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June GCA Meeting

The June GCA meeting will be held at the Parish Hall of the Episcopal Church of the Atonement in Sandy Springs on Thursday, June 15. The program will feature a presentation by Matt Taylor of the EPA on the status of the Ocoee River Watershed. The presentation will cover how past mining activities in the Copper Basin have caused environmental damage to the Ocoee River and describe future cleanup options that may improve the waters and ecosystems of the Ocoee River.

The Copper Basin has been host to 150 years of copper and iron mining, beneficiation and mineral processing; and sulfuric acid and other chemical production. These activities have provided great wealth and resources to Tennessee and the nation, but have left a legacy of contaminated waters and devastated ecosystems.

It is important to understand that the primary resource at risk in the Copper Basin is the Ocoee River. This river is a national treasure that provides world class recreational opportunities. The State of Tennessee has determined that a portion of the Ocoee River immediately downstream of the Copper Basin does not support the beneficial uses for which it has been designated under the Clean Water Act.

EPA's ultimate goal in the Copper Basin is rehabilitation of terrestrial and aquatic environments in the Ocoee River watershed, including all subdrainages, to a condition where they can support self-sustaining ecosystems populated by native species of plants and animals. All actions at the Copper Basin should serve this larger goal.

EPA realizes that it is not a simple matter to undo the effects of 150 years of heavy industrial activity. It cannot be accomplished in a year or a decade, and it cannot be completed by any single party acting alone. Rather, the effort will take many years and will involve cooperative efforts of governments and private parties.

The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.

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 topside 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.



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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.

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For information on winter roll practice - Call Revel Freeman at 404.261.8572.

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For information on videos and books available from the GCA Library - Call GCA Librarian Rachel Gates at 404.296.4480. ✂

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



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	Metro Hooch	Class 1 - 2 Trained Beginner	William Gatling	770.516.0852
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	Broad	Class 1 - 2 Trained Beginner	Jeff Engel	706-548-5015
10	Nantahala	Class 2 - 3 Intermediate	Jason Schnurr	770.422.9962
10	Chattooga Section 3 (Note 2)	Class 2 - 3 Intermediate	Roger Nott	770.536.6923
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
17	Hiwassee	Class 1 - 2 Trained Beginner	Mary Ann Pruitt	770.439.1825
17	Nacoochee Hooch	Class 1 - 2 Trained Beginner	Connie Venusco	404.633.8038
17	Upper Hooch (Note 3)	Class 2 - 3 Intermediate	Dickie Tillman	770.466.1197
17	Cartecay	Class 2 - 3 Intermediate	Pablo Murphy	770.592.4981
18	Cartecay	Class 2 - 3 Intermediate	Edward Stockman	770.441.9767
18	Hiwassee	Class 1 - 2 Trained Beginner	Mary Ann Pruitt	770.439.1825
24	Nacoochee/Smith Island Hooch	Class 1 - 2 Trained Beginner	Dick Hurd	770.664.4770
24	Tuckasegee	Class 1 - 2 Trained Beginner	Jim Griffin	770.498.3695
24	Nantahala	Class 2 - 3 Intermediate	Ray Channell	404.636.5944
25	Cartecay (Note 4)	Class 1 - 2 Trained Beginner	Dick Hurd	770.664.4770
25	Nantahala	Class 2 - 3 Intermediate	Maggie Griffin	770.498.3695

July

1	Hiwassee	Class 1 - 2 Trained Beginner	Maggie Griffin	770.498.3695
1	Broad	Class 1 - 2 Trained Beginner	Paul Therrian	770.513.4986
1	Nantahala	Class 2 - 3 Intermediate	Charlie McCoy	770.578.0404
2	Hiwassee	Class 1 - 2 Trained Beginner	Maggie Griffin	770.498.3695
20	Club Meeting — Entertainment — Fun — Episcopal Church of the Atonement —	Kay Redmond		404.237.7742
24	Ocoee	Class 3 - 4 Advanced	Allen Hedden	770.426.4318

August

5	Board of Directors Meeting	Atlanta Botanical Garden	Brannen Proctor	770.664.7384
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Note 1: Paddle with the Prez.

Note 2: Fall Creek to Bull Sluce — Clean Up.

Note 3: Clean Up.

Note 4: "For Beginners, Upper Cartecay."

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: Monday nights from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Stone Mountain Lake.

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.

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PO Box 1485
Pine Lake, GA 30072

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Books:

A Canoeing and Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Florida
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Paddle to the Amazon - The World's Longest Canoe Trip
Path of the Paddle
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Sea Kayaking Canada's West Coast
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The Lower Canyons of the Rio Grande
They Shoot Canoes, Don't they?
White Water Tales of Terror
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Announcements

GCA Email List

The member response to the GCA email list has been great. We have at this printing over 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.



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GCA Web Page

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Upcoming Events of Interest

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. ✂

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).

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tain 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! ✂

The Rape of the Cartecay

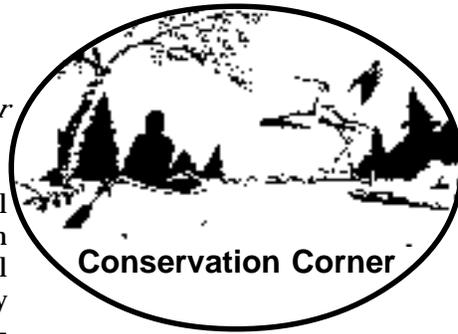
This could soon happen to a river near you!

by Lois Newton

It is difficult to say when it all began. One day we are paddling down this pleasant stream featuring several lion-ly looking rapids that are actually pussycats, enjoying the lush foliage, predominantly rhododendron and mountain laurel permeating its banks, sharing the river with fishermen in search of bass and trout, and seeing only glimpses of the civilization from which we are enjoying this respite; then we suddenly realize we're paddling in the midst of suburbia. Large expanses of lawn have replaced the lush natural vegetation; gargantuan houses have sprouted where trees once proudly stood. And we try to remember when we last exchanged pleasantries with a fisherman in the stream. Are there still fish in these waters?

We ponder how this happened and realize how subtly this monster known as development swallowed the wilderness and spat out this carnage. Remember those charming cottages on river right that burrowed into the vegetation? We found them aesthetically pleasing as they harmonized with the environment and we were mesmerized by their charm.

However, the sheer number of them compacted into such a small area should have been seen as a harbinger of ill to come. Welcome progress(?)! While at first we ooh'ed



and ahh'ed the precious cottages, we now gawk as more and more huge, and unsightly in their surroundings, houses are being built, oftentimes on terrain not naturally suited for that purpose.

Folks came to the Cartecay seduced by its beauty, a beauty which has been sacrificed to mankind's baser desires. One river dweller, upon seeing his new "neighbor" across the river attacking the mountain laurel with a saw, frantically

tried to warn the woman she was cutting down her pretty flowers. He was curtly informed that they did not pay the top dollar required to purchase the property so that they could have the "pretty flowers," but rather so that they could see the river.

And the beauty that was the Cartecay is not the only aspect of this river to fall prey to the whims of these new river invaders. Our access to this river has also been jeopardized. The loss of free access on Lower Cartecay Rd. could soon be followed by the loss of river access just below Blackberry Falls. The county is considering releasing its right-of-way under the power lines and extending the boundaries of the property owners there, including the paddler-unfriendly Blackberry Mountain development.

With all this "progress" along the Cartecay, I find myself sharing the sentiment of the young narrator in Caleb Carr's *The Angel of Darkness* as he mulled on "the point that the old forest was losing its fight for control of the landscape," saying he wished "that the great wilderness what still dominated upon the mountains like the purple Catskills... would spread back down over the earth and swallow up the ugly little nests of human beings what'd sprung up in the river valley."

- From the Tennessee Valley Canoe Club newsletter. ✂

"Anyone can identify destructive forest practices. You don't have to be a professional forester to recognize bad forestry any more than you need to be a doctor to recognize ill health. If logging looks bad, it is bad. If a forest appears to be mismanaged, it is mismanaged. But a certain level of expertise is needed if you are going to do something about it."

- Gordon Robinson.

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Upper Hooch Hazard

by Pat Hagan

This is a reminder that Third Ledge on the Upper Hooch can be dangerous if run in the center through the hole. The folks in the raft described below could very easily have drowned — all four of them. Here's what happened.

Last Sunday (April 16) a group of us paddled the Upper Hooch at about 2 feet. At Third Ledge we encountered a small raft recirculating in Third Ledge. Fortunately the occupants were not in the hole under the raft. We were informed that the raft had been in the hole about 45 minutes before we arrived, all attempts to remove it had failed, and that the occupants were safe.

Our first removal attempt with a snag line failed. Our second attempt was successful. We were able to dislodge the raft, but only after setting up a modified Telfer lower onto a second raft. The raft recovery took us about 45 minutes. I'm convinced that had the raft occupants been ejected upstream when the raft stalled in the hole and flipped we would have been involved in body recovery.

And this event was not just an isolated incident. During lunch at Third Ledge after the recovery we saw several folks in K-1s, sit-on-tops, etc., run the middle of Third Ledge and come very close to being sucked back into the hole (a sit-on-top actually did get into the hole but fortunately got flushed out).

The moral of the story is: a) run Third Ledge left of center or far right (water permitting), or b) if you are forced to run Third Ledge in the center — PADDLE LIKE HELL!!



Third Ledge

by William C. Reeves (The Hawk)

As all GCA members residing in Atlanta and environs immediately realize, this essay deals with Third Ledge, the fifth rapid of consequence on the Upper Chattahoochee (Upper Hooch). The GCA advertises Upper Hooch trips as intermediate. However, depending on your level of experience, Third Ledge represents a class IV pucker factor major drop (which is likely to be swum), an easy class II (at which to watch carnage), or a moderately interesting class III play spot.

Third Ledge is a true CBE (continuing boating education) rapid with something for everyone. Beginning boaters (for whom it is class IV) quickly learn that those

who grab gunwales, rather than aggressively paddling over the lip, will flip and swim. Then those who elect to swim learn that ropes will be coming from the intermediate boaters (for whom it is class II).

Swimmers who decide to forgo the proffered ropes can practice self-rescue. Final bottom line learning experience for those who choose not to swim aggressively, it is possible to swim a LONG WAY if you miss the two large river left eddies. Trained beginners should initiate their Third Ledge CBE by eddying out river right and scouting the thundering class IV cascade from the rock formation.

It's harder to construct a CBE module for intermediate boaters (for whom Third Ledge is a class II blow-through and vantage point to view carnage). Those of this ilk who aspire to advance need to stop, scout the thing and look for interesting, and not so interesting, lines. Scouters will note that far right isn't good, because it's woose. They should also note that far left isn't good either, because here rather than being woose, the main flow mashes onto a big rock. Finally, scouters should note more than one route in the middle and begin to visualize the possibility of dropping in sideways so as to shred the hole.

Having passed (or elected not to take) bank scouting, intermediates can do the drop and settle back with the group on river left to watch the carnage. But stay with the CBE program. Don't just watch, participate and practice river rescue.

Third Ledge is an outstanding place for rope throwing. Some swimmers will be freaked, so don't neglect to get their attention before throwing. Don't forget to practice boat rescues. Everyone who is swimming used to be in a boat, and those boats need to be retrieved before the next rapid. Many swimmers will have dropped their paddles. Those who didn't practice rope grabbing will be swimming or floating to the next rapid. They provide the opportunity to practice boat-based rescue of potentially panicked victims. Finally, more complex rescue scenarios occasionally occur at Third Ledge.

What about advanced boaters? For y'all, Third Ledge should represent a solid class III play spot. First, catch the small eddy on river left about one boat length above the drop. Then, don't just peel out, but rather ferry across the lip, drop in the hole sideways and surf a while.

Why did I say it's class III? The eddy isn't that hard to catch, but it's not straightforward to stick in. Classification is partly determined by consequences, and the eddy is right above that rock I mentioned in the Intermediate CBE module.

How does the Hawk know about the rock? Well, I never took it terribly seriously until a couple months ago when I blew the ferry, caught something or other on the

lip, inverted while dropping in sideways, and cushioned my Godzilla C-1 by placing my head between it and the rock. But, I digress.

Advanced paddlers next have the duty of attaining and playing in the hole. River left looks like a cool way to do it. But it's virtually impossible because of that stupid big rock. If you're good, make your attainment in the middle. If you're not as good as you thought, the most common attainment is along the bank river right. For me these attainments are strenuous and when I suddenly find myself in the boil line, I always wonder why I did it because the usual outcome is carnage.

Finally, I started this essay because I didn't realize until early March how potentially dangerous Third Ledge is. We had an experienced group. Jason attained the hole and suffered the consequences. The giant paddle snake that flipped him wouldn't turn loose of his paddle. By wouldn't turn loose, I mean Jason's paddle disappeared (i.e., was gone). We could periodically see the tip poking up and quickly sinking.

A kayak went into the hole after it, but the paddle snake hid it. Tommy and I attained in an OC-2, but the paddle snake cached the paddle just out of our reach and then swamped and flipped us. We next set up a snag line (after stationing a lookout to stop traffic). But, the snag-line failed.

Finally, we decided screw it and set a hand line across the falls. Jason anchored one end from the mid-

stream boulder and two people held the other end. After clipping my pigtail into another line, I used the static line to work my way along the boil line. I discovered that at 2' Third Ledge would be very difficult to traverse without a hand line. The force of the water is considerable, the rocks are slicker 'n' snot, and the base of the falls is littered with undercut rocks.

Head masher rock (river left) is a couple feet off the ledge and is badly undercut. If one were to become wedged between the falls and this bad boy, rescue could be difficult. The entire riverbed at the base of Third Ledge is littered with various sized boulders, all facing upstream and all undercut. Foot entrapment is a real possibility.

Fortunately most people flip at this exact spot and have been swept clear by the time they are wheels down. However, if you happen to be swimming Third Ledge from the top, remember to get your feet up.

Well, I spent the next ten minutes or so hanging on the hand line and fishing for Jason's paddle. Had I not had the line, foot entrapment would have been a real risk, and because of the force of the water, it would have been challenging to get free.

What about Jason's paddle? I never located it. Presumably it was jammed under a rock. However, after all my mucking around in the hole, creating temporary eddies and disrupting water flow must have done something because the paddle finally washed up about 20 minutes later. ✂

From the Training Chair

by Gina Johnson

We held the First Annual Paddle Gymkhana on Saturday and had a blast! Our orienteering skills were honed in finding Lake Acworth Beach — always a challenge with the standard inadequate trip map.

We spent some time warming up and working our skills on Allen Hedden's famous slalom course. Ed Schultz and Marvine Cole were particularly talented as a tandem team, with Marvine paddling bow in the traditional manner but Ed padding stern using a kayak paddle!

We ended the day with a water polo match. The winning team was Allen Hedden, Marvine Cole and Ed Schultz in OC-1s and Jim and John Watson in OC-2. The losing team was Brannen Proctor and Sharon Strocchia in K-1, Helene and Howard Rogers and Haynes and Gina Johnson in OC-2s.

This was a really rough game, with Brannen, Sharon and Marvine all swimming. Paddles were really flying. The rules required no "traveling" with the ball and no "holding" of boats or boaters. Allen nearly took several of

Brannen's teeth with him in the heat of the moment and we were lucky to escape with no injuries. Although Haynes and Allen think this game has regional if not Olympic possibilities, we really need to wear helmets with face guards. Look for the buoys to be set up at Diamond Lure Lake at the Extravaganza!! See you there! ✂



ACE Juniors at Junior Team Trials

Atlanta Center for Excellence had 5 kids competing at the U.S. Junior Team Trials in Wausau, Wisconsin, this past weekend (May 6-7). Michael Montagne K-1, Neil Quinn C-1, Katy Dennis K-1W, Eric Hurd K-1 and Tad Dennis C-1.

Tad won 3rd boat on the U.S. Junior Team in C-1! He will go on to Bratislava, Slovakia, with the rest of the Junior Team representing the U.S. in the Junior World competition this summer.

Katy and Eric made the Cadet National team! ✂

2000 Southeastern Championship Slalom & Wild Water Results

Championship Slalom Race

Place	Name	Class	Score
1	Tad Dennis	C1 Junior	292.60
2	Russell Johnson	C1 Junior	321.65
3	Neil Quinn	C1 Junior	419.00
1	Joe Jacobi	C1	263.65
2	Lee Sanders	C1	280.81
3	Nick Kimmet	C1	305.60
1	Eric Hurd	K1 Cadet	289.28
2	Clay Wilder	K1 Cadet	361.43
3	John Seely	K1 Cadet	731.71
1	Dirk Davidson	K1 Master	279.78
2	Steve Thomas	K1 Master	309.00
3	David Ward	K1 Master	333.00
1	Shaun Smith	K1	243.26
2	Nick Kimmet	K1	250.78
3	James Burriss	K1	278.31
1	Michael Montagne	K1 Junior	278.28
2	Tyler Dyer	K1 Junior	794.12
1	Becca Red	K1W Junior	360.20
2	Katy Dennis	K1W Cadet	360.28
3	Laura Zarnowski	K1W Junior	578.79
1	David Simpson	OC1 Short Master	234.50
2	Allen Hedden	OC1 Short Master	322.12
3	Paul Joffrion	OC1 Short Master	350.47
1	Art Fowler	OC1 Med Master	277.41
2	Michael Abernathy	OC1 Med Master	303.62
3	Roger Nott	OC1 Med Master	560.91
1	Gabriella Schlidt	OC1W Short Master	392.47
2	Susan Herring	OC1W Short Master	449.91
1	Whitesell/Lenhart	OC2 Mixed	329.69
2	Herring/Simpson	OC2 Mixed	458.00

Cruising Slalom Race

Place	Name	Class	Score
1	David Ward	K1 Master	144.28
2	Doug Pratt	K1 Master	148.97
3	Chuck Creekmore	K1 Master	308.09
1	Ken Jones	K1	138.22
2	Doug Pratt	K1	148.00
3	Paul Durrence	K1	159.59
1	Nolan Whitesell	OC1 Master	200.47
2	Allen Hedden	OC1 Master	223.27
3	Dirk Bertrand	OC1 Master	247.90
1	Eddie Allen	OC1	256.00
2	Paul Joffrion	OC1	281.59
3	Richard Guin	C1	489.84
1	Gabriella Schlidt	OC1W Master	369.53
2	Susan Abernathy	OC1W Master	389.25

3	Marvine Cole	OC1W Master	389.34
1	Simpson/Lewis	OC2 Master	324.31
2	Justice/Allen	OC2 Master	1022.28
1	Whitesell/Lenhart	OC2M Master	250.18
2	Schlidt/Hedden	OC2M Master	279.35
3	Green/LaBadie	OC2M Master	327.44

Wild Water Race

Place	Name	Class	Time
1	Michael Beavers (Charlie Patton Award)	C1 Champ	50.55
2	Bailey/Bailey	C2 Champ	51.46
3	Chris Osment	C1 Champ	54.02
1	David Jones	K1 Champ Master	49.49
2	John Pinyerd	K1 Champ Master	52.10
3	Kevin Kelsey	K1 Champ Master	52.52
1	Deb Brown (Julie Wilson Award)	K1W Champ	50.15
2	Hope Concannon	K1W Champ	53.51
1	Paul Durrence	K1 Cruise	58.26
2	Doug Pratt	K1 Cruise	59.38
3	Roger York	K1 Cruise	62.42
1	David Simpson	OC1 Champ	61.58
2	Richard Guin	OC1 Champ	63.21
3	Paul Joffrion	OC1 Champ	63.49
1	Larry Castillo	OC1 Cruise	61.58
2	Daniel Richard	OC1 Cruise	64.07
3	Derrick Rohmeyer	OC1 Cruise	64.11
1	Allen/Lancaster	OC2M Champ	62.30
1	McDuffie/McDuffie (Ramone Eaton Award)	OC2 Cruise	56.43
2	Loudermilk/Gale	OC2 Cruise	60.21

Down River Fun Race

Place	Name	Class	Time
1	Marcia Jenkins	K1 Master	56.25
1	Larry Castillo	OC1	38.19
2	Derrick Rohmeyer	OC1	39.18
3	Daniel Richard	OC1	41.12
1	Gale/Gale	OC2 Junior/Senior	37.21
2	Osment/Osment	OC2 Junior/Senior	39.01
3	Watson/Watson	OC2 Junior/Senior	43.43

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- Rod Serling.

River Access

West Fork of the Chattooga Access

In a move to help guarantee access to the West Fork of the Wild and Scenic Chattooga River in Georgia, WaterMark Paddlesports principal Robert Reid purchased the coveted 230 acre tract and immediately re-sold the land to the Conservation Fund. In doing this, Reid and WaterMark Paddlesports has ensured public access on this important Southeastern river for the future.

Reid is an avid fisherman and paddler, and one of the principals of WaterMark Paddlesports, the company that owns Perception Kayaks, Dagger, Islander Kayaks, Harmony Accessories, Palm Equipment North America, Lidds Helmets and Freedom Paddles.

The Chattooga River came to national prominence in 1972 when Burt Reynolds navigated this river in the movie Deliverance. Since then, the river has received Wild and Scenic status and thousands have paddled it each year. It wasn't until 1997 that a controversy arose when a group of investors decided to purchase the land and prohibit access. The methods these owners employed

included stringing a wire across the river with a sign attached saying, "No Trespassing, Fishing, Floating, Private Property. Survivors will be prosecuted."

Because of the former owners' actions, a lawsuit was brought upon them by the U.S. Government on the basis that it was within their authority to ensure that visitors to the National Forest would have the opportunity to freely navigate the West Fork for recreational purposes. Currently, Reid and the WaterMark attorneys are working with the government to settle this issue ensuring public access.

Rex Bonert, Vice-President of the Conservation Fund, has indicated that his group would transfer the land to the U.S. Forest Service, thus increasing the acreage of the Chattahoochee National Forest.

"Mr. Reid has been very cooperative to make this property available to us," says Bonert. "He has been very clear that he would like to see this river preserved for public use."

"Access is critical to paddle sports and all water-based recreation," states John Rukavina, Chief Operating Officer for WaterMark Paddlesports. "WaterMark is delighted that public access on the West Fork of the Chattooga now seems secure."

- Adapted from www.paddling.net/news.

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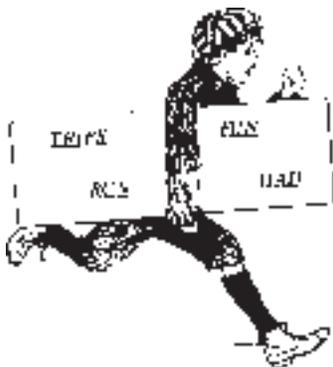


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Upper Amicalola Cartecay River

by Dave Chaney

March 19, 2000. No water in the Amicalola and a very cold, wet day dropped our group from 15 to 4 hard core paddlers. We had also switched rivers to the Cartecay. I've noticed that bad weather separates the REAL paddlers from the people that like to talk about paddling. Today we had three K-1s, John Rebers, Shon Bailey, Dave Chaney, and we had one OC-1 with Peggy Bailey.



The weather was cold and got colder through the day. We stopped to play at a couple of points, but no one wanted to get wet, so all of our play time was cautious. John had just joined GCA in the summer of 1999 and hadn't been paddling long, but he did a great job and didn't have any trouble with the Cartecay. Both Peggy and Shon have paddled for a while and had a good time on the river. I had a great day and thank everyone for braving the weather. ✂



The Cartecay was running at 2 feet, a very nice level. Throughout the winter I had watched all of the e-mail discussing the trees on the Cartecay. From the messages I had assumed that all of the trees were out of the upper part of the river, this was a bad assumption. Though none of them completely blocked the river, we found a huge number of trees in the river. I spoke to Jay at MOE and found the river below Blackberry bridge was completely blocked at several points.



Tellico

March 18, 2000. The morning was cold and the weather damp, just as you would expect for mid-March, but the Tellico was only running about 350 cfs. The current 3 year drought had kept most of us off of this great winter run all winter. We met in Tellico Plains at 9:30 to get an early start. The group included kayakers Ton Stinson, Beth Thompson, Mike Winchester, Susan Martin, Dave Chaney and trip leader Jason Schnurr. We also had several members in canoes, including; Sam Blackwell, Linda Delery, Charley Pirtle and Cameron Pach.



Only 3 of the group had ever run the Tellico before, and this was the lowest any of us had paddled the Tellico (350 cfs). We were all worried that the river would be too low for a fun trip. But that doubt ended after we put on the river. I would say that 350 cfs is a very good first level for this river; I wouldn't suggest anything much lower though.

We got on the river about 11:30 after scouting the first rapid and watching another group run down past the bridge. We had only one swim under the bridge and spent a few minutes retrieving the boat. Next was a series of three technical drops over about 100 yards. At higher



11 foot Mohawk Probe in a 6 foot opening on the Tellico.

Edisto River, South Carolina

by Tom Payne

The Edisto is a smooth, black water river. The fifty mile stretch which I and three friends recently paddled has been designated a South Carolina Canoe and Kayak Trail. We put in at Whetstone Crossroads (US Highway 21) on April 13, 2000, and took out at the US Highway ALT 17 bridge on April 15, 2000. The weather was unseasonably cold and quite rainy. I did not have time to explore the surrounding swamp, which has a terrific reputation. I had read pamphlets extolling the beauty of the Edisto, and it is a beautiful river. There are also some unadvertised negatives.

Even though the river was not anywhere near flood stage, there were very few camping spots. Along with stretches of unspoiled beauty, the river also has quite a number of junky river shacks and a lot of no trespassing signs. The only place we could find to camp at the end of the first day was a bluff that was located at the end of a dirt road. Litter in the area suggested that we would have received unwelcome visitors had we been there during

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water levels the line is center to left with several holes providing opportunities for displays of skill. Today the line was to start in the center and work right after the center drop.

We watched the first two boats (one kayak and one OC-1) flip in the middle drop and both paddlers self rescue on river right. The next boat also had problems in the pushy middle drop, so we stopped and set a rope, just in case.

This was the first opportunity I've had to use the "Rope Trick" — it works just as advertised!

Everyone had a great day. We had our share of swims and equipment rescues. We got off of the river just before dark and stopped at the BBQ restaurant in Tellico Plains for dinner. The Tellico is a marvelous river with rapids that challenge everyone's skill level. ✂

good weather or on a weekend. The second night we stayed at one of the two state parks located along the river. Planning to stay at state parks when making this run is a good idea. Just be warned that is difficult to detect when you are passing them.

Colleton State Park is located on river right (as you are facing downstream) just before you cross under US Highway 15. There is a small sign which one must be expecting in order to notice. It is located about 21 miles from Whetstone Crossroads. Givhans Ferry State Park is located on river left just before the SC Highway 61 bridge and is not announced by any sign at all. You pass some up scale homes and a bluff which is protected by a chain link fence before you reach the take-out for the park. It is not a dock, just a place where you can beach a canoe. It is about 40 miles from Whetstone Crossroads. The portion from Givhans State Park to US Highway 17 may be the most beautiful part of the trip.

All in all, it is a trip worth doing, but it cannot be compared to a river like the Altamaha here in Georgia, which has numerous sand bars for camping and is largely undeveloped.

A Pamphlet which includes a map of the river is available from the Edisto River Canoe and Kayak Commission, P O Box 1763, Walterboro, SC 29488, phone 843.549.9595. ✂



Getting Your Daughter Started in the Right Boat

The following advice was given by a female boater in response to a question posed on the CCC email list about how to get a young daughter started in paddling, what kind of boat to start in, etc.

I am a canoeist. I started in a tandem open boat as a Girl Scout. Years later (in 1982), my husband and I took up white water, paddling together in a tandem canoe. Then we progressed to C-2, a decked tandem canoe. Finally, I began solo canoeing so I could become a certified canoe instructor. (You must be a competent solo boater, as well as a competent tandem boater, among other things, to become a certified canoe instructor). After learning solo open boating, I took up C-1, decked canoe for one person.

Why all the history? Well, it took me years to learn to stay in my boat when I turned over. Although I learned to roll C-2 and then C-1 fairly quickly, it took many years for me to imbibe the rolling reflexes in my body and brain. Since open boaters generally did not learn to roll their canoes when I started boating white water (and still don't early on), I had to overcome the urge to jump out of my canoe and get away from it when I flipped. I was afraid of being upside down and stuck in my boat. Thank God I finally learned, and today I roll (C-2, C-1 and OC-1, and probably OC-2) out of reflex reaction before my old open boat brain can take over.

I think that my experience is all too common among open boaters who transition to kayak. I also believe it keeps some open boaters from taking up C-boating or kayaking.

I would encourage you to start your daughter off in a stable white water C-boat (Dagger Cascade), which is

much easier physically to paddle than most open canoes. It requires less strength to get the C-boat to do what you want it to do and uses less energy than an open canoe, particularly a 17 foot open canoe.

Your daughter should start off in a pool in the C-boat (as a kayaker does and as a list member suggested) by wet exiting and playing in and under and around the C-boat with it empty and with it full of water. And she should learn to roll it right away. All of this should be fun and entertaining to her.

She won't realize at first how special she is — being a girl in a single-bladed decked canoe. But she will quickly learn how unusual she is once she gets into it and goes on some river trips which are loaded with kayaks, a few open canoes and no other C-boats. Then she will really show up her brother when she easily makes the transition to kayak and he can hardly go straight in a C-boat! Moreover, she will be able to use her C-boating skills to paddle open canoe (solo or tandem) casually with friends. And she will have learned from the beginning of her paddling career to stay with the boat when she turns over, something I wish had happened to me.

Of course, if she wants to be with 90% of the white water paddlers, you should start her in a kayak and bypass canoeing altogether. :-)

My greatest wish would be for her to love C-boating so much that she finds a man who loves it and wants to paddle tandem (open or decked). Nothing is more fun or more beautiful than a couple dancing on white water together!

Laura Evans

(C-2, OC-2, C-1, OC-1)

Still paddling with my marriage partner, still married to him and still dancing to the sound of water music with him after all these years. 

The Rescue of Lucky Dog

by Michael Abernathy

We were paddling the Tellico River on a beautiful fall day in SE Tenn. It was late September and there had already been a couple of cold spells for the season, so the water in this gorge was quite cool. I had run the Ledges, and met up with Susan and friends at the bridge for the Middle put-in. We were at the second rapid below Bounce-Off-Rock, so the hardest part of the Middle section was behind us.

I was sitting in the eddy on river right while most of the rest of our group was on the right bank dumping or bailing. I looked up and saw a dark object tumbling through the bottom of the rapid. I thought it was a small

log, but bigger than I would want to encounter in the middle of the rapid. I shouted over to Allen, who had eddied left, "Look at that log!" Then I did a double take and realized I was looking at an animal's head. It was a black dog, and it was obviously in trouble.

Since the dog refuses to talk, it's impossible to know just how long he had been swimming the Tellico! I quickly peeled out to give chase, and as I did I shouted excitedly to Allen "It's a dog!" in hopes that he would help.

In this early part of the Middle Tellico, the pools are fairly short and the rapids closely spaced. We also had a good water level, about 600 cfs, so there were cross-currents and good waves between the rapids. The waves aren't big enough to cause a competent boater any problems, but they're plenty big to put a struggling dog's head

underwater occasionally.

I was paddling hard to try and catch the dog before he reached the next rapid. I succeeded, but I had too much momentum and couldn't stop my boat. I glided right over the dog's head, putting it under for a several more seconds. I maneuvered the boat back and saw the dog.

I started to reach down, but hesitated. It suddenly occurred to me that this might be a wild dog, or perhaps in such fear that he would snap at anything. At any rate, I had a sense of possible danger.

But I could see his face — a puppy face with two big, scared and pleading brown eyes. This dog was drowning and I think he knew it. I reached down with one hand to try and pick him up, but he was slippery and I missed.

There was no more time. We were entering the next rapid, and there was no way I could try and pull him in while negotiating the drop. I had to back off. I had gotten a good look at him though, and he had seen me. I knew now that there was no danger of being bitten.

I gave the dog plenty of distance through the drop. The last thing I wanted to do was run over him in the middle of a rapid. This is a tight, technical, boulder filled river, and if he got caught between my boat and a rock, it would have quickly crushed his last breath out of him.

I watched him wash through the rapid. He was tumbling wildly. His head spent most of the time under water, but once in a while I would see that black head pop up, nose in the air, getting a breath. He was banging against rocks right and left.

I began wondering.... How long he had been in the river? How many rapids had he been through? How much more could he take?

Suddenly we were through the rapid. But I had given the dog so much room that I was well behind him. I could already see the next rapid a short distance ahead. I accelerated to catch him. I felt like I had to get him before he washed through that next drop or he would surely drown.

I could see him floating down the river in the pool between the rapids. He wasn't even trying to swim. I was sure he was totally exhausted as well as disoriented, with no idea in which direction the shore was. He was twisting his body sideways to float, trying to achieve maximum buoyancy to get air when he could. Even this was a struggle in the waves.

By the time I reached the dog, we were halfway through the pool. He looked at me again with those pitiful eyes. I reached down with one hand and tried to pick him up. He was heavy and slippery and fell back into the water. I was using my other hand to hold the paddle and steer, and to try and maintain my balance in the tippy

white water canoe (Viper). I knew it wouldn't do any good if I flipped and swam too.

I tried again, and failed again. By now we were at the brink of the rapid. I knew I had to try once more and I had to succeed or the dog would drown. I put down the paddle and reached over with both hands. I picked up the dog. My boat began to tip. I balanced with my body and quickly brought the dog over the side and put him in the middle of my canoe just in front me.

Success! Just as we were entering the rapid. I grabbed my paddle and began maneuvering the boat. It was mostly luck that I had entered the rapid in the right position, although since the dog was in the main current, it wasn't totally luck. We had made it.

I glanced down and he was looking up at me, fear still in his eyes. As the boat bounced through the rapid, I don't think he ever looked away. He was sopping wet, and at this point I still thought he was a puppy.

I looked for a place to pull off the river, but the bank was steep in this part of the river. I had to go through a few more small rapids before I saw a flat rock protruding into the river. I pulled over and crawled onto the rock.

I had hoped for a sunny spot so I could warm the dog up but this was in the shade. I knew he had to be cold, perhaps even hypothermic. But this would have to do for now. Besides, I needed to let the rest of the group catch up.

I put the dog on the rock next to my leg, and put my arm around him to try and warm him up, although I thought it a good sign (as well as being surprised) that he wasn't shivering. Soon the rest of the group began showing up one-by-one. No one had known what had happened to me or what I had been doing.

The dog was solid black, laying against my black paddling pants. Susan finally paddled up and saw my arm around my "leg" and asked if I had hurt my knee. I replied "Look what I found!" and began to relate a little of the rescue. After we had been there for a few minutes, I suddenly felt the dog "move", but he didn't go anywhere. I realized that every muscle in his body had been tensed, and he just suddenly relaxed. At last, he knew he would live!

The rock was small, cold and uncomfortable, and I wanted to find a better place to get out and move around. I put the dog back in my boat, but his time he was a reluctant passenger. He wanted to stay on land! I had to keep one hand on him as we paddled down to Turkey Creek. Those scared eyes were looking up at me the whole time.

At Turkey Creek we got out and I put the dog down. He didn't move. I went up to the road, unsure of my next

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move.

Had someone just lost him? Was his owner running down the river looking for him? Soon Doug came up to the road carrying the dog. It was sunny here and the dog was relaxing and warming up. Shortly he began to shiver. Apparently he had been in the later stages of hypothermia and had been beyond shivering. The dog had truly been near his last breath of life when I had pulled him out.

I took out at Turkey Creek while the rest of the group paddled on. I looked for his owner, but was unsuccessful. It was pretty obvious anyway that he had been roaming the woods for some time.

Outwardly his appearance was terrible. He was nothing but skin and bones. His coat was ragged and filthy. His ears were filthy, with ear mites and ticks. He was covered with fleas; there had to be hundreds of them. I wondered how they had managed to survive that swim.

He turned out to be in pretty bad health as well. He was obviously malnourished, he had tapeworms, and so we also assumed that he had the other intestinal worms, and he had adult heart worms. He wasn't a puppy though. As he dried off, you could see that he had a gray beard. His teeth were well worn also, so this was a middle aged dog.

He was just a mutt, but he looked to be about half Cocker Spaniel, which, when combined with his long spindly legs, made him look kind of like a puppy.

Once, while still at Turkey Creek, I went down to collect my gear, and coaxed the dog into following. As we got near the river and could hear it, he turned around and went back to the road where my truck was. It seemed he didn't want to get near the water.

I put him in the back of my pickup and went downstream to find Susan. Once I stopped and went to the bank to sit and wait for them to paddle by. My truck was on the opposite side of the road. I got the dog to come, too, but not for long. As we sat there waiting, he suddenly got up and made a beeline back to my truck, almost getting run over in the process. He hopped back up in the bed and lay down on a towel I had put back there for him, and wouldn't budge. "Lucky" had found a home! ✂

Heroes

Submitted Anonymously

As kids, we all grow up with heroes. When I was very young it was John Wayne; a little later it turned to Clint Eastwood. Then as I began my paddle addiction, heroes

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turned to the likes of Bill Mason, Tao Bergen and Scott Shipley (even though Scott and Tao didn't set their records on OC-1s). But now that I have a few more years and even more rivers under my belt, I begin to look at more unlikely types as those I admire — the kind of hero that you run into every day.

Take for instance a good friend of mine who bought and taught me how to properly use a throw rope. He taught me to love and respect the waters on which I spend so much of my free time. I look at him as some sort of "model" citizen on the river. He is cautious, clean, and always appreciative of his surroundings.

I have another hero type in my life. A few weeks ago

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it was a dark, cold and rainy Saturday on which I was to meet my paddle partner at one of my favorite rivers. It was a completely miserable day, and we were to meet at the put-in. Would he show up? Absolutely. It is great to know that your paddle partner is a man of his word. As expected, sitting in his truck watching the rain fall and the river rise, was Charlie. Dependable.... and a man of his word.

How about the guy who stood waist deep in a pool all winter training others to roll their OC-1s. No pay or glory. Just a love for the sport.

I have one more hero, a man who knows nothing of white water paddling, or terms like "PFD," "boofing" or "catching an eddy." He did, however, spend his fair share of time in the stern of an old Grumman paddling the quiet waters of Canadian Algonquin country.

He taught a twelve year old boy how to paddle bow, set up camp, and even catch his own dinner. He, in fact, introduced me to this wonderful pastime. And although he had not put a blade in the water for years, recently he found the time to enjoy an afternoon with his son and granddaughter on the metro Hooch. He may not ride like the "Duke" shoot like Clint or slalom like Shipley, but my father is still my paddling hero....

Paddle On!



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FOR SALE - Kayaks, Perception Corsica S, with bulkhead, turquoise - \$350. New Wave Sleek, with bulkhead, bluish black - \$450. Both stored indoors, good condition. Carl 770.532.8698.

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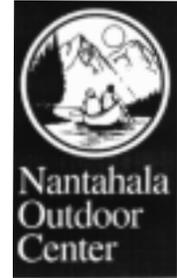
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CANOEING & KAYAKING INSTRUCTION

PADDLING CLINIC INFORMATION

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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:

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