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July GCA Meeting & Boat Demo Day

The July GCA meeting will be held on Thursday, July 20, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. This will be an on-the-water event — we will be paddling and picnicking at the River Park in Roswell on Azalea Drive. Plan to paddle there en toto.... all around the marshes and around the little secret islands across by Huntcliffe.... Stake out some picnic tables — if desired — then paddle and explore. Kids can join in, since it will be non-white water. Then everyone gather 'round about 8:30 and share pot luck — covered dishes and whatever everyone brings to drink. The idea is for everyone to come "self contained" with his/her paper plates and eating utensils; and it will be a very easy, fun time. Bring a new friend to introduce to some easy laid-back paddlin'. How's that sound for Fun, Easy and Different??

And the Boat Demo? In the market for a new boat? Can't demo the one you want? Come one, come all to the First Annual GCA One Day Boat Swap! Get your chance to paddle the boat of your dreams. Everyone bring your boat(s) to the meeting at the River Park on Azalea Drive on Thursday, July 20, 2000, and get your chance to participate in owner demo day.

This is how it works: Bob will bring his Mad River Outrage and Sue will bring her Dagger Rival, and for 30 minutes or so, they will swap boats. This way you are able to find out if the boat you own is really the one for you. The more people that attend, the more variety their will be. So bring your kayak, sit-on-top, flat or white water canoe and join the fun!

ALL boats are welcomed. For more information or to RSVP e-mail Cameron at cppaddle@cs.com. Or you can call and leave Cameron a message at 678.376.5863.

Who Cares About Fee Demo Anyway?

by Julia Franks

Ever since I began paddling three years ago, it seems like every time I turn around there have been a bunch of crotchety Republicans blustering about fee demo. "Double taxation" and "too much government interference" seem to be the battle cries. Well... I thought, so what, really? What's the big deal about paying $2 or $4 to park by a river? Rather than getting your knickers in a twist over a few dollars, why not just go out and paddle? And, if we bluster ourselves blue in the face over paying a few dollars, doesn't that in the long run make paddlers appear short-sighted and self-interested rather than concerned about the future of public lands as a whole? My position was, "Don't we have bigger fish to fry?"

I have since changed my mind.

Who should make decisions about public lands? *(Cont'd on page 15)*

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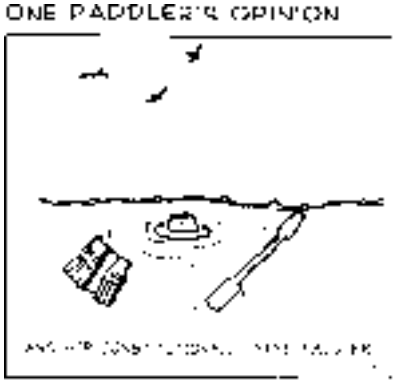

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To volunteer to help with club activities - Call President Brannen Proctor at 770.664.7384 or contact the committee chairperson for your area of interest.

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.

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
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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 **gacanoe@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

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
8	Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Linda Delery	404.688.3047
8	Toccoa	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Dick Hurd	770.664.4770
8	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Steve Cramer	706.208.8382
9	Cartecay	Class 3-4 Advanced	Dick Hurd	770.664.4770
15	Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Brannen Proctor	770.664.7384
15	Upper Hooch	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Bill Convis	770.751.9258
15	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Lindsay Meeks	404.872.5211
15	Chattooga Section 4	Class 3-4 Advanced	Roger Nott	770.536.6923
15	Nantahala Lake (Note 1)	Flat Water	Chuck Creekmore	770.995.5788
16	Cartecay (Note 2)	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Edward Stockman	770.441.9767
20	Club Meeting / Paddle — Fun — Chattahoochee River Park at Azalea Drive, Roswell — Kay Redmond			404.237.7242
22	Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Mary Ann Pruitt	770.439.1825
22	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Ray Channell	404.636.5944
23	Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Mary Ann Pruitt	770.439.1825
23	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Dave Chaney	770.973.7910
24	Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Allen Hedden	770.426.4318
29	Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Pablo Murphy	770.592.4981
29	Toccoa	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Tom Martin	770.662.0058
29	Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Ricky Bowman	770.425.0911

August

3	Board of Directors Meeting	Atlanta Botanical Garden	Brannen Proctor	770.664.7384
5	Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Jim Griffin	770.498.3695
5	Upper Toccoa	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Jim Kautz	770.321.9826
5	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Brannen Proctor	770.664.7384
6	Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Jim Griffin	770.498.3695
6	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Tom Ottinger	706.276.2375
17	Club Meeting / Paddle — Fun — Chattahoochee River Park at Azalea Drive, Roswell — Kay Redmond			404.237.7242
24	Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Allen Hedden	770.426.4318

Note 1: Moonlight cruise - See article in *The Eddy Line*.
Note 2: River clean-up trip.

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 aviod 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
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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
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A Paddler's Guide to the Obed/Emory Watershed
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Basic River Canoeing
Boundary Waters I&II
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Buyer's Guide 1994 (Paddler Magazine)
Buyer's Guide 1996 (Paddler Magazine)
California Whitewater - A Guide to the Rivers
Canoe Racing (Marathon & Down River)
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Carolina Whitewater (Western Carolina)
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Florida information (assorted)
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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 Mouintains
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 over 340 subscribers. Thanks to Mike Kaplan and our friends at Kaplan Communications (an Internet Access Provider) for providing software and server space for the GCA email list.

Here's how the list works:

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

subscribe gacanoe

You will receive a verification that you are subscribed and a welcome message with instructions on how to unsubscribe and various other commands available through the service. Be sure to save this information for future reference.

All GCA announcements and forwarded email from other sources concerning new river access issues, late breaking news items of interest to the paddling community, etc., will be sent out via the GCA email list at gacanoe@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 Sinquefield at asinquefield@corecommerce.com

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 — gacanoe@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 availble to paddle weekdays when school is out (students and teachers), and even those who have a lot of vacation time to burn and want to take vacation days for paddling. The list includes members who paddle smooth water as well as all classes of white water

If you would like to be included in the list, please call Allen Hedden at 770.426.4318 and leave your name, phone number, days of the week you are available to paddle, and class of water (flat, I thru V) that you are interested in paddling. You will then receive an up-to-date copy of the list. The list will be re-published quarterly (January, April, July, October). Updates are available by request through the GCA phone line. If you received your copy of the list more than 3 months ago, you should request an updated copy (the July update is out). There have been considerable changes to the list. To receive an up-to-date copy, call the GCA phone line at 770.421.9729 and leave your name and address with a request for the updated list.

Electronic Eddy Line Email Failures

Not getting your electronic version of *The Eddy Line*? The following email IDs had mail failure notices for the May *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.

mjgrn6958@cs.com

Upcoming Events of Interest

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 16 — Gauley Fest 2000 — Nicholas County Veterans Memorial Park, Summersville, WV.

October 27-29 — NOC Guest Appreciation Festival — Nabntahala River, Wesser, 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.

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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!

Gauley Festival 2000

Saturday, September 16

The folks at American Whitewater want to make sure you are aware of the correct date for this year's Gauley River Festival — September 16, 2000. As this is a week earlier than the event's traditional date, we are taking extra steps to assure that the paddling community is given ample notice of the change.

Another, more exciting, change for this year's Gauley Fest is that it will be extended by two hours. Gates open at 5:00 p.m., and the party will go on well into the night with continuous music until 2:00 a.m. This is good news for attendees and exhibitors alike.

Continuous music is indeed the theme of Gauley Festival 2000. With bluegrass tunes from Blue Hound, blues by Jimmy Fleming and another rocking band yet to be announced, there will be no lull in the festivities.

Gauley Festival 2000 will, as always, feature The Marketplace — an extensive array of manufacturers, retailers and paddling schools from all over the country; a huge silent auction; raffle; non-stop, award-winning white water video; food and camping. Representatives of American Whitewater and West Virginia river groups will also be on hand to fill you in on current access and conservation issues.

Proceeds of the Gauley River Festival support the American Whitewater's mission to conserve and restore America's white water resources and enhance opportunities to enjoy them safely.

The site of the Gauley Fest is Nicholas County Veterans Memorial Park on Route 19N in Summersville, West Virginia. See you there!

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Suggested GCA Trip Sign-up Guidelines

Some considerations to be made when signing up for GCA trips and activities:

Be considerate of our trip coordinators (TCs). Avoid calling late at night, or at the last minute, to sign up for a club trip. Many of the more popular trips fill up very quickly. Calling early in the week, or even earlier, helps to ensure you get a spot on the trip and helps the TC to make plans. We do not have an easy time getting people to coordinate trips, and these little annoyances help to discourage the few we get from repeating their favor.

Please do not attempt to sign up for a trip via email. Many potential trip participants may not be aware that participation in club trip is not guaranteed. Two major reasons for this are that trip sizes may be limited because of many factors, and there is a de facto screening process that takes place when someone calls to sign up for a club trip. Boaters are allowed to participate in a club trip solely at the discretion of the trip coordinator.

Trip size limitations may take place due to river conditions, river characteristics, safety considerations, governmental agency regulations, permit systems, parking availability at put-ins & take-outs, or trip coordinator preference (not wanting to deal with the logistics of a 40 person trip). Again, we don't want to do anything to discourage these TCs from repeating their favor, so try to cooperate with these limitations.

For the same reasons, avoid just showing up for a club trip without signing up with the trip coordinator. Calling and leaving a voice mail message or sending an email does not constitute signing up. TCs often do not get last minute messages or emails before leaving for their trips. And if the trip is already maxed out, you may get to the river and not be able to go on the trip.

The screening process for potential trip participants is a tool to help avoid putting TCs and other trip participants, and indeed the callers themselves, in the awkward and often unsafe position of dealing with trip participants who may unnecessarily get into trouble on a club trip. Other than because of trips being full, TCs may decline to

have a caller participate in a trip and gently suggest that perhaps she/he should consider not participating, or signing up for a trip of a lower difficulty level, if they suspect that the caller may not have the necessary skills, experience, proper type of boat or outfitting, adequate paddling or rescue equipment, proper protective clothing, or any number of other things that may affect the caller's ability to participate in the trip without placing him- or herself in an unsafe position. This avoids affecting the quality of the trip experience for the TC and the other participants, as well as not jeopardizing the safety of the screenee.

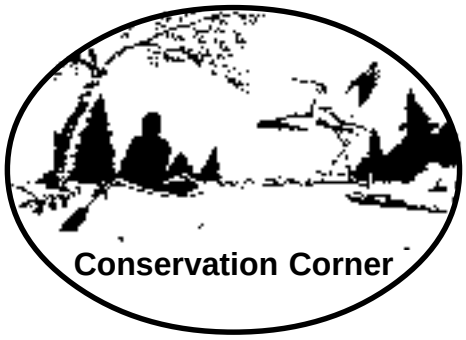
As a potential trip participant, if you find yourself "screened out" of a trip, try to ascertain why, so you can work toward remedying the conditions that cast doubts on your ability to participate safely. Ask for suggestions that may help you prepare for future trips of a particular difficulty level. As a trip coordinator, try to be honest but tactful when screening potential participants for your trips. Paddlers' egos bruise very easily — we are mostly a proud and independent lot. If it comes down to it, though, a bruised ego is better than a lost or broken boat, a severe injury, or worse. And no one wants their ego to cause problems for an entire group.

One last thing that should NEVER be done — Don't sign up for a trip and then invite / allow other people to come with you on the trip. The correct protocol is to have the other people individually contact the trip coordinator directly to sign up for the trip. Again, we want to be considerate of the TCs so they will continue to coordinate trips, and "surprises" are not a good way to do this.

Your cooperation and understanding in adhering to these guidelines are very much appreciated.

FERC Relicensing on the Chattahoochee

by Nathan K. Boddie



We are all paddlers, so there is little need to expound on the damage done to the natural environment by dams and hydropower. Instead let me tell you about how you can take action to remove hydropower from Georgia's rivers. All that is required is your opinion and your signature in exchange for an opportunity that occurs only once each half century or so in a dam's life.

Most hydropower is licensed by FERC, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Every fifty years or so a dam which has a FERC license comes up for relicensing, and it is then that operation of the dam can be changed. Unfortunately it is only during relicensing that anything can be done about a particular dam or its impacts on a river. If the opportunity is lost it will be another fifty years for another chance.

Currently there are three dams on the Middle Chattahoochee around Columbus, Georgia, up for relicensing. Georgia Power, who is currently in the process of receiving public comment for the relicensing, runs them. These dams were built on the fall line near Columbus along rocky granite outcrops. Sound familiar? That's right. There is white water under those reservoirs, virgin rapids which haven't been seen by human eyes since early in the 20th century. Not only that, but there are a number of rare or endangered species being impacted by the dams even as you read this newsletter.

Take the first step in removing these dams from the Chattahoochee. Read the comment letter below, and if you agree, send a signed copy to:

Chris M. Hobson
Georgia Power Company Environmental Affairs
241 Ralph McGill Blvd. NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30308
Attn: George Martin

S. Ronald McKitrick
Office of Energy Projects
FERC
3125 Presidential Parkway Suite 300
Atlanta, Georgia 30340

If you don't have the electronic *Eddy Line* and can't cut and paste, send me your email at nkboddie@mindspring.com and I will happily email you a copy. If you would like a snail mail copy, write to me: Nathan K. Boddie 3070 Greenville Road, LaGrange, GA 30241.

These are the first of more than 60 dams in the southeast soon to come up for relicensing and any message sent now will have a resounding effect. Thank you for your help. SYOTR. *[Letter follows on next page]*

June 1, 2000
Chris M. Hobson
Georgia Power Company Environmental Affairs
241 Ralph McGill Blvd. NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30308
Attn: George Martin
Dear Mr. Hobson:

During the recent flow study meeting in Columbus the CHEOPS model was presented and explained. This model was customized for Georgia Power and created specifically for the reach of impounded river within the project area. While CHEOPS may adequately describe flow through the three impoundments in this project, it has no component for assessing the effects this flow will have on biological resources in the river. No effort has yet been made to obtain habitat area data and relate these measurements to the impact caused by impounding the river. Some mention was made during the meeting of using parts of the IHA model developed by the Nature Conservancy. However, no specific method for using this model was explained, and its use in this CHEOPS model is arbitrary at best, based on the whim of the applicant regarding what habitats are considered and for which organisms.

Rather than simply describing the physical parameters of flow through the reservoirs in the Middle Chattahoochee, a far greater effort is needed to determine the impact different flow regimes have on habitat and organisms in the Chattahoochee. Without this information, no impact study should be considered adequate.

Georgia Power has not considered a natural flow regime as an alternative to relicensing of the Middle Chattahoochee Hydro Project. Throughout the flow study workshop, various organizations and stake holders inquired about baseline hydrographs and natural flow. Georgia Power dismissed these inquiries by stating that it was not required to assess a natural flow for the relicensing process. FERC seemed to contradict Georgia Power's interpretation by suggesting that natural flow in the Chattahoochee be considered as the baseline for determining hydropower impacts.

I would like to echo this suggestion and urge Georgia Power to consider the Chattahoochee in its natural state before hydropower impoundments were put in the river as a basis for comparison with current conditions. To suggest that it is not necessary to consider natural flow because the river is already impounded is circular logic and renders moot the entire FERC relicensing process.

The aquatic inhabitants of the Middle Chattahoochee River form a unique ecosystem, which is impacted by operation of the Georgia Power dams within the project area. Georgia Power has not conducted an adequate study of the habitat and organisms at risk from operation of these facilities in the flow study characterization. The following protected fish species are found within the project area:

Bluestripe Shiner	*Cyprinella callitaenia* (Threatened, GA; of Concern, AL)
Shoal Bass	*Micropterus cataractae* (of Concern, GA, AL)
Greater Jump Rock	*Scartomyzon lachneri* (of Concern, AL)
Grayfin Redhorse	*Moxostoma spp.* (of Concern, AL)
Highscale Shiner	*Notropis hypsilepis* (Threatened, GA; of Concern, AL)
Dixie Chub	*Semotilus thoreauianus* (of Concern, AL).

Of these species, Georgia Power found the Bluestripe Shiner, *Cyprinella callitaenia*, in only one location within the project area. The habitat was in Wacoochee Creek, a tributary above the operational pool of the impoundments but within the project area. If the reservoirs were drawn down to expose other Bluestripe Shiner habitat which is now flooded, this could potentially help reestablish populations of this protected species. To this end Georgia Power should analyze basin topography and flooded habitat further.

Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GDNR) and Alabama Department of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (ADWFF) indicated that the Shoal Bass, *Micropterus cataractae,* were likely to occur in all reservoirs and tailraces within the project area. Georgia Power has identified this species in relatively few locations and should conduct a more thorough survey within the project area in order to determine the presence or absence of this species more accurately and the impact hydropower operations have for Shoal Bass populations.

Each of the species above receives legal protection in Georgia and/or Alabama. The flow characterization by Georgia Power does not adequately address impacts to these species or their habitat.

The mussel survey conducted by Georgia Power was inadequate to determine the presence or absence of any protected mussel species. Without this information Georgia Power is unable to assess the impact dam operations and altered flow regimes have on any such species. The following protected mussel species occur historically within the project area.

Purple Bankclimber	*Elliptoideus sloatianus*
Shiny-rayed Pocketbook	*Lampsilis subangulata*
Gulf Moccasinshell	*Medionidus penicillatus*
Oval Pigtoe	*Pluerobema pyriforme*

More thorough mussel surveys exist for the project area already, compiled by Carson Stringfellow, and should be obtained by Georgia Power. This information may then be used to more adequately assess impacts from impounded flow on these species and their habitat.

No surveys to detect protected plant species were conducted within the project area. Without this information Georgia Power and FERC will be unable to adequately assess impacts on plant species from impounded flow regimes. The Shoals Spiderlily, *Hymenocallis coronaria,* is listed as Endangered in Georgia and as a candidate species for federal listing. The plant has been identified in Muscogee and Harris Counties. The Shoals Spiderlilly grows in cracks of exposed rocky shoals in major streams and rivers. Major reasons for the decline of this plant are listed as habitat loss due to river impoundment and siltation (Patrick et al., 1995). Therefore I recommend a thorough survey of the project area to detect the presence of this species and any other protected plant species impacted by the operation of Middle Chattahoochee Hydro Project.

Operation of the dams included within this relicensing project area directly and adversely impacts a variety of protected species. The Bluestripe Shiner,

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Cyprinella callitaenia, threatened in Georgia and a species of concern in Alabama, is adversely impacted by impoundment of streams in the Chattahoochee and Flint River basins. This fish occurs within the project area. Sedimentation of breeding sites also contributes to the loss of this species (Ozier et al., 1999). Ozier recommend maintaining and restoring habitat and water quality as the primary factors in conservation of the Bluestripe Shiner. Furthermore, natural patterns of streamflow are essential to Bluestripe Shiner recovery (Ozier et al., 1999).

The Highscale Shiner, *Notropis hypsilepis,* has been found within the project area as well. The major threat to this species is listed as reservoir impoundment and associated habitat loss. Recovery of the species is dependent on restoring and maintaining habitat as well as preserving natural stream flow regime (Ozier et. al 1999). All four species of protected native mussels mentioned previously are adversely impacted by impoundments within their habitat (Ozier et al., 1999). Although not yet detected by Georgia Power's cursory survey, these species are likely to exist within the project area.

The Shoals Spiderlilly, *Hymenocallis coronaria,* is also found in Muscogee County and is negatively impacted by river impoundments. Any activity which increases sediment in waters and any alteration of streamflow are listed as primary activities to avoid in order for this species to recover (Patrick et al., 1995).

I would like to urge Georgia Power to consider a more adequate study of the various issues mentioned above. I would also like to recommend a natural flow regime be used as a baseline for impact assessment from this project and that dam removal be considered as a viable alternative to relicensing of the three dams included in the Middle Chattahoochee Hydro Project (FERC # 2177). If a natural flow regime is not possible, I would like satisfactory justification for this decision from Georgia Power in the form of cost benefit analysis and likely impact on protected species.

Thank you for considering these suggestions.

Respectfully,

[YOUR NAME AND INFORMATION HERE]

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A Few Words About Danger and Safety on the River

by Doug Ammons

Whether you kayak, raft or canoe, weird accidents can happen in moving water. Most are small and annoying, but some are scary, and a few are fatal. Whether it's an afternoon or a multi-day trip, it's wise to keep in mind a few words about danger and safety.

Most people think of accidents in terms of making mistakes. but these seldom come out of nowhere. In fact, most technical mistakes are at the end of a series of decisions made due to ignorance or certain attitudes, such as lack of respect, and impatience. So, in addition to being a competent paddler, it's important to watch out for the effects of these attitudes.

Every accident has a set of specific judgments and decisions that set the scene. Some prime human factors are impatience, arrogance, ignorance about the water and equipment. Don't believe that because you are having fun nothing bad can happen — fun is not a shield against danger. Take a safety course, practice with your safety gear, listen carefully to the funny (and not-so-funny) anecdotes of friends.

Safety depends on more than physical skills. It comes from your attitude toward the water and your teammates. The same things that create the fun on the river are also what create its seriousness. The river comes alive when you understand it, and can be deadly when you don't.

Finally, every decision on the river is yours to make. Don't allow other people to make them for you, either by peer pressure, default or nonchalance. Listen to your intuition. It is the sum of your life's experience speaking to you, even if you don't know exactly what it is saying. Pushing your limits gently will educate it and encourage it to speak out. An adrenaline rush is a clear sign that you overstepped the bounds of what you thought you could do — or should do.

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Instruction / Training

Beginning Sea Kayak Clinic

by Steve Cramer

May 20-21, 2000. I ended up with 6 paddlers enrolled, some GCA, some Atlanta Kayakers, and one furriner from west of Tallapoosa. They included John Rebers, Lonnie McBride, Marcia Jenkins, Belita Gordon, Don Shirk, and Cheryl Thompson.

Work prevented my getting an early start on the trip down to Charleston on Friday, so we didn't meet up until Saturday morning on the bank of Shem Creek. Everyone was in a plastic sea kayak except Don, who was paddling a gorgeous Chesapeake 17 he had built himself, and Cheryl, in an Ocean Kayak Frenzy (that's the name of her boat, not her emotional state). After a brief stop at Coastal Expeditions to pick up Belita's new graphite paddle, we headed down the creek into Charleston Harbor. The weather was clear, but windy.

We paddled across to Crab Bank and were greeted by the usual 2,462 nesting pelicans. Hoping to use the island as a wind shield, we paddled close to the eastern shore, but the wind still blew us around a good bit as we practiced strokes. Not to mention being downwind of 2,462 pelicans isn't the sweetest place to be. Don was kind enough to flip and then demonstrated a paddlefloat-assisted self-rescue.

As the day went on, we alternated practicing strokes and rescues. The wind was annoying, as it kept blowing us into a group of moored boats and we had to keep paddling back to the island. John and Lonnie both have sea kayak rolls, but practiced all the self-rescues anyway, since rolls are never 100%, as I demonstrated by blowing two in a row and coming up on the third. Later, we were visited by a pod of dolphins, who swam up into our group. They didn't stay long, though.

After lunch on the island, practice continued. I had promised the class a trip up the harbor to visit the USS Yorktown, but the 10-20 knot winds coming across the harbor would have been on our beam and I knew some of the boats would weathercock, plus Cheryl's little sit-on-top would have had a hard time, so I regretfully nixed the trip. Maybe next time. Instead, we moved back into Shem Creek to get out of the wind. It didn't help much, and we had incoming tide now as well, so we had to keep shifting around.

We were off the water about 4:30, so time for a shower, a beer, and a nap before the obligatory seafood dinner at The Wreck.

Sunday was overcast and still windy. Arriving at the beach on Sullivan's Island, some of the students were a little apprehensive about the look of the sea. Distinctly bumpy and dark. By the time we were ready to put on, though, things had brightened and it was inviting. We spent the morning learning how to deal with breaking waves, first head on (the easy way) and then abeam (the interesting way). The surf was not big, but it doesn't take a big wave to flip you. Seas past the beach break, where we spent some time, were 1-2 feet, high for that area.

I tried paddling the Frenzy, which is far too stable for its own good. Punching through even 2 foot waves is dramatic. I surfed back in and purposely broached into the soup to test it out. I was very frustrated when I couldn't get it to edge into the wave by lifting my onshore knee. Then I realized my knee wasn't pushing against anything. Duh.

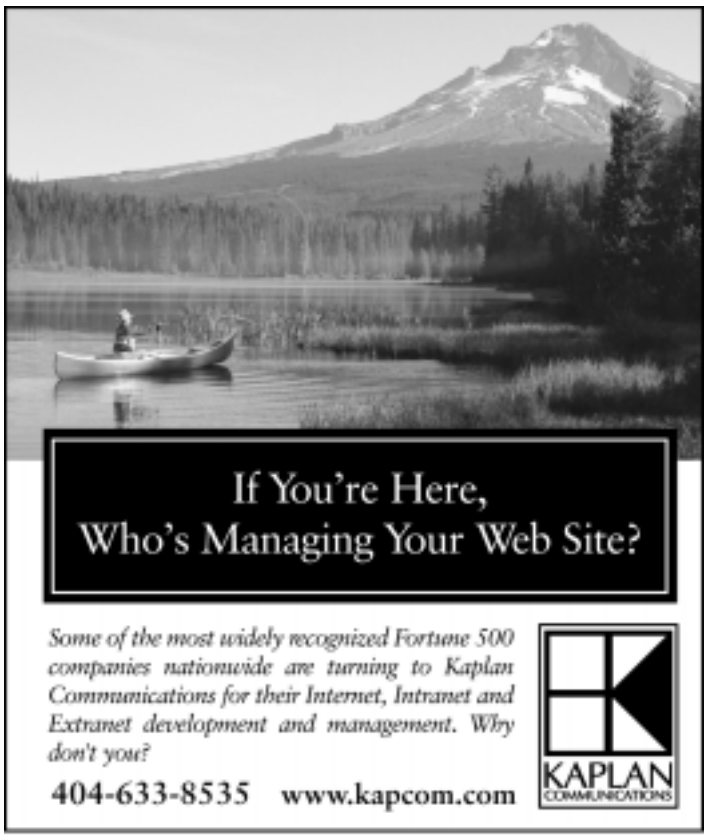
After lunch, we punched through the surf and paddled about 300 yards out to a sandbar were the falling tide was causing some breaking waves. I was the last off the beach and looked out with some concern to see the group heading to an area where two wave fronts were crossing at right angles. I quickly rounded them up into an area where all the waves broke the same direction. We played there for over an hour, with some people surfing (notably John and Lonnie) and others just working back and forth through the waves. A couple of swims punctuated the fun, but as the water was only 1-3 feet deep, no one actually swam, just stood up. Lonnie did his first combat sea kayak roll, which impressed everyone, including him, although he insisted it was a fluke.

Most everybody (except John) ran out of steam about 3:00, so we called it a day. Actually, we called it two very good days. I had so much fun I'm thinking of offering the same clinic in the fall, say late September. Call or email me if you're interested.

Rolling Tip of the Month (Becoming Bomb Proof)

by Eric Jackson

Here is how to take your roll from where it is to 100% effective. Everyone learns to roll, then goes through some kind of regression, forgets their roll, then gets it pretty good again, giving them 90% confidence in it, Then, oops, what happened? At this point, you will either rise up, or go down forever.



There is no medium ground here. You know you have the skills to roll; it is a head game. Here is what you do. (I have taught thousands of people to roll, and they never swim!)

1. You must be confident and proficient in your basic technique. So start at the beginning. Go to the side of the pool, practice the hip snap. You must pay attention when doing it (no going through the motions). Keep your head in the water until the cockpit hits you in the side (you have done a complete hip snap) then bring your head out. Remember, you body is weightless in the water, 1" out of the water and you weigh 150 pounds (or what ever you weigh). So upright the boat while weightless, then bring your body out.
2. Do the same exercise, but with your paddle on the side of the pool, drop in the water, hip snap up. Open your eyes and look at the bottom of the pool; don't take your eyes off the bottom until your boat is upright.
3. Do the entire roll a couple of times having someone watch for proper technique. If you can roll again, with 75% proper technique or better, you are ready for the next step, becoming a roller for life.

ROLLING VS. SWIMMING IS A NO COMPROMISE MENTAL DECISION! When you are underwater, your ability to make quality decisions is limited. In fact, I wouldn't want to rely on any decisions I make underwater. So it is critical to make all important decisions in advance of getting in your kayak.

#1 Decision — When I flip over, I roll up. This is an easy one. If you are walking across the street and you fall down, you just stand up and walk to the other side. You don't lay there and wait for someone to help you. Why? Because you know how to stand up. If you try to get up and fall again, what do you do? You stand up and walk across the street before you get run over by a truck.

If you tip over, you roll up, if you miss a roll, you set up and do it right the next time. Rolling is easy — you know how to do it on both sides. The only time you don't roll is when you aren't focused on the task at hand — SET UP, COCK UP, HIP SNAP, HEAD DOWN. That is all you can do when underwater.

IMPORTANT FACTS:

1. All you can do underwater is roll up.
2. If you think about anything but rolling up, you will have more trouble rolling.

Scenarios:

You tip over and your paddle hits a rock underwater — Set up and roll.

You are set up but your head bounces on a rock — roll up.

You feel a huge boil and swirly water and you are having trouble setting up — Set up and roll (it may take another 5 seconds).

You are up against rocks on one side — Set up and roll on other side.

Get the point? Every time you are upside down, you focus on the roll and roll up. The option — Swim (Swimming takes at least 5 more seconds to get air than rolling — you bang your legs, waste 5 minutes, get cold, endanger yourself and everyone with you). So swimming is not an option.

HOW DO I PRACTICE MY ROLL TO HAVE TOTAL CONFIDENCE IT WILL ALWAYS WORK?

Once you are confident in a pool that you will get back up if you tip over (you can roll) you can begin your real roll practice. NEVER, NEVER, NEVER TIP OVER WITH YOUR PADDLE SET UP IN ROLL POSITION!!!! This will never happen in a river, so practicing this way means every time you tip in a river it will feel different to you than in practice. Your goal is to get comfortable with every conceivable position to start your roll from underwater.

Examples:

Tip with your paddle behind your back, over your head, holding with one hand backwards, bad grip, etc. Tip with your paddle off to the side of the boat, look for it and swim to it, grab it, set up and roll.

Time your self underwater — practice extending your time underwater with a reasonable comfort level. The average person is comfortable for 10-15 seconds on the first try and 15-30 seconds on the second try. This means it is possible for you to double the time you have to be comfortable underwater with a little practice (underwater is no big deal unless you feel panic; extending the time you have before panic is easy and critical).

Learn an "intuitive roll" — You can now roll any old which way but loose. You no longer roll set up. You can pass your paddle over the boat while underwater, etc. Awesome.

One more step... Getting past the "learned mechanical roll". You do a sweep roll, or a C to C roll. Fine. Rolling, though, is simply getting a bite on the water and hip snapping up. You should take your roll past the beginner phase and learn to roll in all kinds of positions of paddle and body.

Here is how you do it:

1. Flop in the water with your paddle in the high brace position and roll back up (deep high brace).
2. Same thing but let the paddle go underwater to a 30 degree angle, then roll up.
3. Do it again letting the paddle go deep to 60 degrees, then roll up.
4. Go to 90 degrees then roll up.

Miss a roll? No problem, set up and roll normally. What you are trying to achieve in the above exercise is to learn what you can get away with and still roll up. It is not necessary to "set up & do a C to C roll" every time. In fact, most of the time you should be able to turn a flip into a quick hip snap back up. Why? Because you generally tip over with the paddle in a position that is similar to one that your are practicing above (60 degrees into the water for example).

You can always set up and do the "proper roll technique" if you miss a quick roll up. However, if you don't learn that you can roll from any position, you won't ever have an intuitive roll.

Summary:

1. Decide that you NEVER swim. (The only time swimming is safer than staying in the boat is when the boat is pinned solid to something.)
2. Practice "combat rolls" only — that is the only kind you will ever have to do.
3. Extend the amount of time you are comfortable underwater (a bath tub is good for this too).
4. Learn an "intuitive roll" — rolling any which way (it is all about getting a bite on the water with your paddle and doing a good hip snap, keeping the head down).
5. Imagine every possible situation that could possibly occur in the river and try to simulate it in the pool (use the sides, use other kayakers, use a broken paddle, etc.).
6. Learn a hand roll after the intuitive roll.

ONE MORE THING. TIME TO PUT AN OLD WIVES TALE TO REST ONCE AND FOR ALL!!!! It is not better to roll leaning forward vs. leaning back! The last three years there has been some kind of underground cult that has ruined the rolls of thousands of boaters, endangering them in the river, ruining their confidence, and their on the water enjoyment. This cult has been teaching that you should ALWAYS roll up leaning forward. BS, NO GOOD!

Their theory is by rolling up leaning forward you protect your face from hitting rocks. Wrong!! By the time you have done your hip snap and are coming up, if you are leaning back, your face is pointed at the sky, not the bottom of the river. Leaning forward during hip snap hinders your hip snap by 50%. This means you will be missing many more rolls than if you lean back. It also raises your center of gravity on the roll by 50%, taking more energy to roll up.

You want to nail your first roll every time! This means good hip snap (leaning back a little or all of the way), keep your center of gravity low (leaning back) and finish every roll in bracing position (leaning back, paddle out to the side). Leaning forward means missing rolls, slamming rocks on your way back in, coming up out of position for a good brace to keep you up, etc. SAY NO TO THE CULT!

With all of this said remember.... You will see me, and all of the best boaters, breaking all of the rules mentioned above (except the swimming part) because our rolls are so intuitive that we just "roll up" with no regard to technique or a consistent approach. I rarely ever set up and roll, I often lean forward so I am in position to take my next stroke, I will lean back if it is important that I stay up, etc. You, too, can get there, but a breaking out of the "mechanical roll" mold is the first step.

I hope this was a worthwhile rolling article for everyone. See you on the water!

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Who Cares About Fee Demo, Anyway?

(Cont'd from page 1) The issue of fee demo is very possibly the tip of the proverbial iceberg that floats just below our line of sight (or at least, until recently, just below my line of sight. Some of you who read this may have had the jump on this issue for years). That issue is simply this: Who — what groups or institutions or persons — will have the power to make decisions about the future of public lands? Will government have control over national and state forests and parks, will private users, or will private industry?

Me? I had always assumed that the government would be the one to administer public lands. That's the nature of public lands, right? And, assuming that were true, would it really be so bad to give Uncle Sam a few extra dollars to pump into heavily trafficked areas? A little sewage management or trash pick-up never did any harm, right? And, hey, I know that the Forest Service isn't populated with tree huggers, but I've been generally happy plodding through my life with the belief that Mike Dombeck and his ilk are generally trying to balance the interests of the population, the logging industry, and the planet.... In short, I haven't felt particularly threatened by the government, if for no other reason than that it is notoriously slow and inefficient about making any policy changes at all. So the vision of a monstrous and stealthy government conspiracy poised to swoop down on little old me in a strategic attempt to line its own nest was not very convincing to me at all.

Fee-demo is inextricably linked to private industry.

In short, if the federal government were guaranteed to be the sole managers of fee-demonstration, I probably wouldn't feel particularly threatened. Unfortunately, however, the program (which ostensibly began as a test) is unlikely to remain entirely government-administered; already the program is inextricably linked with the recreation industry.

Huh?

What does private industry have to do with paying the $2 to use the national forest? As we've already seen with the parking fees at the Chattooga, it would cost the

Forest Service more to actually collect the fees and enforce their payment than they actually make from the fees themselves. Similarly, the fees collected at the Nantahala National Forest are in all likelihood not profitable, once the cost of enforcement and prosecution is figured in.

Perhaps the folks in the Great Smoky National Park, the most recent venue to adopt fee-demo, will come to the same conclusions; enforcement is too expensive to be carried out with consistency and fairness. (One Idaho hiker, for example, is reported to have refused to pay her fees on the grounds that she wasn't there to "recreate" but rather for "spiritual renewal." She was exonerated.)

So.... what to do? In past situations, for example at Stone Mountain and at Lake Lanier Islands, the state government has given control of fees to private concessionaires. There is every indication, many feel, that federal fee-collecting programs will, for the sake of efficiency and economy, rely more and more upon the recreation industry to collect fees and manage the revenue.

In fact, the fee demo program, originally instituted from 1996-2001, is backed by commercial recreation corporations like Delaware North, American Motorcycle Association, and the ORV industry, not to mention groups like the American Recreation Coalition, a consortium of more than a hundred corporations (including KOA, Yamaha, Chevron, Exxon, and Disney) that has helped design and fund the Fee Demonstration Program.

Also involved in the design of the program is Senator Frank Murkowski, a Republican from Alaska and the chairman of the Senate's Natural Resources Committee. According to a recent email from Sunny Sorensen of the Sierra Club's Fee Demo Task Force, the program "encourages federal agencies to cooperate with private commercial partners in charging and collecting fees and in operating facilities." Such services on the part of the recreation industry would not be gratis of course; these companies stand to benefit a great deal.

As GCA member and attorney for river access Dan MacIntyre put it, if fee collection is turned over to concessionaires, these groups will be able to more effectively leverage changes in park policy that may or may not reflect the interest of the public. (Consider, for example, the paved walkways and viewing platforms at the Nantahala.) Private concessionaires will naturally be driven primarily by the profit motive and will in all likelihood attempt to draw more visitors.

As Andy Dappen pointed out in a March article in Canoe and Kayak Magazine, "Because their budgets have been slashed, the Forest Service, Park Service, BLM, and Fish and Wildlife Service have been encouraged not only to charge user fees but also to align themselves with private organizations that can develop and maintain recreational opportunities. Winnebago-driving Americans with motorboats in tow may appreciate where this public-private alliance leads (more concessions; fewer restrictions on motorboats, jet skis, motorcycles, and RVs; campgrounds with showers, Laundromats, and grocery stores; swankier hotels and lodges; interpretive displays teaching us about the outdoors indoors), but we who value undeveloped recreation and the spiritual connection to raw nature will find the wilderness under siege."

I suspect that in the long run the recreation industry has the potential to be far more of a threat than Uncle Sam. Compared to the behemoth that is federal government, corporate industry can be agile indeed.

The Commercialization of the Wilderness?

Thus the recent outcry, (from public lands activist Scott Silver of Wildwilderness, among others) about the "Disney-fication of the wilderness," "the corporate takeover of nature" and the "marketing of the sunset." As Silver quotes Francis Pandolfi of the United States Forest Service: "Have we fully explored our gold mine of recreation opportunities in this country and managed it as if it were consumer product brands? How could it be done? As federal agencies and others transition from providing outdoor recreation at no cost to the consumer to charging for access and services, we can expect to see many changes in the way we operate. Selling a product, even to an eager customer, is very different from giving it away. In an increasing-demand environment, additional funding or investment will be required for both the public and private sectors if we are to improve the quality and amount of opportunities in the years ahead."

Again from Dappen at Canoe and Kayak Magazine: "Giving private enterprises access to our public lands will lead to development, something of which the Forest Service is well aware. In its 'Private-Public Ventures Desk Guide,' it notes that changes are required to accommodate private partners. 'There are traditional views of what types of facilities are appropriate in the national forests; these views may need to be reevaluated. For instance, to provide a viable business opportunity (for a concessioned campground) it may be necessary to consider amenities such as showers and telephones, or additional sources of revenue such as laundries, electrical hookups, or camp stores that are not traditionally associated with Forest Service campgrounds.' This 'Desk Guide' also recognizes that staying at such a campground won't be cheap. To create the bottom line needed, private partners will require an 'average income per site, per night of $20.'"

Yikes.

The proposal to make fee-demo permanent

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The test program is supposed to end in September 2001, but the prospect of permanent fee demo is immediately upon us. The proposal to make fees permanent has been attached as a rider to House Interior Appropriations Bill, which is currently in Congress. If this bill passes, not only is fee demo here to stay, but it may open the door for more commercial control of federal land use decisions.

Paying fees hurts our pride, it hurts our wallets (a little), and it hurts our sense of fair play. But the implication of paying fees has the potential to hurt us a whole lot more than that. I speak particularly to those who are, like me, at the beginning of their paddling careers; this issue could have a significant impact upon your future paddling life (and your future rock climbing life, and your future hiking life, and your future spelunking life, and your future mountain biking life.....)

The House Interior Appropriations Bill is in Congress now and is being decided now. Now is the time to let your congressman know how you feel. Write a letter, or feel free to borrow from mine. But do it now. A significant decision is being piggy-backed through congress as a rider while we, the sleepy-eyed public, focus our attention elsewhere.

For Further Information:

Forest Service at http://www.fs.fed.us

American Recreation Coalition at http://www.funoutdoors.com

Andy Dappen's article in the March issue of Canoe and Kayak Magazine at http://www.canoekayak.com. Click on "feature articles" on the left side bar.

Wild Wilderness Web site at http://www.wildwilderness.org

Writing your congressman:

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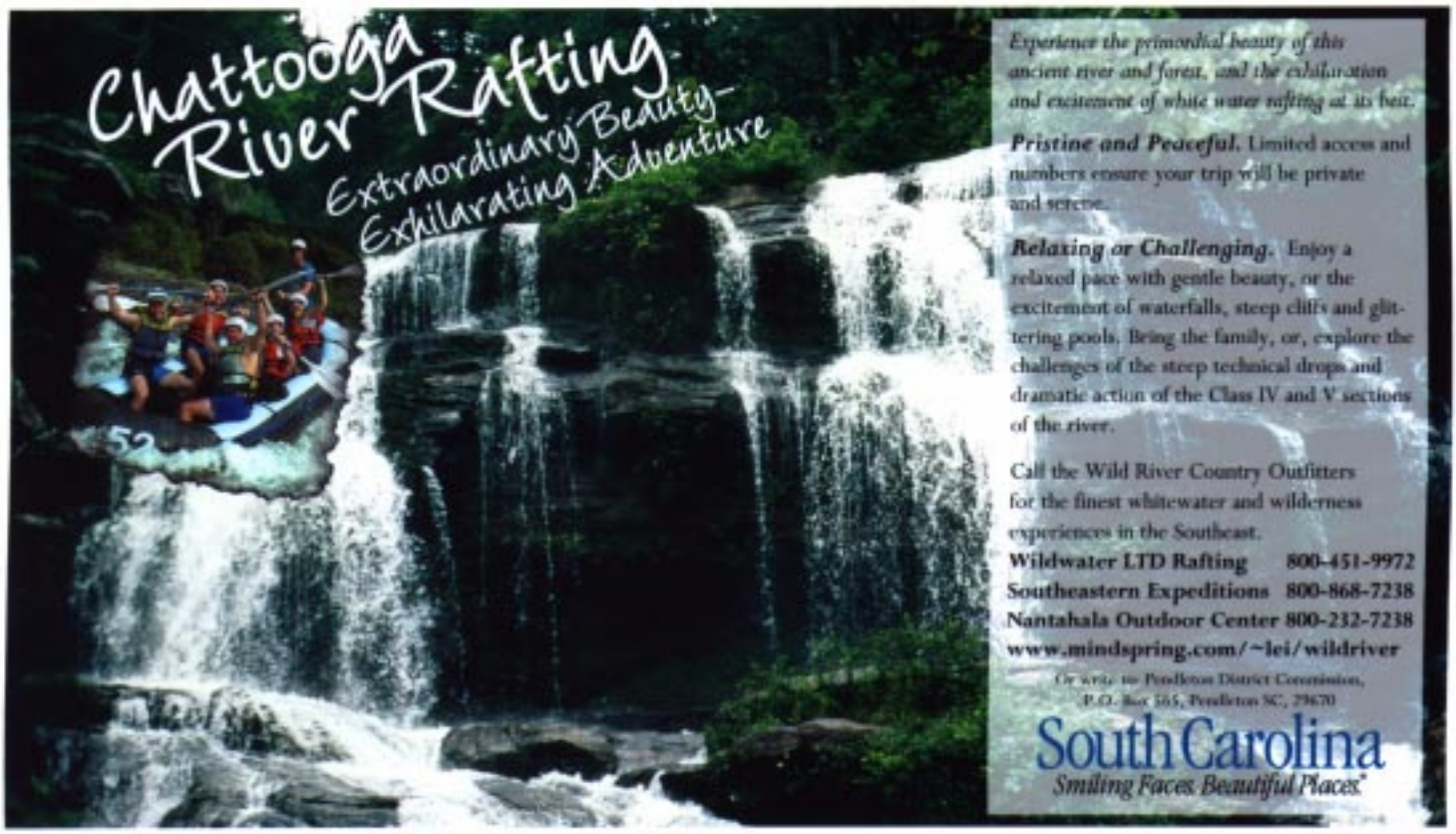

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Sample Letter:

Dear _____:
I am a member of the Georgia Canoeing Association, an organization of 2500 paddlers and outdoors enthusiasts throughout the Southeast. I am writing to request that the Fee-Demonstration Rider be taken off of the House Interior Appropriations Bill. I, like many other independent users of public lands, would like to see the Fee-Demo program go through Congress independently, passing or being rejected solely on the basis of its own merit.
Most private users of public lands have been consistently opposed to the fee demonstration. The problem with the program is that it is based on the idea that public lands can be marketed. Public lands become the "product" and we, the American citizens, become the consumers; the seller of the outdoors experience becomes the US government: "Pay for play" is the phrase often used. The primary reason why this model enrages me and most other outdoorspersons is because we feel as if we are being asked to purchase or lease something that already belongs to us.
On a practical level, fees are difficult and costly to enforce, resulting in a system that is inconsistent, at best. At worst, it is a system that costs more than the revenue it generates. Moreover, my fear is that the permanent passage of fee demo will open the door for private industry to gain more control of the future of public land use in this country, as has sometimes happened at the state level. Thus there is the possibility that we will be expected to purchase the outdoor "experience" from a company that has no more right of ownership than we do. Who owns public lands if not the American people?
The fee demo program is also inextricably linked to the question of which organization or individuals — government or private industry or private outdoorspersons — will have a say in how public lands are managed. Allowing private industry to play any part in fee collection or management would de facto give them significantly more influence over

public lands than private user groups have. Do we really want the future of our forest and parks to be partly determined by profit-motivated groups?
It is our responsibility to preserve the essence of federally protected lands and waterways. A permanent fees system appears to further this cause, but in the long run it will not. I therefore urge you not to pass fee-demo as an unexamined rider to the House Interior Appropriations Bill.
Thank you.
[Your Info]

Letters

Rowdy River Cops on the Nantahala

I have stewed ever since Sunday and now realize I must get this off my chest. Donnie and I and our son Jeremiah and a friend Erin drove up to the Nantahala to meet our friends John and Kathy Moyer and we met Alex and Mary Ann Pruitt, who are boater friends of theirs. We were putting in at Ferebee when we realized all of us had bought a season pass (those $5 passes that keep the Federal government happy and I personally believe discriminate against boaters as they don't have such a fee for other users of National forest areas), except for Erin. This was her maiden voyage on the Nantahala. Just been paddling a few months (Cartecay) and was really excited about this trip.

As there were no rangers at Ferebee to sell a season pass, her husband, who was with us, said he would run down to one of the outfitters and get the river use pass and bring it to her on the river. He had planned on driving along the river as we paddled. He, by the way bought a kayak just last week and will be joining us on the Cartecay.

To get to the point of all this — we paddled down the river and Jeffrey stopped at the first two or three rapids to make sure Erin was doing fine. As we were about to leave an eddy on river right, some rangers drove past and I assume they thought they did not see river use passes, turned around and came flying onto the shoulder of the road, jumped out and ran down to the river shouting, "Do you all have use passes?"

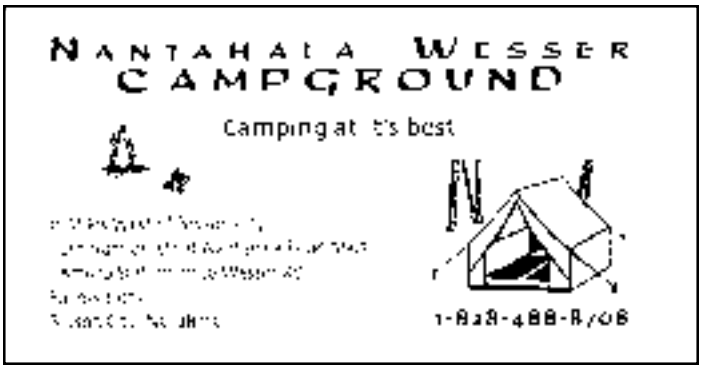
We all showed our passes except Erin and they ordered her out of her kayak. Now if it had been me I would have just paddled off and let them follow me down the river. I would have ask Jeffrey to go buy the stupid pass and another boater could have gotten it from him and brought it out on the river — then if they were still following when we got to the take-out, I would show them the pass.

Now I may be wrong in my thinking — what powers do they have. What are they gonna do if you just paddle off? Shoot you or something? But I did not object to her getting out, as her husband was there standing by his vehicle. Had it been my wife, I would have told her to paddle off or told her to stay in her boat and told them if they wanted to write a ticket to do so, then I would not have paid it.

These redneck, tobacco chewing vermin escorted Erin up to the road and took her around behind a van where we could not see them and proceeded to chew her out. She told them that her husband had been on his way down to buy her a year pass and that she was willing to purchase one from them. They said they could not sell her one since she was on the river without one and proceeded to give her down the road about obeying the law — she was scared they were going to take her to jail or something — and Jeffrey, being young and a very law abiding citizen, just stood by her as they went on and on until she started crying. They seemed to take delight in this and only lectured her all the more. We of course had no idea this was going on as we could not hear or see them.

As I write this I am so angry I could chew nails just thinking about the jerks who had no right to treat anybody like that. I want to complain to someone, but don't know who to contact. They finally wrote her a ticket — $25.00 fine — and drove off.

It was when she emerged from the behind the van crying her eyes out that we realized some of what had transpired, and the jerks were gone. I wish we had all followed them up there. I would have told them to shut up and write a ticket or we would be leaving. I do not remember being this angry since someone hit me in the face with a wad of gum during the prayer at the end of boy scout meeting forty years ago. If anyone has a group of



people protesting these fees, I want to join. If anyone has any suggestions of something we can do, please let me know.

I have told them not to pay the fine — they of course don't want any more trouble and feel they should pay it. What is the answer? What happens if you don't pay? I feel that many of us need to know our rights on this issue.

Angry as Hell,
Terry Newlon (who anyone who knows me knows, I am not an angry person)

- *Originally posted on the GCA Email List.*

Epilogue:

I have had some very informative e-mail responses to my original post on the GCA email list, with constructive ideas, but none as good as this. I just want to share this with everyone:

"The recreation fee demonstration program is being conducted different ways at 345 sites throughout the country on Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and other public lands. Here in Southern California it is called the Adventure Pass. The Forest Service expects people to buy a $5 pass to park along the road and go for a hike. I have never bought a pass and do not intend to ever buy one. If you buy a pass it is counted as a vote in favor of the program. The success of the program is being determined by compliance. That's why public land agencies brag to Congress that everyone supports and accepts the program."

"The Forest Service started writing District Court Violations here, but I went to court Dec. 30, 1998, and stopped them cold. The U. S. Magistrate said I was exercising my first amendment rights as a protester and was not subject to a recreational fee, and also this was a pilot program and therefore 'discretionary' until or if it becomes permanent law."

"Unfortunately this was a U. S. Magistrate, not a Federal Judge, so the ruling only applied to me. The Forest Service then tried writing other District Court Violations against me, but they have all been dismissed.

At this time the Forest Service is not writing District Court Violations to anyone who does not purchase a pass. They do write notices of non-compliance, which are harmless. One of our members has 12."

"There are over 151 organizations throughout the country fighting the fees. I am the chairman of the Free Our Forests Los Angeles chapter. We write letters to all of our congressional representatives. We are trying to make a campaign issue in our congressional district. We have written many, many letters to the local newspapers. In fact, the local Star News is now on our side and has written paper editorials against rec. fees."

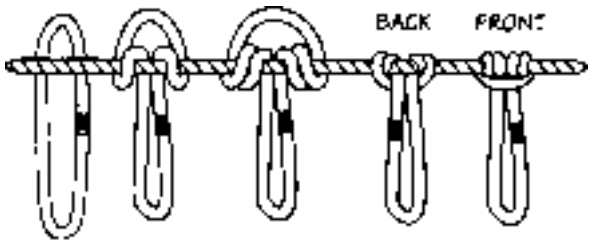
"At least once or twice a month our members go into the forest to educate the public with hand-out material and encourage them not to buy the pass. In the last 18 months, due to our efforts, the public compliance has dropped dramatically. If you email me your address, I could send you a package of material we use. I am not sure how it would apply to river runners, but the one thing I do know is there needs to be a major public outcry against the recreation fees on public land."

"I guess you know if this becomes permanent law it will include ALL public land everywhere. We will be locked into the cities unless we can afford to buy our way out. The federal government is stealing our freedom and selling it back to us. Further, you may have learned that the original legislation allows public land agencies to go into partnership with private recreation corporations like Disney et al to build recreation facilities on public land. Scott Silver has been instrumental in obtaining freedom of information documents proving this. I hope you and all of your friends can join the National Protests this Saturday, June 10. Our group is joining with others to demonstrate at Disneyland here in Southern California. I will do whatever I can to help you, just let me know."

"Bob Bartsch"

I have sent Bob my address so he can mail the above mentioned info. If we get it soon enough we may be able to talk Erin or Nikki or some the people in her group to go to court and see if we can get the citations thrown out of court. I will let everyone know as soon as I have the material in hand. Sounds good to me.

Terry Newlon



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Etowah River

by Dick Hurd

Saturday, June 10, 2000. Despite hot weather, and low water, we had a good time running this lovely river with the waterfall midway serving as a lunch and play break. It was scrapey, and I would not want to run it lower. About an hour from the end on river right is a small inlet fed by a stream descending through a green tunnel of rhododendron. This was a favorite stopping place to view and cool off. Alas, the ice storm has crashed all the trees into the stream, and now there is no more tunnel. The water is still cold!

Participants were: Linn Rudman, Derry Johnson, Marty Dyche, Cathy Overby-Dyche, Alisa Friedman, Morris Friedman, Jim Watson, John Watson, Randy Chappell, Robyn Carter, Adam Hartley, Steve Reach, and myself. Total of 12 boats.

Thanks to Marty for running sweep, and Linn and Randy for helping with shuttle.

Broad River

by Jeff Engel

June 10, 2000. I really did not want to lead this trip. It had not rained in forever, and the river was LOW. Some people who ran it the week before reported extremely low water, and another week just left the river lower. There had been some rain Monday, but not enough to have an appreciable effect on water levels. I was not looking forward to a very low water trip, possibly one involving more walking than floating. So, I told people when they called to drink extra water before they left home, and we would look the other way when they got to the river, hoping that would increase flow.

It turned out to be a wonderful trip. Yes, there were more rocks and sandbars than I can recall ever seeing. But most of us got down the river without getting out and pushing (staying in the boat and pushing does not count). The S-turn at Lunch Rock barely had enough water to float a boat. I thought it was impossible to run clean since every boat I watched bounced rather than paddled through it. Until Allen and Daniel Sinquefield, in a lake kayak, showed how to run it gracefully.

We had four kids with us, and they livened things up. Christina Carmano, Domingo Carmano and Chris Sinquefield, all paddling kayaks, (and Daniel, riding with his father) showed how much fun kids can have on a river, especially when water pistols are involved. Although a canoe bilge pump also has offensive capabilities. They did great, and even successfully surfed several of the waves. And the four kids had fun body surfing and swimming.

Also on the trip were (chronologically adults) kayaks Bonnie Semora (shepherding Christina and Domingo), Brenda Rashleigh, and Jerry Sims, and open boaters David Soltis, Becky Engel (who ran sweep, perhaps to stay as far from me as possible), and me, Jeff Engel.

Ocoee Weekday Trip

by Allen Hedden

Paddling the Ocoee on a weekday is the only way to experience this river between Memorial Day and Labor Day. It's like a trip back in time to when there were few rafts and fewer hard boaters on this fun section of river. You can actually peel out of an eddy without waiting for an endless line of rafts to go by. You can surf a hole without waiting in line behind a crowd of other boats in an eddy. And you don't have to constantly be looking over your shoulder to see if you are about to be mowed down by a raft or an out-of-control hard boat.

On Friday, June 9, I coordinated the first of three weekday Ocoee trips for this summer. Unlike last season, when participation was sparse, I received a lot of calls. I have established a limit of 10 boats on this type of trip (Hey, we're trying to AVOID the crowd, not MAKE one!) and that limit was reached several days before the trip. I started a waiting list and accumulated several names in hope of getting cancellations.

Thankfully, Patrick Gourley called, and upon finding out that the trip was full with a waiting list, suggested that he organize the waiting list people into a separate but concurrent trip the same day. We decided to have everyone meet at the put-in at the same time and split the group up as necessary to make two viable trips. Many thanks, Patrick, for not letting those waiting list people get disappointed! As it turned out, we had a some cancellations and one no-show, which gave us a total of 11 boats between the two trips. We ended up dividing the group into K-1s on one trip and canoes (including one C-1) on the other.

The trip shaped up to be a series of oddities. The mix of boats included 7 OC-1s, 1 C-1 and 3 K-1s, quite an unusual mix for a GCA Ocoee trip. And of the canoeists, all but one were left side paddlers. Also highly unusual. Most of the participants were either first timers or had

only minimal experience on the Ocoee. (Maybe that's not all that unusual.) Someone else pointed out that the vast majority of the participants also had face hair (beards and mustaches). And of course the entire group was unusual in that we all were able to get away during the week for a paddling trip.

All in all, the trip went very well. We had a number of swims, but no more than one would expect from a group of the experience level we comprised. One of the swimmers decided to take out below Broken Nose to avoid having a really bad day. And one member of the group decided to drift into the second hole at Double Suck for an extended surf / swim / rescue. I didn't realize this was going on until I came over the drop and saw a boat in the hole getting some great enders — sans paddler.

For the benefit of anyone who may not be aware of it, this hole CAN BE a keeper. It's sticky when you're in your boat, and it tries to hang you out somewhere between the surface and the river bottom when you're out of your boat, while pounding your personage with the end of your boat that usually ends up bobbing in the hole doing enders. Been there, done that. Not fun.

Trip participants were: Patrick Gourley, C. K. Miller and Charles Bruce (K-1);Lindsay Meeks (C-1); Tom Ottinger, Edward Stockman, Marty Head, Debra Berry, Dan Palmer, Susan Herring and myself (OC-1). Special thanks to Brookie Gallagher and Jim Herring for helping us out with the shuttle, very important on a weekday trip. And thanks to all those who helped out with the rescues of swimmers, boats and equipment. Most of all, thanks to ALL the participants for the good company on a great weekday trip!

Restaurant Review

by Dave Chaney

We have all faced that age old problem of where to eat after a long hard day on the river. Where are the good places to eat, do they take credit cards, will they split the bill, and most importantly for some, do they serve beer? I like to paddle and its no secret that I like to eat, so as strictly as a public service I thought I might pass on some thoughts regarding restaurants convenient to our rivers.

River — Chattooga

La Pachanga and Cantina

1 block north of the Highway 441 & Highway 76 intersection in Clayton, Ga. (In the Days Inn).

It should be no surprise that the La Pachanga is a Mexican restaurant. I was surprised to find that the La Pachanga serves very good Tex-Mex, a type of Mexican food found along the Texas side of the Mexican border. La Pachanga also offered vegetarian specialties and all of the standard Mexican dishes you might expect.

We had spent a long Saturday on the Chattooga and were all hungry when we arrived at La Pachanga. La Pachanga is a family restaurant and our party was dressed appropriately, no swim suits etc. We were quickly seated and we found the service to be friendly and fast. I polled everyone at the table and we all agreed that the food was good and priced fairly.

Beer/Wine — yes (32 oz draft $2.75).
Food — Very Good (everyone rate the food 3 or 4 on a scale of 1 to 5).
Portions — Large.
Price — Moderate (Combination Dinners all $5.99, other plates $4.65 to $6.99).
Separate bills OK — Yes.
Would the group eat here again — Yes.

A Diane is not a Diane is not a Diane

by Bill Eley

It began simply enough — E-mail the GCA list-serve to enlist like-minded boaters for class II-III white water on the Sunday and Monday of Memorial Day weekend. As usual, the responses began returning within 24 hours. Diane Smith's husband Mike indicated that he was looking for a group to join his family, OC-1, K-1, and sit-on-top, for a Nantahala run on Sunday. He had not cleared this with wife and son yet but was sure they would be eager participants.

I was sitting at my computer when his e-mail arrived. Replied that I was trying to do something a little less aggressive on Sunday and follow with the Nanty on Monday — yada, yada, yada... Within 5 minutes of receiving Mike's e-mail, received yet another Diane Smith e-mail asking if I would like to join her and two newbie friends on a trip down the Cartecay on Sunday.

A delicate situation: Do I begin the family discussion over e-mail, or just let this couple muddle along like the rest of us? I decided for the direct approach: e-mailed Diane right back: "Hate to be the one to break the news to you, but your husband Mike is planning on you joining him and your son on Sunday on the Nanty."

A quick reply ensued, clearly explaining that there exist at least two Diane Smiths in the GCA. Cartecay Diane Smith quickly deduced that I had been doubly duped by a Dianish duo, or Mark was playing a trick on

her. I replied with thanks for the explanation of duplicate e-mail names, and one last question, "Who is Mark, anyway?"

After this auspicious e-mail beginning, the Cartecay trip did converge on Sunday, and I left a note with the Mike and Diane Smiths of Rome that if their trip on Sunday to the Nanty fell through, they could join us at the Cartecay. Before my cell phone ran out of Bell South land on Saturday night, Mike and I unsuccessfully attempted to devise a fall back plan for Monday.

Sunday morning our Cartecay group gathered at M.O.E./River Right under cloudy conditions, but with optimism characteristic of the boating specie, "We need the rain, right?" Cartecay Diane Smith arrived with two out of three of her paddling friends, Patti "I can't believe he dumped us" Stewart, and Florence "not Italy, not South Carolina, but Mississippi" Churchwell.

Patti and Florence's previous experience paddling had been a successful tandem run of the Cartecay the previous year. Florence came for a K-1 ride, her first experience, and Patti was to paddle tandem canoe with Edward "the Dumper" Stockman. Additional members of the party included Allen Wadsworth (OC-1), Sue McConnell (OC-1), Rosie Eisenberg (C-1 extraordinaire), Dustin Smith (K-1), and myself (OC-1, and still loving it, Rosie!).

We started our run at the 52 bridge, with intermittent showers allowing us to sport our latest water repellent fashions. Have you ever noticed how boaters hate to get wet? Edward, who had graciously agreed to accompany us in the esteemed leader position, fairly promptly proceeded to broadside a rock and dump both him and Patti in for a short swim. Patti complained vociferously to Diane, "I thought you said that Edward was the best!" Edward maintains that he was paid and the whole swim was rigged. Don't worry Edward. Your little foul up is safe with us!

We survived Rock Garden, swooshed through S-turn unscathed, and finished all upright at the base of Blackberry falls. It should be duly noted here that Florence completed the Cartecay, first time in a kayak, without so much as a near tip. It should be noted however, that she did require some counseling concerning her lack of paddling during the white water phase of the program. Edward gave Patti some serious surfing rides whenever and wherever possible, and Rosie and Dustin were wonderful riding sweep and setting throw ropes.

After the river, we retired to Cartecay Diane Smith's verandah for vino rossi and Margaritas. Diane, your hospitality is duly noted and considered to be the best we have ever encountered! After selecting 2 designated drivers, we continued to feast at the finest and only Chinese restaurant in Ellijay, and it was delicious (and vegetarian friendly). We never encountered the phantom Mark, but as many of you know, he is a serious boater and was allegedly off on a bigger river.

We all enjoyed a wonderful day on the river and off. I know Diane would like to thank the boaters who joined her to help two new paddlers down the river, and I know all of us would like to thank our organizer, Cartecay Diane.

Finally, thanks to the GCA and Kapcom for maintaining the list-serve, which is clearly the most helpful use the internet has brought into this paddler's life. This was not a scheduled trip, so all of this fun was made possible by e-mail.

Post-Script:

Two of our party continued to the Nantahala for a Memorial Day Party. Our egress to the river was blocked by "a shooting" that occurred on US 64 between Andrews and the put-in. After taking the detour through the mountains, Rosie and I ran shuttle and offered a fellow paddler a ride back to the top. While riding back, we exchanged names, "Rosie", "Bill", "Mike". Yes, it was Mike Smith, husband of Rome Diane Smith, in the car without us having a clue. Rosie (still in that C-1), Mike (OC-1), Diane (sit-on top), their son Tyler (K-1), and I spent a wonderful day on the Nanty together.

If there are other Diane Smith's in the world, are they all this nice?

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FOR SALE - Kayak, Wavesport Fusion, blue and grey. Excellent condition. Ideal for larger paddler or beginner paddler. Bought as a beginner boat but turned out to be too large for a smaller female paddler. Has been described as similar to Perception Corsica or Dagger AQII. Used only a couple of seasons. $400. For information, contact Sharon Haire at 404.627.7762 or by e-mail at shaire@worldnet .att.net. If you'd like to see a photo, email Laura at ltanner@seagullsw.com. I have a small JPG image file with three different views of the boat that I can e-mail you.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Perception Corsica S (yellow) with footbraces, front and rear bags, security loop, padded back strap, and gel seat. Boat has been stored under cover and is in good condition. Great boat for beginner to intermediate paddlers. Will throw in a spray skirt; Silver Creek paddle negotiable. $350. Call Cathy at 770.925.3621 or e-mail at loweezy98@yahoo.com.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Savage kayak by Fury, with skirt. $350 or best offer or trade for a bigger kayak. 770.938.5892.

FOR SALE - Racks, Yakima locking canoe rack. (2) 48" round bars, 4 towers and clips. $125 firm. Call 770.951.8431.

FOR SALE - Vehicle, 1999 Tahoe, loaded, OnStar system. Take up payments of $385. Ron 770.435.0903.

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.

TRADE - Sit-on-Top. Prijon Twister high performance sit on top kayak. Includes back brace, Thigh Braces. Good rocker, thin tail, great boat for someone wanting to play but uncomfortable in a kayak. Wanted... canoe suitable for flat water and class 1-2 white water. Call Mark Hoyle 770.321.4728 or e-mail mahoyle@mindspring.com.

WANTED - C-1, Dagger Cascade. Contact J.D. Forrester at 770.806.6587 or email clanforrester@yahoo.com.

Age doesn't always bring wisdom. Sometimes age comes alone.

GEORGIA CANOEING ASSOCIATION INSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

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

SPRING AND SUMMER 2000

PADDLE GYMKHANA
FUN & GAMES ON LOCAL LAKE
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GINA JOHNSON 404.257.3160
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CANOEING

BEGINNER WHITE WATER
AUGUST 8 (EVENING), 12,13
MARVINE COLE 770.475.3022

TRAINED BEGINNER WHITE WATER
AUGUST 12-13
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OREON MANN 404.522.3469

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770-971-1542

SAFETY AND RESCUE

SWIFT WATER RESCUE
MAY 20-21
DAVID MARTIN 404.351.8208

FALL SAFETY COURSE
LATE SEPTEMBER / EARLY OCTOBER
GINA JOHNSON 404.257.3160

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

SEA KAYAKING
MAY 20-21
STEVE CRAMER 706.208.8382
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 _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ AGE _____ SEX _____

ALLERGIES OR PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES _____

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DISABILITIES OR PHYSICAL PROBLEMS _____

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Scene at the Races.... Southeasterns 2000

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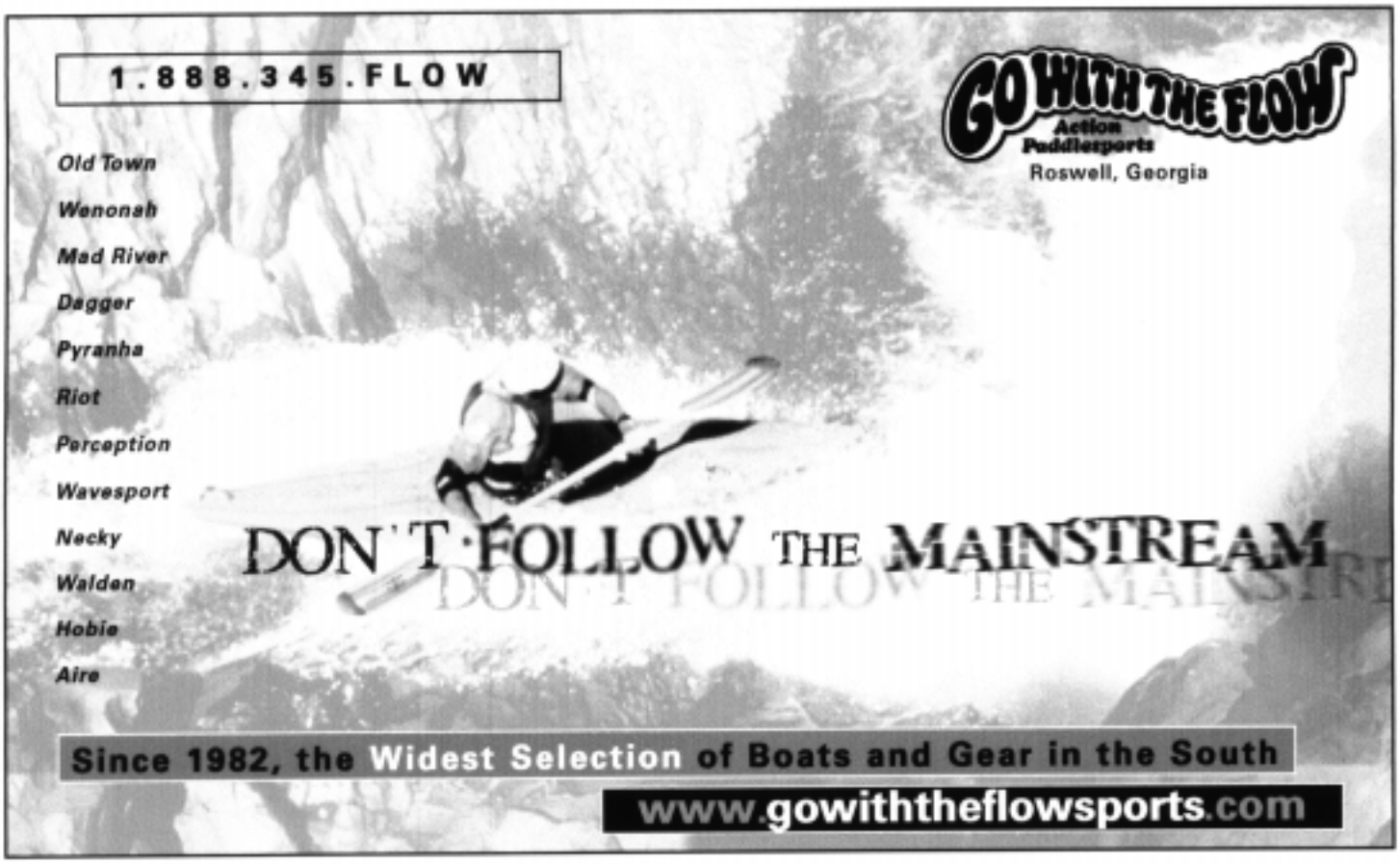
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