
Buyer's Guide 1993 (Canoe Magazine)
Buyer's Guide 1994 (Paddler Magazine)
Buyer's Guide 1996 (Paddler Magazine)
California Whitewater - A Guide to the Rivers
Canoe Racing (Marathon & Down River)
Canoeing Wild Rivers

Carolina Whitewater (Western Carolina)
Cruise of the Blue Flujin
Cumberland River Basic Canoe Trail Guide
Endangered Rivers & the Conservation Movement
Florida information (assorted)
Idaho Whitewater
Indiana Canoeing Guide
Kentucky Wild Rivers
Missouri Ozark Waterways
Northern Georgia Canoe Guide
Ohio County Maps & Recreational Guide
Paddle America (Guide to trips & outfitters)
Paddle to the Amazon - The World's Longest Canoe Trip
Path of the Paddle
People Protecting Rivers
Pole, paddle & Portage
River Rescue
River Safety Anthology
River's End (Stories)
Sea Kayaking Canada's West Coast
Song of the Paddle
Southeastern Whitewater
Tennessee Canoe Guide
The Georgia Conservancy Guide to the North Georgia Mountains
The Lower Canyons of the Rio Grande
They Shoot Canoes, Don't they?
White Water Tales of Terror
White Water Trips (British Columbia & Washington)
Wildwater (Sierra Club Guide)
Wildwater West Virginia
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Announcements

GCA Email List

The member response to the GCA email list has been great. We have at this printing about 325 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 "gacanoes@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 gacanoes

You will receive a verification that you are sub-



scribed 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 gacanoes@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. ✂

GCA Web Page

Check it out at <http://www.georgiacanoe.org>. We are adding information and links of value to paddlers with each update. Send your ideas for updates to Allen Siquefield at allen.siquefield@corp.bellsouth.net ✂

Need an Internet Service Provider?

If you plan to sign up with an internet service provider for the first time, or if you plan to change providers, and are considering MindSpring as your choice, you can do your paddling club a big favor. When you call to sign up, tell the MindSpring sales rep you were referred by Georgia Canoeing Association and we will receive a \$20.00 credit toward our monthly ISP subscription cost. You will need to give them the GCA email ID — gacanoec@mindspring.com — for us to receive the proper credit. Thanks for your help!

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+ entries 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 April 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 updated list. ✂

Upcoming Events of Interest

May 5-7 — GCA Spring Extravaganza — Diamond Lure Campground, Ellijay, Denise Colquitt, 770.854.6636.
May 13 — Canoe & Kayak Orienteering Race — Lake Marion, SC, Roman Marks 843.766.3274, email canoefan@aol.com.
May 13 — Canoeing for Kids Raft-A-Rama — Saluda River, Columbia, SC, 803.791.1727.
May 19-21 — Ocoee Rodeo, Upper Ocoee, Ocoee White Water Center, TN, Jayne Abbott (828.645.5299, email

jhabbott@aol.com).

May 20 — Sea Kayak Races — Tybee Island, GA, Debbie Kearney, 912.786.8732.

May 20 — Dragon Boat Festival — Hong Kong Federation of Atlanta, Lake Lanier, Gainesville, GA, Connie Hagler, 770.287.7888, ConHagler@aol.com.

June 3 — Georgia Games District Sports Festival, Lake Lanier, Gainesville, GA, Connie Hagler, 770.287.7888, ConHagler@aol.com.

June 30 - July 5 — White Water Open Canoe National Championships — The Forks, ME, Paula Cole, 207.285.7356, www.mackro.maine.org.

July 22-23 — Georgia State Games — LCKC, Lake Lanier, Gainesville, GA, Connie Hagler, 770.287.7888 ConHagler@aol.com.

July 23 — NRC Citizen Slalom Race — Nantahala River, Bryson City, NC, NOC Programs Office - 888-662-1662.

July 30 — NRC Citizen Slalom Race — Nantahala River, Bryson City, NC, NOC Programs Office - 888-662-1662.

July 30 - August 5 — Great River Rumble — Mississippi River, Winona, MN to Belleview, IA, Rex Klein 708.747.1969.

August 8-12 — USACK Sprint National Championships, Lake Lanier, Gainesville, GA, Connie Hagler, 770.287.7888, ConHagler@aol.com.

September 1-3 — Marathon World Championships — Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

September 22-24 — Lanier Paddlefest — LCKC, Lake Lanier, Gainesville, GA, Connie Hagler, 770.287.7888 ConHagler@aol.com.

October 6-8 — Outer Banks Surf Kayak Festival — Nags Head, NC, Pam Malec, 800.948.0759.

October 21-22 — Folly Beach Surf Contest — Charleston, SC, Steve Hutton, 843.762.2172.

October 27-29 — NOC Guest Appreciation Festival — NOC, Bryson City, NC, NOC Programs Office - 888.662.1662. ✂

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 (East 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 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! ✂

***Electronic Eddy Line* Email Failures**

Not getting your electronic version of *The Eddy Line*? The following email IDs had mail failure notices for the April *Electronic Eddy Line* mailing. Send any corrections or changes to Ed Schultz, 3060 Pharr Court North #315, Atlanta, GA 30305, or call Ed at 404.266.3734, or you may email him at heloeddy@mindspring.com.

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The Ocoee Rodeo Needs Your Help!

by **Karen V'Soske**

Volunteers are needed to help stage another successful Ocoee White Water Rodeo. This year's rodeo, May 19-21, has been designated a US Team Trials event so the action/competition will be intense. It takes nearly 160 volunteers working in a variety of positions to make the rodeo a success — we need you! Jobs available include:

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Email canoeist@mindspring.com

Judges

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Announcers

People on shore with throw ropes

People to help with the party:

- check IDs at the beer stop

- set up/tear down

- silent auction

- sell tickets

And many more.

As a rodeo volunteer, I can tell you it's fun, gives you the chance to see some of your old boating buddies and meet new ones, and it helps raise money for river conservation. Hey, what more can you ask: great people, great rodeo action, a great party, AND a great cause. To top it off, all volunteers putting in at least 4 hours get a T-shirt, free entrance to the party, and the chance to win great stuff in the volunteer-only raffle.

If you can help, please contact Karen V'Soske at Kvsoske@aol.com or call 419.877.9215. Let me know what day(s) you can work, how many hours, and if you have a job preference. I'm working with Jayne Abbot, AWA, and her stellar corps of seasoned volunteers to help with this event. Jayne sends along her thanks to all those willing to help.

Please pass this along and bring your friends to the rodeo to help. ✂

Upper Ocoee Recreational Release Schedule

TVA has scheduled recreational releases on the Upper Ocoee (Olympic section) for the year 2000 as follows:

May 27, 28

June 24

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

August 5, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26

September 2, 3, 9, 16, 23, 30

Releases are generally from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

These dates do not include competition days, which are restricted to competitors only. For questions, contact the Ocoee White Water Center at 423.654.7680. ✂

Paddle Against Domestic Abuse

This year during the month of October — Domestic Violence Awareness Month — thousands of paddlers across the United States will participate in "PADA — Paddle Against Domestic Abuse." Anyone can be a part of this national initiative by simply planning and imple-

menting a paddle trip during the month of October, 2000. PADA is endorsed by the YWCA and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and 100% of money raised by participating individuals and groups will go to local, non-profit agencies that offer grassroots support to victimized women, men and their children in the locations in which the trips take place.

Joy Godsey, executive director of PADA and avid kayaker, has developed a web site, <http://www.riverwomen.com>, that paddlers can visit to learn more about this unique opportunity. For more information, Joy can be reached via email at joy@riverwomen.com. ✂

Lanier Paddlefest 2000

The Lanier Paddlefest 2000 will be held September 22 - 24 at the Olympic Venue for Sprint Canoe / Kayak in Gainesville, Georgia. The third annual Paddlefest is a celebration for everyone who paddles, including equipment demonstration and sales, competition in Olympic sprint boats, USCA boats, sea kayaks, outriggers, canoe polo and a variety of classes.

Ken Fink will be returning for Sea Kayaking instruction, as will Sea Kayak Georgia. Tony Hall - LCKC head coach and former Canadian Olympic Coach will teach training and technique for Sprint paddling.

The Community Olympic Development Program will bring in Olympic athletes and will demonstrate the Atlanta CODP Sports. CODP will also host an athlete testing center!

The Volunteer Resource Center will host a 5 mile fun

run from the square to the boathouse on Saturday morning, a Chicken City Chicken Chili Cook-off and a Battle of the Bands on Saturday evening. We will have a radio "Live on Location" during the event as well!

The Gainesville Times will sponsor printing materials for the event as well as some advance publicity! We are pleased to announce that the Trade Association of Paddlesport will be a marketing sponsor!

We are currently registering additional vendors, sponsors and manufacturers for the event. Please contact the LCKC if you would like additional information. The format for Lanier Paddlefest 99 can still be found on our web site at www.lckc.org. The 2000 Lanier Paddlefest format will be similar, but bigger and BETTER!

For more information, please contact Connie Hagler at 770.287.7888 or email ConHagler@aol.com. ✂

2000 Gauley Festival

The FIRST Gauley Release Weekend is the weekend AFTER Labor Day weekend. (Sep 8-11 F-S-S-M) The Gauley Festival is usually the Saturday of the third Gauley release weekend. This year the Gauley Festival will be the Saturday of the SECOND GAULEY RELEASE WEEKEND. Not sure why the change in Festival date.

So, mark your calendars. For some of you, the Festival is a reason to go to the Gauley on that weekend. And for others, it's a reason NOT to go.

GAULEY FESTIVAL 2000

Saturday, September 16, 2000

Enjoy your rivers. Join and support American Whitewater! ✂

National River Cleanup Week Scheduled for June 3-10, 2000

The ninth annual National River Cleanup Week will be held June 3-10, 2000. Every year, National River Cleanup Week promotes the importance of keeping rivers and streams clean and encourages cleanups of local waterways.

In 1999, more than 30,000 volunteers participated in the cleanup experience that helps communities focus attention on neglected waterways and stimulates cleanups of blighted areas. Civic clubs, businesses, paddle sport enthusiasts, fishing groups, outfitters, and conser-



vation groups join together in many areas to organize and execute cleanups of their streams.

America Outdoors coordinates National River Cleanup Week by assisting local groups with information about how to conduct a successful cleanup. Groups that register their cleanups with America Outdoors are also eligible to receive free trash bags if their cleanups fall during the specified week. America Outdoors

also provides educational materials and safety tips on waterway cleanups.

For more information, please contact America Outdoors at 423.558.3595 or email amoutdoors@aol.com.

NATIONAL RIVER CLEANUP WEEK
National Coordinator — America Outdoors

Agency Support — Bureau of Land Management and US Forest Service

Associate National Coordinators — American Rivers, American Whitewater, Professional Paddlesports Association, American Canoe Association. ✂

Take Action for the Snake River!

We need your help to save money and save once-legendary Snake River salmon and steelhead from extinction. Taxpayers for Common Sense has sponsored an

endorsement drive for restoring the Snake River. This new tool shows the national scope of the issue and its appeal to a broad audience. The listed endorsers, which includes organizations, businesses, scientists, fishermen, and prominent individuals, advocate a variety of policies, but all agree on the need for partial removal of the four Lower Snake River dams.

TO VIEW THE LIST OR SIGN ON IN SUPPORT, visit www.taxpayer.net/snake or contact Kathleen McNeilly at TCS at kathleen@taxpayer.net or 1-800-TAXPAYER ext. 128. ✂

Instruction / Training

Swift Water Rescue Clinic

May 20-21, 2000

The Swift Water Rescue Clinic was developed by the ACA for the paddling community. The clinic focuses on both personal and group rescue skills for the experienced paddler. Participants spend time on dry land working with equipment and in the water (not in a boat) and should be well equipped for and comfortable with class II water

and should have good swimming skills. This is a two-day clinic with an additional evening session during the week before the 20th. Membership in the GCA is required.

To sign up, please fill out the Training Clinic Registration Form at the back of this issue of *The Eddy Line* completely. The cost for the clinic is \$50 per person. Mail this completed registration form along with a check payable to the Georgia Canoeing Association to:

David S. Martin
108 Wakefield Drive, NE
Atlanta, GA, 30309 ✂

Letters

The following letter was written to the editor of the Tennessee Valley Canoe Club newsletter in response to some articles slamming C-boaters (hopefully in a friendly, good-natured way). While the writer obviously got a little hot about the slamming, the letter is reprinted here for three reasons: 1) We always need more controversial material in the newsletter to see if y'all are really awake out there. 2) It demonstrates once again that (hopefully well-intentioned) humor can offend people and get their ire up. 3) The writer makes some very good points about the heritage C-boaters have given us.

- Editor.

Dear Editor:

I would like to speak in defense of all the REAL Boaters out there when I say that I find all of this negative talk about C-boaters amusing but distasteful. Some of your favorite white water runs today were first paddled in C-1s and OC-1s. Also in mocking C-1s you are tarnishing the names of such legends as Davey Hearn, Joe Jacobi, Scott Strausbaugh, Jamie McEwan, Jon Lugbill, Fritz and Lecky Haller, Charlie Walbridge and John Sweet, many of whom have won medals for the US in interna-



tional competition. These are just a few of the legends of white water that I could mention. And I would also like to ask why there has been such an interest in the practice of slamming C-boating lately; do you kayakers feel threatened by such a small population of GOOD boaters? I'll tell all of you one thing now, and listen closely; THERE IS NOTHING THAT CAN BE DONE WITH TWO BLADES



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THAT WE CAN'T DO WITH ONE. The art of C-boating will continue to be practiced by those who have the skill and the talent to be part of such an elite group of fine paddlers. In response to the comment of being slow, I

personally challenge any of you butt boaters to a flat water race whenever and wherever. You feel froggy? Just jump!

Angry C-Boater 

Book Reviews

Some Favorite "Keeping Afloat" Books



Reviewed by John Chapin

Here are my completely unsolicited favorite "keeping afloat" books... hopefully some you haven't read these before. None of these books are fiction, all being true accounts written in the first person. The only authors I mention twice are Farley Mowat and Tristan Jones, by design: they are my favorites by far. Reading over these descriptions of books I'm sorry to have given them such poorly crafted descriptions. I can only gush about how great they are, and hope that you will get as much from them as I have.

I would sincerely hate to think any of my book recommendations resulted in increased sales to Amazon.com! I would further urge a boycott of Amazon pending their harmful lawsuit against Barnes and Noble for copyright infringement. For more information about how this lawsuit is harmful to our freedom, see <http://www.gnu.org/philosophy/amazon.html>

Ice by Tristan Jones

I'm a complete TJ freak, and have read just about all of his books. He is not a writer: he is a sailor, of the single-handed variety. It was Jones who said that fundamentally salt water and electronics don't mix: any sailor who depends on any electronic device gambles with his life. After reading his books, you will see that this guy can really survive anywhere.

To get you interested in Jones, at one point during a particularly drawn out solo trans-Atlantic crossing (from another book), one of his wisdom teeth gets impacted. After various treatments of his own, he finally just pulls out his own wisdom tooth with a pair of vice-grips.

In "Ice", I'll just say his eye has a fight with the mainsail gaff, and his eye almost loses the argument. His description of buying, rebuilding, and outfitting the ship he uses in this journey defines determination. And in spite of not being a writer, his books — all the ones I've read anyway — are riveting and detailed accounts of a lifetime spent sailing all over this moist planet. *Ice* is one of my

favorites.

***The Boat Who Wouldn't Float* by Farley Mowat**

I've also read almost all of FM's books, and would describe him as a writer. This is absolutely the most hilariously funny description of a boat I've ever read. I defy anyone to read this book without laughing out loud. Do not read this book in public.

His ship, which he optimistically christens the "Happy Adventure", is a cantankerous, poorly vessel that refuses to sail West. Whenever Mowat leaves harbor and steers a course for his destination, things start to break or jam. Typically when, after a few miserable days making West, he gives up and comes about, the boat behaves obediently, making the Eastward return in record time no matter what the weather.

This is the book that introduced me to the term "One Lunger", used to describe the ancient single-cylinder marine engine aboard Happy Adventure. This book is definitely still in print, but don't be put off by the strange tendency for bookstores to place it in the kids section: there still is plenty of wonder in the world.

Mowat has also written the terrific *Never Cry Wolf*, his own true account of discovering that the Canadian Grey Wolf was not in fact responsible for reducing the great Caribou herds, but instead lives primarily on field-mice.

To prove that an 80 lb. animal could subsist on rodents, he himself ate nothing but field mice for the summer of 1959. At first he "cleaned" the little beasts, but soon his craving for fat over-came his civilized upbringing, so he gave in and ate the whole mouse. There are, in fact, recipes for mice in the book.

Soon his fat craving subsided, and he lived to a ripe old age. (This account of his wolf studies was made into a reasonable movie by the Disney studios, by the same name I think.) The bassoon, though, is wholly a Disney fabrication, I'm afraid.

***Grey Seas Under* by Farley Mowat**

FM spent a few years aboard various coal-fired salvage tugs trekking all over the top half of the Atlantic Ocean after WW II, basically driving into hurricanes and seeking out disasters. They rescued crews and towed ships home. He wrote 3 books about this period, each one excellent reading. I don't know if any are still in print; one of them is called *The Serpents Coil*, which out-shines *The*

Perfect Storm.

In one of these 3 books he describes seeing a man standing aft while towing a completely rusted, worthless old freighter. When the cable parts, it recoils out of the sea and wraps itself around this poor mans legs. He struggles to get free, but is slowly pulled over the side while the crew helplessly watches.

And as long as I'm talking about Mowat, and since this is a paddling newsletter, he has written more than a few books about "northern people", the most memorable for me being *The Siberians*. Read anything by Mowat, and you can take a swing at me if you're not completely satisfied.

***Alone Around The World* by Joshua Slocum**

A classic. Slocum was the first man to circle the globe alone, Fairhaven to Fairhaven, aboard his sloop "Spray", in 1895-98. There are about a dozen different passages in this book that I've grown up with, and now recounted to kids as bedtime stories or around the campfire. I've read this book about 4 times, and expect to read it a few more. I think Slocum had the greatest sense of calm awareness when things got dicey, and it helped him out of more than a few close calls. The writing from the turn of that century is a fun taste, too.

***Kon-Tiki* by Thor Heyerdahl**

Another, more modern, classic. Make note how fertile the Pacific was at the time of this crossing in 1947. I want to do this too, but in my K-Light. (But only if my 10 year old daughter gives me permission.)

This journey seems marred by the descriptions of killing sharks for fun. But it truly was a great adventure, and is an otherwise fun read. The anthropology is an interesting reminder of how fundamental small boats are to human evolution.

***The Last Grain Race* by Eric Newby**

I think this is one of the 2 best descriptions of a working sailors life aboard ships of the late 19th C. Out of print...? I was impressed with the experience of languages aboard these square-rigged steel ships.

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If you can find this book, definitely read it.

***The Tall Voyagers* by Claire Rankin**

Only rivaled by *Grain Race*. Similar content, but more from the point of view of an able-bodied hired hand. Great stuff that makes my own journeys to the gray cubicles tragically difficult at times.

Castaway on Cape Breton — Two Great Shipwreck Narratives

Man, if you're reading this far, you better pack some extra flour and sugar. This slim book contains two narratives each by survivors of two different shipwrecks on snow-bound rocky coasts in the area of Newfoundland. I've always said that what kills recreational kayakers is cold water. This book contains plenty of that.

***Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage* by Alfred Lansing**

You gotta read this, the best of the recent spate of books on polar expeditions, if you haven't already. There was a great deal of buzz about this book in the media last year, and a terrific exhibit in the Museum of Natural History in NYC, (including the actual "John Cairn", the 20' dingy in which Shackleton and 3 others crossed the Drake Passage from Elephant Island, where the rest of the crew was shipwrecked, to South Georgia Island, an 850 mile journey across this planet's worst stretch of water.

They successfully made landfall at the whaling outpost, only to have to make an icy trek over impassable terrain. Seven of His Majesty's Royal Marines tried the same overland trip in the 1970's, equipped with all the titanium, nylon, and other high-tech amenities, only to have to turn back (or be rescued, which?). Shackleton and 3 crew made this journey near starvation with absolutely nothing but a single piece of rope, for crying out loud.

Earnest Shackleton was absolutely the best of all the Victorian explorers, and those who know from experience believed him superior to Perry, Amundsen, and all the rest. Certainly history supports this editorial, since only Shackleton brought back all his crew alive, in spite of having to eat his dogs and eventually having to live off penguins.

A penguin, as a meal, would consist of a large part fat and gristle, with little of what I'm accustomed to eating from a farm-raised chicken. A dog would be a far better meal. Keep in mind, though, that the closest thing these men had to a salad for over a year was a potato, and those got mealy beyond tolerance by the 3rd month.

As for camping on ice with nothing but cotton, wool and leather, well, I'd eat penguin with the rest of the crew.

- Originally published on the nyckayaker email list, a list predominantly focused on sea kayaking. ✂

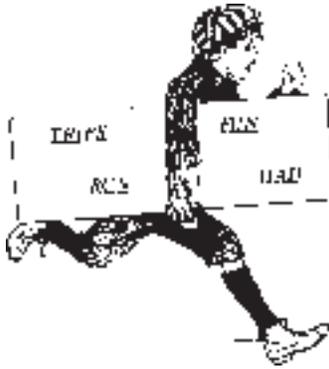
Cartecay River

by Stacy Patterson

March 26, 2000. As the river gods would have it, the day turned out to be terrific for a river trip. The weather had now officially turned to Spring and the temperatures were up and the water was too. The Cartecay was running at 1.9 - 2.0. The trip consisted of a good variety of boaters. Our group consisted of John Dixon, K-1, Dara Heimanson, K-1, Doug Ackerman, OC-1, Harvey Witt, K-1, Clark Stepp, K-1, Jim & John Watson, OC-2, David Rydelek, K-1, Connie Venuso, OC-1, Judy Patterson, K-1, and myself in a canoe.

The Cartecay had suffered some storm damage, but was completely navigable. Jay and his crew have worked to clear the debris and have done a great job. At this time, the only notable hazard existed below Surfing Rapid. The tree and resulting debris creates a strainer on river right slightly downstream from the whirlpool. This posed no threat to our group, as many enjoyed riding the wave. Our group had clean runs and no swims. Swimming would have been acceptable on such a fine afternoon, though.

Thanks to everyone for a safe and fun trip. Thanks to Jay at Mountaintown Outdoor Expeditions for running shuttle, and thanks to Doug Ackerman for sweeping up the rear.



They require that you use their canoes. Cost of the trip is \$15.00 per person. There is also a boardwalk loop about a mile long in the swamp. For more information or reservations call Biedler Forest 843.123.4567.

Our group from Georgia Canoeing Association consisted of twelve. Saturday morning, the day before, we met at Colleton State Park on US Highway 15 north of Walterboro, SC, and paddled a leisure 8.2 miles down the Edisto River from Green Pond to Colleton State Park.

The park superintendent ran shuttle for us and watched our cars which we left parked at the take-out point in Colleton State Park. You can't beat hospitality like that. Saturday evening we gathered at Charleston Crab House in Summerville, SC, for outstanding seafood reasonably priced.

This is a good trip to schedule in October and/or April. We did an over-nighter on the Edisto in October 1998 and the scenery was breathtaking. Very little foliage had leafed out the weekend of our trip, March 18th and 19th. By mid April, early May everything should be green again.

Thank you to each of the other eleven members who

Four Holes Swamp / Beidler Forest — Edisto River, South Carolina

by Bill Edwards

Francis Beidler Forest is jointly owned by National Audubon Society and The Nature Conservancy. It consists of approximately 11,000 acres in Four Holes Swamp and contains the largest stand virgin cypress and tupelo in the world. Many of the cypress trees are over 1000 years old. Some are over 1500 years old.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday during March, April and May they conduct guided canoe trips into the swamp. There are two trips each of those days. Each trip consists of no more than six canoes. We took the trip Sunday morning, March 19th. It was wonderful.

The huge cypress and tupelo trees make even the most jaded heart wax sentimental and philosophical. Bird life abounds. It was a cool 51 degrees the morning we went in, so we did not see many reptiles, but they were no doubt there. It's a highly recommended trip.



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were on this trip. It was a great trip made more so by the fine folks comprising the group. Synergy was at work.

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Jim Ebert
Pat Powers
Carolyn Barton



Locust Fork

by Dane White

March 25, 2000. Finally, water arrived in Alabama. The Locust was running again! We had 70-degree weather and 3'1" on the gauge. Paddlers included Charles Clark (OC-1), John McCorvey (OC-1), Linda Delery (OC-1), Rosie Esenberg (C-1), Susan Martin (K-1), Terry Howell (K-1) and myself (K-1). As we were putting on, Danny Andrews (OC-1) and two novice OC-1 paddlers from

Birmingham joined us.

We proceeded down the Fork playing each wave and hole. The first major rapid is House Rock (III). Several paddlers scouted the rapid. The water funnels to the left side of the river and drops 6 vertical feet over 20 feet. You have to angle right to miss House Rock about 150 feet ahead. Water pillows on House Rock, which is undercut on the right side in the river channel.

The rapid is not hard and I have never given it much thought. Our group ran it without a problem. The two novice paddlers were next. The first one ran the drop but could not angle right. He was pushed to the pillow and went to river left. I paddled over and sat with him in the eddy in front of House Rock.

The second paddler ran the drop and flipped when he tried to make his right angle. He fell out of his canoe and floated. When he was about 20 feet in front of House Rock I had him grab my stern. I tried to paddle to river left, but was pulled back.

The next thing I knew I was broached and going under. I pulled my skirt and was gone. I popped up about 10 feet away; my yak stayed under House Rock. What a scare!

Terry Howell let me borrow his yak to finish the trip. He waited an hour to see if my yak would come out, but it did not. He walked out and went to the Locust Fork Invitational Race. Thanks, Terry, for letting me use your yak!

It really sets the tone when the trip leader loses their yak. Everyone continued the trip with some apprehensions. We scouted Double Trouble and everyone had good runs. Both Tilt-a-Whirl and Bullard Shoals had big wave trains. We ate lunch under Swann covered bridge and enjoyed the great scenery. Flowering trees were everywhere.

Everyone had great runs over Powell Falls, the largest drop on the river. I think Susan and Linda ran it twice. Most of us tried side surfing and ending at Ender Hole. We finished the trip without incident. It was a great trip even with the event at the beginning of the day.

I found my yak the next morning about 1,000 feet down stream of House Rock. Things happen quickly on the river so stay alert. Even easy rapids can present problems before you realize what has happened. 

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Lower Amicalola

by Charles Clark, Trip Coordinator

Sunday, March 19, 2000. Despite a little rain during the week it looked unlikely that the Amicalola would have much water by Sunday. Over the years of paddling the

Amicalola I have learned that it takes a lot of rain to get it up and keep it up. Despite the doubtful expectations I was bound and determined to paddle something, so I told the 7 people who called to meet at the bridge at 10:00 am. If the Amicalola was too low we would find another river to paddle.

By a little after 10 am, 4 boaters were at the bridge — Ray Channell, Tony Colquitt, Patrick Gourley and John Monosi. Unfortunately, John did not actually paddle as he forgot his spray skirt. However, he generously ran shuttle for us so that we could all have our vehicles at the Etowah take-out.

We found the water level to be 0.5" — real low. I had never paddled any part of the Amicalola at this low level, nor had any of the other boaters. We looked at Edge of the World and discussed our options. It soon became clear that all wanted to "go for it". We decided to see just what the Lower Amicalola is like a 0.5'.

Despite the low water level I am pleased to announce that all enjoyed the trip, except for the unfortunate John who simply got to run shuttle, for which we thank him immensely. There were many downed trees from the storm causing us to have to get out and portage twice.

I believe that the first portage was before Split Rock and the second was below Two Ledges. There were trees blocking both the right and left routes at Rooster Tail; however, we were able to work our way down the middle with some bumping and scraping. At higher water the trees at Rooster Tail would have posed a real danger. At this low level our group encountered no problems. There were few play spots at this low level, but at any level the Lower Amicalola is a scenic gem.

At higher water level extreme care needs to be taken at several places as long as the wood is in the river. The Amicalola is in need of a really good flood to clear out some of this wood. All in all I was pleased to get on the Lower Amicalola, as I got to paddle it only once last year, and this was my first, and possibly last, this year — unless we get more rain. ✂

Terrapin Creek

by Dan Roper

February 26, 2000. Although I have been paddling for twelve years and live just twenty miles from the Alabama state line, this was to be my first canoeing trip in the "Yellowhammer State." Perhaps I'm prejudiced against our neighbors to the west but, after all, I've heard that Alabama is full of Auburn Tigers, Crimson Tide fans, and other people of "no background." (In Harper Lee's epic novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* Scout Finch notes that

"North Alabama [is] full of Liquor Interests, Big Mules, steel companies, Republicans, professors, and other persons of no background.")

I had originally scheduled a trip on Terrapin Creek, just north of Piedmont, Alabama, for August 1999. Due to my unfamiliarity with the creek, I drove to Terrapin Outdoor Center the week before to scout the lay of the land. I also consulted with GCA member Liz Carter, who had previously led club trips on Terrapin Creek. Although the water was a little low due to a summer drought, everything looked good enough to go.

Twelve club members had registered for the trip and, due to the lack of water in most other places, they were chomping at the bit and ready to paddle. The night before the trip, I received a call from Mike Warren, the owner of Terrapin Outdoor Center, advising that the water level had dropped precipitously and that Terrapin Creek was no longer navigable.

I spent most of Friday evening frantically trying to reach those members who had signed up for the trip. Several times I only got answering machines and I was afraid that I would have to drive to Piedmont the next morning just in case some didn't get the message and showed up. But, sometime after 11 p.m., the last person called and confirmed that they had gotten my message.

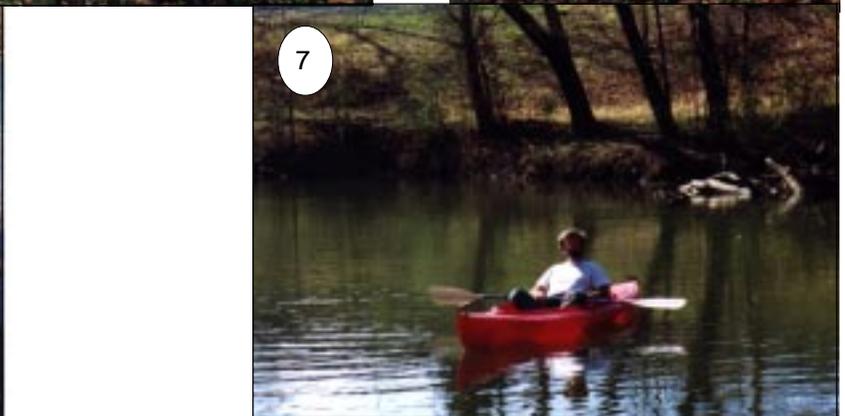
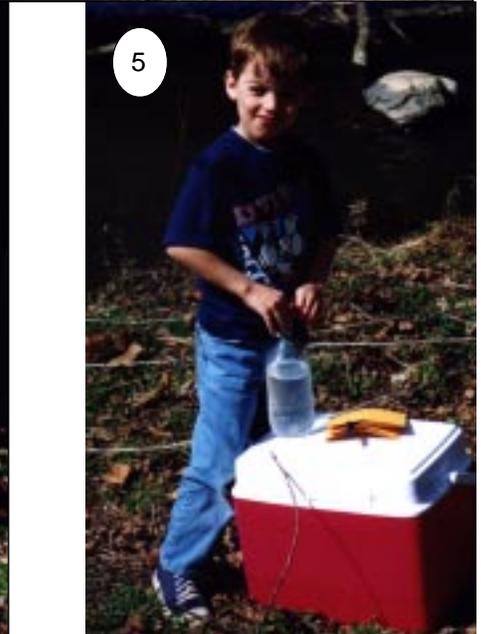
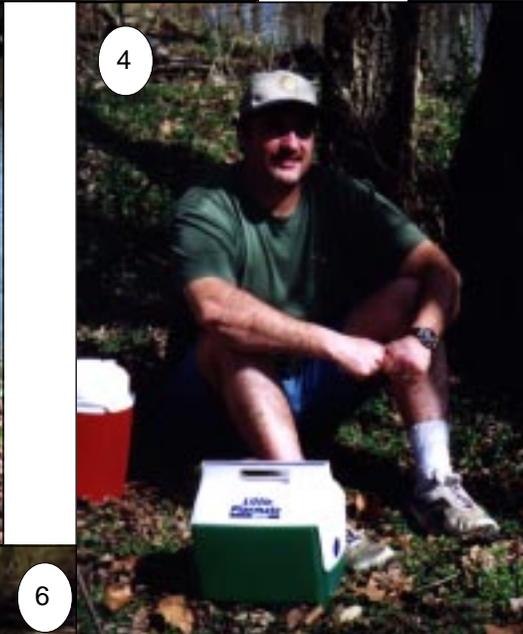
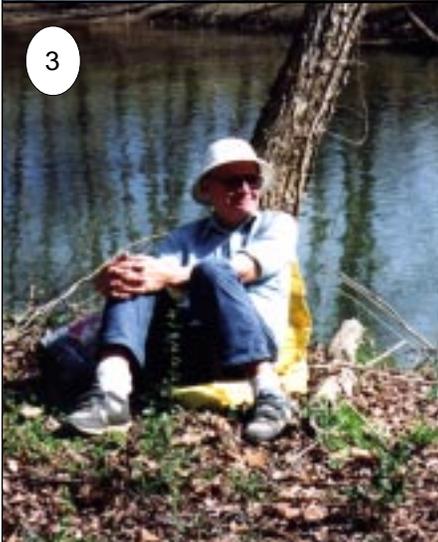
I rescheduled the trip for the last Saturday in February, confident that winter rains would by then restore Terrapin Creek to a respectable flow. This winter has, however, been the driest I have seen in my twenty years in Georgia. I was a little concerned that this trip might also be canceled, but that did not turn out to be the case.

We floated an 8-mile section of Terrapin Creek to Terrapin Outdoor Center near AL Highway 9 a few miles north of Piedmont. The Center has an impressive inventory of canoes for sale and rent, is a convenient and safe place to park, and offers a shuttle service for \$5 per boat.

Just below the put in, the creek turns right, drops over a small ledge, and for 1/4 mile follows a scenic rock cliff. The rest of the first half of this section is mostly flat water traversing a heavily wooded countryside. The only signs of habitation are occasional riverside campsites that, although vacant at the time, proudly sported Confederate battle flags flapping in a stiff southerly breeze.

Two of our group happened to have the surnames of U.S. Civil War generals (Butterworth and Wadsworth). I assured them that Alabama is now and has been for some time Union territory, but I encouraged them to adopt assumed names in the event that we were taken captive.

The second half of this section had numerous rock gardens with small drops (no more than class 1+ at this water level). For those of us used to the "friendly" smooth



1. (Front to rear) Danny McGhee, John Everly, Keith Hyde, Alan Wadsworth on Terrapin Creek. 2. Dick Butterworth on a scrapey class 1 drop. 3. Dick Butterworth "Hard at work". 4. Keith Hyde (before he made wet exit). 5. John Roper enjoys lunch on his first GCA trip. 6. (L-R) Keith Hyde, Dick Butterworth, John & Michelle Laxson, John Roper. 7. John Everly relaxes on Terrapin Creek.

- Photos submitted by Dan Roper.

rocks and boulders of north Georgia rivers, the jagged limestone rocks of Terrapin Creek were a new experience. With another foot of water this section would be enjoyable, but we endured many bumps and scrapes and we marked our passage with a lot of red and green paint.

At one point a small rock ledge traverses the river at an angle. The creek pours through a left-facing break in this ledge forcing the paddler to make a quick draw either to the right to continue downstream or to the left into an eddy. One paddler, who shall remain nameless, seemed perplexed by these options, exercised neither, and plowed straight ahead into the tree-lined bank.

Canoeing in La Huasteca Potosina, Mexico

**Part Three — More Rivers
by William C. Reeves (The Hawk)**
El Salto

Appropriate for: Advanced

Months Runnable: December- April

Difficulty: Class III - V

AWA Numeric Points: 30

Gradient: 70 feet per mile average, extreme drop/pool

Runnable level min: 300 cfs

max: 500 cfs

Hazards: Pinning, strainers, undercuts.

Portages: All drops runnable but two portages around class V falls are recommended

Distance: 5 miles

Shuttle: 3 miles

Time to run: 4 hours

Put-in: Powerhouse

Take-out: Meco

Scenery: Amazing

Rescue: Near road but in gorge

Scouting: Possible from bank, edge of falls, or eddies

El Salto (The Leap) is the signature Aguasteca blue water travertine run and is featured in Tao's white water video Twitch. El Salto has everything, big travertine drops, technical narrow rapids, pucker factor, and scenery. Although the average gradient is only 70 feet per mile, Salto is an extreme drop pool river. All gradient is lost at travertine dams, so the actual rapids are more akin to the Chauga Gorge.

El Salto has primo photo-ops because the drops are big, the travertine dikes are covered by lush and varied vegetation and the canyon is quite steep and heavily wooded. The run begins at the base of 300' Cascada El Salto, which is controlled by a hydroelectric plant. It is

Much to the delight of my five-year-old son John, the paddler then stepped out of his canoe onto a rock that wasn't there and sank to his withers. The "victim" claimed that he was simply cooling off and, since the temperature was in the high 70s, we took him at his word.

We had a congenial group including non-GCAers Keith Hyde (OC-1) and Danny McGhee (OC-1) (friends of mine from Rome) along with GCAers Alan Wadsworth (OC-1), Dick Butterworth (OC-1), John Everly (K), John and Michelle Laxson (OC-2) and my son John and I (OC-2). Having John along on his first GCA trip made this trip especially enjoyable and memorable for me. ✂

possible to put in at the base of the falls and catch some small rapids. However, they really aren't worth it so we put in at the bridge crossing the dam discharge channel.

The only potential disadvantage of this site is the thick grown of Mala Mujer (a poison ivy-like plant) along the trail to the river. Besa te con esta mujer and you'll get worse than the clap. The resultant burning, blistering, and excoriating lesions evolve for about two days and require a week or more to resolve. How does Hawk know this?

White water fun gets in your face immediately after launching, with a series of three easy rapids that feed into a solid class III 5-foot chute that caromes off a wall and is gobbled up by a gaping U-shaped ender hole. It is important to regain control quickly because 25-foot La Luminosa Falls lurks around a blind bend about 30 feet to the left of the hole. If you happen to be swimming, swim hard to the right.

Swimming or not, get out on the obvious horizon line and scout from river right. Run the falls right to left. The



The put-in for El Salto. Water was being diverted so the drop was dry. - Photo submitted by Bill Reeves.

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cushion is deep and foamy so you'll spend a fair amount of time underwater. Don't be tempted to go down the middle of the V-trough because your boat will rotate like a corkscrew. Once again, how does Hawk know this?

La Luminosa is relatively easy to climb (river right) and run multiple times for photo-ops from different angles. If you've got a good motor drive this is the place to use it.

Following La Luminosa are several 5 to 6 foot ledges, a couple good ender holes, and one nice surfing wave. A couple of the drops include multiple stages and require complex maneuvering, but all are readily scouted.

We portaged two class V drops. The first is in the upper part of the run. It presents with an initial river right 8-foot drop that ends with an S-turn slot move around an undercut pinning rock. There is an obvious line, but we decided against it.

The second, a 20+-foot cascade, comes just after you see the hotel on river left. The horizon line is obvious with the channel on river left. The first 8-feet or so fall to the left at a 45° angle into a dinky pool in which you must immediately cut back right and over a 15-foot 50-60° drop. This line skims along a river right under-cut wall and on the left water slams against a huge chock rock. We

portaged along the travertine rim, threw our boats and paddles over the edge and jumped 20-feet or so into a very deep pool.

Several interesting drops follow this, including a ten footer with a nice launching ramp. While scouting this



Brian Postalwaite with his Sequel running the first drop on the Rio Salto (La Luminosa lurks just to the left).

- Photo submitted by Bill Reeves.



The Hawk and his Godzilla launching off a drop on Rio Salto.
- Photo submitted by Bill Reeves.

last one, you will notice a very obvious very impressive horizon line marking 100 foot Cascadas Mecos. Tao runs it in Twitch, but you probably won't want to. Take out on river left where steps go up to an observation platform. The steps almost abut the lip of the falls, but don't let it intimidate you.

To get to El Salto, turn right on Highway 70 (back towards Matamoros) as you leave Hotel Quinta Mar. Turn left at the intersection with Highway 85, toward Ciudad Mante and under the railroad bridge. You will drive for about an hour through Montecillos, Los Sabinos, Gustavo Garmendia, Laguna de Mante, Buena Vista and El Salvador before reaching Antigua Morelos (there's a Pemex on the right). In Antigua Morelos take Highway 80 left toward San Luis Potosi. Drive through Nuevo Morelos



at Km 181 and then over a mountain.

At the base of the mountain, about 18.8 miles from the turn-off in Antigua Morelos, is a paved road leading right. There was no government sign providing directions, but an advertisement indicated Hotel Las Cabanas. Although paved, the road is heavily used by cane trucks and might as well be cobblestone.

About 3.6 miles from the turn-off you will enter the town of Meco. Stay left and continue through Meco. Hotel La Cabana will be visible to the left and you will soon come to the gated entrance of Camilo Arriga hydroelectric station. Take the dirt road to the left, drive across the hydroelectric-discharge canal, and park. The take-out is about 3 miles back in Meco. It is at the turnout overlooking Cascada Meco and directly across from a large log house. You should see small steps leading down to the take-out pool above the drop.

Puente de Dios

Appropriate for: Intermediate - Advanced

Months Runnable: December - March

Difficulty: Class III



Will Reeves in a rodeo recovering from a multistage drop on Rio Salto.
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AWA Numeric Points: 22
Gradient: 16 feet per mile average
Runnable level min: 500 cfs
max: 1,000 cfs
If it is much over the bridge consider not running it.
Hazards: Pinning, undercuts, hydraulics.
Portages: one over El Puente de Dios
Distance: 6 miles
Shuttle: 40 miles. Count on 3 hours to run shuttle
Time to run: 4 hours on river
Put-in: Tanchachin
Take-out: Rancho Oliva at Sidral
Scenery: Amazing
Rescue: Remote, very difficult
Scouting: Possible from banks or eddies

The Santa Maria River is the best known white water river in north eastern Mexico and the locals call its final section Puente de Dios (God's Bridge). Actually, the Santa Maria and Gallina rivers converge at Tamul Falls to form the El Rio Tampaon. Whatever, the Santa Maria/Tampaon/Puente de Dios meanders briefly through a broad valley then plunges into Tampaon Canyon. Here it forms a narrow 3.7 mile long 2,000-foot deep densely forested chasm that contains 8 single-drop class III+ rapids. This run's unique feature is Puente de Dios at the

distal end of the gorge. Here a calcium carbonate saturated spring has spanned the main river with a bizarre travertine bridge. The result is a creek running over the top of a river.

The put-in presents a huge sand beach past which meanders a 50 meter wide turquoise river. At least a mile of flat water follows after the put-in and the first rapids are gentle and straightforward. Then the river begins to drop through the canyon and becomes more interesting. Hydrologically it's similar in character to the Narrows of Section III but with 800+ cfs torquing through it.

The riverbed in the canyon is fantastically sculpted limestone and karst cliffs thrust 2,000 feet above you. Occasional caves appear through the vegetation at various heights on the walls and parrots scream in the trees. But we need to get back to the river, where most of your attention should be. Because it's so narrow, water in the canyon becomes quite squirrely and pushy and strong cross currents on the eddy lines above and below the drops will surprise you.

Rapids progress in difficulty and the sixth or seventh (I lost count) blasts through a slot drop into a hydraulic, then skids through a right turn into the main rapid. Rolling was unusually difficult, probably because we had not practiced in this sort of water, and 3 of us swam 50

meters or so. Swims were not too terrible since the river is quite deep and we didn't slam against any rocks. However, the walls are undercut so you have to be alert (Tommy swam through one, so they aren't all fatal). However, this was at normal flow and at exceptionally high levels, some very scary house-sized undercuts will lurk underwater.

The last rapid is unusually violent and about 100 yards long. It ends in a large pool, where we encountered a fisherman in a pirogue (a strong hint that our white water action had ended). The pool is about half a mile long and suddenly the river just ends at the base of a 15-foot or so high wall. This is Puente de Dios. The Puente is about 100 yards across and is pockmarked by a maze of various diameter (2' to 20') and depth (2' to 10') craters.



Brian Postalwaite and the Georgia Tech ORGT Sequel running La Luminosa Falls on Rio Salto.

- Photo submitted by Bill Reeves.

If it weren't for the trees, ferns, and other jungle vegetation the Puente would resemble the surface of the moon. In the current vernacular, Puente de Dios is completely awesome. It seems to take forever to drag your boat across before you're suddenly your back at the river. The downstream side of the Puente contains several large caves in which you can paddle part way back upstream. Indeed, while in the caves you will hear resonating thumps and bumps as others from your group portage over. Another half mile or so of flat water gets you to the take-out.

Puente de Dios was the most arduous and at the same time most interesting of all the shuttles. Leaving Hotel Quinta Mar turn left on Highway 70 towards San Luis Potosi. Go left on Highway 85 towards Mexico. You will soon pass the picturesque Valles city dump to your right. Immediately past the dump, take the first major dirt road to the right (to La Pila and Rancho Nuevo). If you cross Puente Las Cruces on Highway 85 you have missed the turn-off.

About 1.4 miles in stay to the left and at 3.3 miles ford a creek. Stay left at 5.9 miles. You will soon pass through an extremely picturesque and typical rural Mexican village. Houses have wattle walls, conical thatched roofs and cluster in small family compounds. An aqueduct will begin to parallel the road. About 9.3 miles along, you will enter Rancho Nuevo and in another mile La Pila.

The road forks in La Pila and you should stay left. Any doubts, ask for Sidral (the next town). If you're on the right road leaving La Pila you should see a small lake on the right, the road will become more rural and about a mile out of La Pila you'll cross a creek. In another mile or so you should see a very obvious canyon to your right. With luck you'll be paddling in it later today.



Put in to Puente de Dios. - Photo submitted by Bill Reeves.

2.9 miles out of La Pila you will encounter a Y intersection. Stay to the right and pass a cemetery to your right. After 1.7 miles you will cross a bridge and enter Sidral. You now need to find Rancho Oliva. As you leave town start looking for a concrete water tower on the right and immediately after crossing a culvert turn right on the dirt road to Rancho Oliva. It's possible to miss, and if you drive more than 1.5 miles out of town you have.

The road to Rancho Oliva traverses a cane field, after which you come to a corral on the right and the road continues left through two gates. Be sure to close them behind you. Turn right after the gate and cross a cattle guard. The road becomes a footpath and bears left but you can now see the riverbank. Stay right at the Y and park in the trees on the bank above the river.

You have just spent an hour driving to the take-out. Now you get to drive for an hour and a half to the put-in at the town of Tanchachin. Go back to the dump and turn left on Highway 85 towards Valles. Stay left at the junction with Highway 70, towards Rio Verde, San Luis Potosi, Pitaya. At Km 23 you will cross Puente Nacimiento and on the left, just past the bridge, is a cluster of concession stands and a sign noting Cascadas de Tamul. Turn left onto the graded dirt road.

About 3.5 miles later you will drive through Palo de Arco, and after another 4.7 miles through another town. Stay left at the Y 1.4 miles after this town and enter Tanchachin after another mile. Stay to your left and cross a bridge over a good size creek. You should pass an Escuela Telesecundaria to your left and about a mile after entering the town you will see the Santa Maria River with a low cement bridge crossing it. Put-in is on the far side. If the bridge is underwater you need to consider your



Tommy Price on Puente de Dios.

- Photo submitted by Bill Reeves.

skills because running the gorge will involve considerable pucker factor.

The return shuttle involves rural Latin American nighttime driving and is a hoot. At night everyone (I mean everyone) in each little town hits the street to howl at the moon, socialize, or just do their thing. During our shuttle, Main Street Palo de Arco was being used for a birthday party, complete with a pinata suspended across the street from light poles. Evening rural shuttle runs provide unprecedented opportunities to kick back and slurp brewskies with the locals.

Some Additional Rivers

If you're lucky, you'll have more time than we did and will be able to paddle some of the other rivers. You will have had almost a week in the region and should be feeling comfortable getting around.

Rio Gallinas. If we'd had one more day, we would have run the Gallinas, a class III, 10 mile, 500 cfs creek. The Gallinas runs from November through January, drops 27 feet per mile (Mexican style) and takes about 5 hours to run. It involves small travertine dams forming flower-covered islands. The drops contain narrow chutes and twisting channels and become closer together and more difficult towards the end of the run. The shuttle is long, 20 miles. Take-out at Cascadas Tamul, just above the put in for Puente de Dios. Put in at Jabali, which I believe is farther up Highway 70.

Santa Maria. The Santa Maria is world-famous and runs from December through April. It's a relatively big river that drops 300 to 1,000 cfs 20 to 80 feet per mile over class III-V rapids. There are five canyons, of which Puente de Dios is the last. The third and fourth canyons (Rincon Grande and Tamul) run 17 miles through 21 foot per mile class III-IV rapids and contain the best white water.

Rincon Grande canyon is mainly class III rapids. Tamul canyon is significantly more difficult. The lines are tight and the drops steep. There are 8 significant rapids and three are class V and should be scouted. At the end, just after Tamul endo hole you come to 240 foot wall-to-wall Cascadas Tamul and the take-out. Take-out is Tanchachin (i.e., Rio Gallinas take-out and Puente de Dios put-in). Put-in is in Zapata.

Rio Verde (lower). This 11 mile long class 2-3 400 cfs 24 foot per mile creek runs for 11 miles through a narrow basalt canyon. It can be run from December through January and includes long, tight rock gardens and bedrock micro-gorges as well as an appropriate number of waterfalls and ends at 40 foot Puerta del Salto. The shuttle is 12 miles on bad roads. Put in at Rancho Puente and take out at Puerta del Salto. 

River Hazards

Paddling in Costa Rica

by Ray McLain

Ray McLain is a Wisconsin paddler who now lives in Costa Rica after retiring from corporate life as an engineer. His "resume" includes: ACA and USCKT slalom competitor (open canoe and decked boats), gate judge at the 96 Olympics, ACA certified instructor (white water level) for canoe and kayak, leader of paddling youth programs both as Team Manager for the US Jr. Team and for Wisconsin kids, a national officer (Treasurer) for the ACA, and an Honorary Life Member of his local club, the Green Bay Paddlers United. Ray has been answering questions of paddlers from around the world who are interested in a Costa Rica paddling vacation. He has compiled a series of articles, sharing answers to questions commonly asked. For further information, contact Ray at RMcLain@CostaRicaRios.com, or check his web site, www.CostaRicaRios.com.

I hate to get onto a river and not have any idea of what is downstream.... I like to know what to expect, and "manage" my risks, finishing my trip with a smile on my face! The commonly paddled rivers of Costa Rica vary in difficulty up to class V. It is not possible to list every hazard on every river, as the rivers are constantly changing. Further, any person listing hazards for any given section of water is putting himself into a position to be criticized for publishing something that might be immediately out of date — and an unsuspecting follower might get into serious trouble following the published account.... So don't hold me responsible for the accuracy of any of my statements <smile>.

Taus to Town of Pejebaye. Class IV drops near top, class II and III nearer town. High gradient, fast, holes, strainers, tight moves. Watch for broaches from sieve rocks and boulders. Most of the holes are not keepers. Some downed trees that could be strainers. Some blind drops that are best scouted.

Pejebaye — Town of Pejebaye to Oriente Bridge. Class II (III in higher water). Some maneuvering, some holes to boof. Some ender waves. Watch for broaches from shallow rocks and boulders. Most of the holes are not keepers. Some downed trees that could be strainers.

Pejebaye — Oriente Bridge to confluence with Reventazon, and on to Canefield take-out. Class II, II+ in high water with some waves and "big river" swift current after joining Reventazon. Gravel bars. Some strainers to watch out for.

Reventazon — Cachi Powerhouse to Tucurrique. Class

III and III+. High volume when powerhouse is generating. High gradient and fast flow. Possible strainers. Some nasty looking holes you will want to skirt.

Reventazon — Tucurrique to Canefield take-out. Take-out is above new lake being formed by new dam above Angostura. Class II and II+ high volume run when powerhouse is generating. High gradient and fast flow. Possible strainers. Some holes you will want to skirt.

Reventazon — Angostura to Peralta. The "Peralta" Run. Will be dried up with new dam above Angostura. Class IV and V. Famous for the big powerful rapids. Some rapids have very difficult lines. Many play spots. Some of the holes are keepers. Many holes can't be avoided. Steep gradient and fast current.

Reventazon — Peralta take-out to Pasqua put-in. Class IV. High gradient and fast flow.

Reventazon — Pasqua put-in to Florida. Class IV. High gradient and fast flow. Difficult lines. Many holes can't be avoided.

Reventazon — Florida to Siquirres. Class III and III+. High volume and fast flow. Difficult lines.

Pacuare — Top Pacuare. Ends at Car Bridge Bajo Pacuare. Class III with IV drops. Can be rocky with chance for broaching. Some chance for strainers. Lines through drops can be tricky, with chance for pins. High gradient.

Pacuare — Upper Half of Upper Pacuare. Car Bridge Bajo Pacuare to footbridge Bajo Pacuare. Class III with IV drops. Can be rocky with chance for broaching. Some chance for strainers. Lines through drops can be tricky, with chance for pins. High gradient.

Pacuare — Bottom Half of Upper Pacuare. Footbridge Bajo Pacuare to San Martin access. Class III and IV with a few V drops (or higher with strainers). Keeper holes to avoid. Can be rocky with chance for broaching. Some chance for strainers. Several blind drops difficult to scout. 15 ft. waterfall with nasty hole and undercut below. Some holes can't be avoided. Difficult to hike out with remote location and steep canyon walls.

Pacuare — Middle Pacuare, San Martin to Tres Equis. Class III and III+. Some rapids rocky with chance for broaching. Some chance for strainers. Some holes to skirt.

Pacuare — Lower Pacuare, Tres Equis to Siquirres. Class III with several IV drops. Sections of high gradient and fast flow! Lots of rocks and holes to avoid and lines to make. Some are keeper holes. Some rapids rocky with chance for broaching. Some chance for strainers. Some areas of undercut. Some holes can't be avoided. Difficult to hike out with steep canyon walls.

Sarapiqui — San Miguel to La Virgen. Class III with IV

drops. Creeky. Some chance for strainers. Some chance of broaching. Tight lines to run to avoid rocks and holes.

Sarapiqui — La Virgen to El Roble footbridge. Class II with III drops. Common is river crashing into rock walls. Tight lines to run to avoid rocks and holes.

Sarapiqui — El Roble to Puerto Viejo. Class I and II. Good scenery, some rapids initially. Some lines to run to avoid crashing into rock walls. Lots of twists and bends to river.

Toro — Upper, dam to Recreo Verde Campground. (River left, upstream of highway). Class IV with V drops. Steep, creeky. Starts off with most difficult rapid. Keeper holes. Downed strainer trees. Poor visibility/blind drops. Continuous difficulty. Some holes can't be avoided. Difficult to hike out with steep canyon walls.

Toro — Lower, Recreo Verde Campground to Pital. Class III with IV drops. Tight lines to run to avoid rocks and holes. Some keeper holes. Chance for downed trees

— strainers. Difficult to hike out. Some holes can't be avoided.

Penas Blancas — Poco Sol to San Isidro Bridge. Class III with IV drops. Tight steep lines to run to avoid rocks and holes. Chance for downed trees and strainers. Difficult to hike out.

Penas Blancas — San Isidro bridge to river left rafting take-out. Class III with IV drops. Fast and steep with frequently changing channel with each flood. Strainers from downed trees common. Some very long rapids with little opportunity for recovery until the bottom. Channels split resulting in low water gravel bars. Tight lines to run to avoid rocks and holes.

Rio Balsa — Dam to Puente Jamaka. Class IV with IV+ drops. Steep, creeky. Tight lines to run to avoid rocks and holes.

Rio Chirripo — Rivas to Chiles. Class IV. Steep, rocky, many holes to avoid. ✂

Camping & Canoeing Hints from Canada

When using a public campground, a tuba placed on your picnic table will keep the campsites on either side vacant. Get even with a bear who raided your food bag by kicking his favorite stump apart and eating all the ants.

A hot rock placed in your sleeping bag will keep your feet warm. A hot enchilada works almost as well, but the cheese sticks between your toes.

The best backpacks are named for national parks or mountain ranges. Steer clear of those named for landfills.

While the Swiss Army Knife has been popular for years, the Swiss Navy Knife has remained largely unheralded. Its single blade functions as a tiny canoe paddle.

Modern rain suits made of fabrics that "breathe" enable campers to stay dry in a downpour. Rain suits that sneeze, cough, and belch, however, have been proven to add absolutely nothing to the wilderness experience.

Lint from your navel makes a handy fire starter. Warning: Remove lint from navel before applying the match. You'll never be lost if you remember that moss always grows on the north side of your compass.

You can duplicate the warmth of a down-filled bedroll by climbing into a plastic garbage bag with several geese.

The canoe paddle, a simple device used to propel a boat, should never be confused with a gnu paddle, a similar device used by Tibetan veterinarians.

When camping, always wear a long-sleeved shirt. It gives you something to wipe your nose on.

Take this simple test to see if you qualify for solo camping:

Shine a flashlight into one ear. If the beam shines out the other ear, do not go into the woods alone.

A two-man pup tent does not include two men or a pup. A potato baked in the coals for one hour makes an excellent side dish. A potato baked in the coals for three hours makes an excellent hockey puck.

In emergency situations, you can survive in the wilderness by shooting small game with a slingshot made from the elastic waistband of your underwear.

The guitar of the noisy teenager at the next campsite makes excellent kindling.

The sight of a bald eagle has thrilled campers for generations. The sight of a bald man, however, does absolutely nothing for the eagle.

It's entirely possible to spend your whole vacation on a winding mountain road behind a large motor home.

Bear bells provide an element of safety for hikers in grizzly country. The tricky part is getting them on the bears.

In an emergency, a drawstring from a parka hood can be used to strangle a snoring tent mate.

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FOR SALE - Sailboat, Force 5 (similar to a Laser) 14 ft with trailer \$900. Call Ed @706.855.0399 or Email ymleahy@aol.com.

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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 TO BUY - Canoes. Tandem white water canoes for Boy Scout Troop. Tax deduction available for donated value. Roger Nott 770.536.6923.

WHITEWATER PADDLING T-SHIRTS - Save \$1 off each T-shirt when you order by using discount code GC3. Relive the times when you had more than your share of fun! Wear T-shirts from paddlingtees.com. Visit our web site at www.paddlingtees.com. Thank you. 

CANOEING & KAYAKING INSTRUCTION

PADDLING CLINIC INFORMATION

Clinics will be taught by ACA-certified instructors and qualified assistants. In order to provide individual attention, the maximum student-to-instructor ratio is 4:1. Space is limited.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

BEGINNING WHITE WATER:

For people who have never had a boat on moving water. Three-hour evening classroom session with videos and lectures covering equipment, safety, river features and paddling techniques for tandem and solo boaters. Full day Saturday flat water session emphasizing strokes, wet exits. Full day Sunday session on a class II river practicing ferries, eddy turns, peel-outs, running rapids, self rescue and assisted rescue. You must attend both the dry and flat water sessions to participate in the white water river portions of the course.

BEGINNING YOUTH WHITE WATER:

Same course as above, but designed for youths ages 16 and under.

TRAINED BEGINNER WHITE WATER:

Participants should have had recent beginner level instruction or 5 days of white water experience. Polish-up beginner skills, plus bracing and rolling (kayaks).

INTERMEDIATE WHITE WATER:

Intermediate clinic participants should be comfortable paddling class II-III white water such as the Nantahala, and wish to master the roll in rapids, and learn how to play confidently in Nantahala-type waves and holes. Intermediate kayakers should have a 100% flat water roll and a 50% reliable combat roll in class II rapids. Saturday morning lake session working on strokes and rolls (kayaks) and an afternoon session on the Nantahala working on turns, surfing, eddy hopping, etc. Full day Sunday trip on a class II-III river.

ENROLLMENT GUIDELINES

GCA MEMBERSHIP:

All participants must be current GCA members. To join the GCA, call the GCA at 770.421.9729 or go to the GCA web page www.georgiacanoe.org for a membership application. Dues are \$25 per year.

REGISTRATION:

Call the coordinator of the clinic you want to take for more information. You will NOT be registered, however, until the coordinator receives a check for \$50.00 per person payable to GCA. Call early, clinics fill quickly.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:

If you wish to cancel or switch to another date, please notify the Clinic Coordinator as soon as possible. If you cancel at least 10 days before the first class session your fees will be refunded. After that, refunds will be made only if a replacement is found. Clinics will be conducted rain or shine. No-shows and those not completing the full course are ineligible for refunds.

AGE:

If you are under 18, all liability releases must be signed by a parent or guardian, who must also provide suitable power-of-attorney for medical care. Except for youth clinics, pre-teens will not be enrolled unless they have had suitable paddling experience in the Training Director's judgment.

SWIMMING ABILITY:

You must be able to swim and should not panic with your head under water. Beginning kayak clinic participants will spend a lot of time upside down inside their kayaks on the lake. All students will practice swimming & self-rescue skills in rapids.

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

White water paddling is a physically and mentally challenging activity that requires fitness, flexibility, and a positive attitude in stressful situations. Kayaking is a high-risk activity for individuals with a history of shoulder dislocations. Applicants should discuss potential physical limitations with the Coordinator before signing up.

EQUIPMENT:

You must furnish all of your own equipment. You will receive a detailed list of required and recommended equipment well in advance of the clinic.

INSTRUCTIONS & REGISTRATION FORM ON REVERSE SIDE

GCA CANOE AND KAYAK INSTRUCTION

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CANOEING

BEGINNER WHITE WATER
JUNE 6 (EVENING), 10,11
STEVE CRAMER 706.208.8382

TRAINED BEGINNER WHITE WATER

JUNE 3-4
PAT HAGAN 770.393.1420

INTERMEDIATE WHITE WATER

MAY 20-21
OREON MANN 404.522.3469

TANDEM WHITEWATER CANOE

JUNE 24-25
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SAFETY AND RESCUE

SWIFT WATER RESCUE

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DAVID MARTIN 404.351.8208

FALL SAFETY COURSE

LATE SEPTEMBER / EARLY OCTOBER
GINA JOHNSON 404.257.3160

KAYAKING

BEGINNER WHITE WATER

JUNE 15 (EVENING), 17 -18
REVEL FREEMAN 404.261.8572

TRAINED BEGINNER WHITE WATER

JUNE 3-4 JIM KELLY LEAD INSTRUCTOR
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INTERMEDIATE WHITE WATER

MAY 6-7 REVEL FREEMAN 404.261.8572
JUNE 23-24 PATTY CAMPBELL 828.526.9018

SEA KAYAKING

MAY 20-21
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THIS COURSE WILL HAVE A SEPARATE FEE

Registration: to register for one of these clinics you must be a member of the Georgia Canoeing Association. To join the GCA or for an application call 404.421.9729. Dues are \$25. To register for a clinic, call the coordinator of the clinic for more information. You will NOT be registered until the coordinator receives this completed form and a check for \$50.00 per person. Call early because the clinics fill quickly.

CLINIC _____

NAME _____

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SAFETY CORNER

by Katie Larue

Don't get me wrong. I think safety and such are important, but it's also nice to maintain a sense of humor.

Newly proposed club waiver:

READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY!!

Waiver and Release of Responsibility:

The wilderness can be a dangerous place; if you proceed into the wild, you never know what will happen. Your guide cannot assume responsibility for any of the following natural occurrences: avalanches, forest fires, tornadoes, mud slides, drowning, hypothermia, snake bites, frost bite, bug bites, stinging insects, rednecks, geeks, idiots, falling rocks, falling trees, falling down, getting lost, moose attacks, poison ivy, poison oak, poison berries, poison mushrooms, poison gas, scorpions, centipedes, ticks, biting flies, ants, earwigs, cannibals, sink holes, pot holes, quicksand, hot sand, lightning, pea-soup fog, hail, sleet, torrential rains, snow, typhoons, monsoons, hurricanes, drought, alien abductions, lava, beaver attacks, broken bones, broken glass, broken nails, broken boot laces, hatchet accidents, knife accidents, nuclear accidents, mad dogs, hungry bears, loud motor home generators, leaky canoes, leaky tents, snakes in sleeping bags, snoring tent mates, killer bees, gorillas, rebels, thieves, pirates, renegades, mercenaries, sidewinders, swashbucklers, marauding Indians, litterbugs, any other really dangerous people, snapping turtles, blisters, bats, trolls, wild boars, colossal bores, Tasmanian devil attacks, radon, headaches, toothaches, civil wars, bobcats, raccoons, lions and tigers and bears (oh my!), intense heat, bitter cold, humidity, serial killers, hernias, hyenas, heart attacks, nuclear attacks, thorns, sunscreen in the eyes, stinky footed tent mates, cramps, rodents, lyme disease, mountain sickness, sea sickness, home sickness, yellow fever, postnasal drip, VD, TB, OJ, PMS, REM, HIV, TMJ, KLMNOP, comet collisions, bitching spouses, jelly fish, malaria, tsunamis, geysers, arctic winds, cave-ins, falling stalactites, athlete's foot, smog, power boaters, lynx attacks, plague, plaque, vindictive pigeons, cosmic radiation, bear traps, speed traps, Venus fly traps, black holes, shin splints, fairies, killer surf, locust swarms, lawyers, gnawing marmots, moles, venereal warts, total eclipses, frigid showers, vertigo, mites, chiggers, sasquatch, shingles, piles, really big piles of doo-doo, red tide, mumps, demonic possession, giardia, stampedes, hangovers, hemorrhoids, earthquakes, slurpee headaches, tidal waves, flash floods, flash backs, headhunters, sleeping sickness, car sickness, morning sickness, head winds, tail winds, passed winds, skunks, porcupines, jackalopes, splinters, gout, Gila monsters, crowded campgrounds, loose rocks, slippery rocks, molten rocks, icky mud, bad hair days, crop circles, yuppie backpackers, boy scouts, girl scouts, chipmunks, squirrels, Jesus freaks, chapped lips, killer whales, sun burn, wind burn, heart burn, Loch Ness monsters, kangaroo rats, falling satellites, Coors beer, hanta virus, small boots, small snakes, big snakes, giant snakes, tremendous snakes that sneak up on you while you're sleeping and wrap themselves around your neck and choke you until you're dead, alligators, crocodiles, homosexual tent mates, volcanic eruptions, sore muscles, rip tides, wolf packs, heavy packs, gum disease, swinging bridges, flying squirrels, Elvis sightings, hang nails, pollen, heat stroke, sun stroke, brain stroke, secondhand smoke, Montezuma's revenge, the trots, Hershey's squirts, unstable outhouses, grouse attacks, leeches, slugs, tape-, round-, hook-, blood-, and earthworms, maggots, white dwarfs, horny dingoes, protruding roots, undertows, bogs, appendicitis attacks, icebergs, thin ice, thin air, thinning hair, landslides, piranha, eels, fat skinny dippers, rabid bats, shark attacks, sand storms, gnats, no-see-ums, anal-retentive rangers, wet firewood, wind chill, acid rain, whirlwinds, dust devils, wildcats, gnomes, poachers, rampaging bison, bad campfire stories, angry geese, and (fill in the blank with what you dislike/fear the most).

Please sign and submit this form to the trip coordinator with your car's pink slip prior to the trip.

(Signatures of participant, parents, grandparents, next of kin and attorney)

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