

September GCA Meeting

The September GCA meeting will be held at the Parish Hall of the Episcopal Church of the Atonement in Sandy Springs on Thursday, September 21, at 7:30 p.m. This month's program will feature a Stewart Stokes slide show of recent naturescapes taken in Maine and New Brunswick, Canada. The images presented will not necessarily be paddling images, but will be outdoor-oriented images. Stewart has done several shows for GCA meetings in the past, and always does an outstanding job. Don't miss his latest show!

Stewart's first photography exhibit, "Images of Gratitude", will be on display at the Episcopal Church of the Atonement during the month of September. GCA members attending the meeting will be able to view the exhibit at the church.

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.

See you there!!



Fall Gala Canoeing Affair

The GCA's Seventeenth Annual Fall Gala Canoeing Affair is scheduled for October 6-8 at Nelson's Nantahala Hideaway in Topton, NC. Join us for this long-standing tradition of paddling, camping, food and fun.

We will be running trips on as many rivers as have water in the area, and the Saturday night dinner features beanie weinies and burgers for a bargain price. There will be a free trip coordinating mini-clinic on Friday evening as well as paddling videos for entertainment. See the flyer in back of this issue of *The Eddy Line* for more details and for the map & registration form. There is a \$5.00 late registration fee after September 15, so register early and reserve your spot! For questions, contact Denise Colquitt at 770.854.6636.

See you there!



Biggest Push for Letters to Stop Fee Demo!

Sometime soon after September 5th, when Congress returns from recess, the Interior Appropriations conference committee (15 Senators, 15 Representatives) will meet to decide the fate of the proposed one year extension to Fee Demo.

Rep. Lois Capps (D-California) has circulated a letter among her colleagues and secured 37 signatures, requesting the conference committee NOT to extend Fee Demo. We must back this up with our biggest flood yet of protest mail to the conference committee, between now and early September, to stop Fee Demo's (cont'd on page 16)



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The following list is provided for your convenience:

For general information about the club - Call the club telephone

number, 770.421.9729, and leave a message. Someone will get back to you.

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

For information on payment of dues or membership status - Call Treasurer Ed Schultz at 404.266.3734.

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

To sign up to lead a club trip - Call Cruisemaster Jim Griffin at 770.498.3695.

For change of address or for *Eddy Line* subscription

information - Call Ed Schultz at 404.266.3734.

If you didn't receive your *Eddy Line* - Call Ed Schultz at 404.266.3734.

For information on GCA clinics - Call the clinic coordinator listed on the clinic schedule, or call Training Director Gina Johnson at 770.971.1542.

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

For information on placing want ads in *The Eddy Line* - Call Newsletter Editor Allen Hedden at 770.426.4318, or see "To place an ad" in the Want Ad section of *The Eddy Line*.

For information on commercial ads - Call Advertising Director Jim Kautz at 770.321.9826 or Newsletter Editor Allen Hedden at 770.426.4318.

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

Board of Directors Meetings

The Georgia Canoeing Association Board of Directors meetings are held on the first Thursday of even months (February, April, etc.) from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Atlanta Botanical Garden, located on Piedmont Road at the Prado, next to Piedmont Park. All members are encouraged to attend. If you have an item for discussion, please call GCA President Brannen Proctor at 770.664.7384 so he can add your item to the agenda. Attending Board meetings is a great way to become more involved with the GCA. ✂

GCA Executive Committee

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

Submitting *Eddy Line* Material

Deadline for material to be submitted for publication in the next *Eddy Line* is the fifth of the month, i.e., for the January issue, material should be submitted no later than December fifth. The editor must receive all articles, trip reports and want ads by the deadline or they MAY NOT be published in the next issue. To submit material via EMAIL, send to gacanoec@mindspring.com. The text of an article can be placed in the body of a message, and photo images can be attached to the message as attached files. To submit material via COMPUTER DISK submit articles or trip reports on a 5-1/4 or 3-1/2 inch IBM/DOS formatted disk as an ASCII text file labeled with a ".txt" file extension, or as a text file on a 3-1/2 inch high density MacIntosh formatted disk, and include a printed copy (Disks returned only if requested). To submit material via U.S. MAIL, send to: **Allen Hedden, 2923 Piedmont Drive, Marietta, GA 30066**. All classified ads will be run for two months unless otherwise requested. Hand-written or phoned in material CANNOT be accepted. Contact Newsletter Editor **Allen Hedden at 770.426.4318** for questions. Thanks for your cooperation. ✂

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



September

2	Leader's Choice	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	John McCorvey	770.921.5116
2	Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Jim Griffin	770.498.3695
2	Pigeon	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Susan Oehler	828.253.6058
2	Nantahala (Note 1)	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Brannen Proctor	770.664.7384
3	Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Jim Griffin	770.498.3695
3	French Broad	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Susan Oehler	828.253.6058
9	Upper Amicalola	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	David Warner	770.426.8348
9	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Jimmy Nipper	770.931.1667
9	Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Louis Boulanger	404.373.4775
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16	Tuckasegee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Tony Colquitt	770.854.6636
16	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Micheal Collier	770.967.2158
16	Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Brannen Proctor	770.664.7384
16	Chattooga Section 3-1/2	Class 3-4 Advanced	Jason Schnurr	770.422.9962
17	Cartecay	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Edward Stockman	770.441.9767
21	Club Meeting — Entertainment — Fun — Episcopal Church of the Atonement —		Kay Redmond	404.237.7242
23	Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Bill Convis	770.751.9258
23	Cartecay	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Becca Brown	404.634.5612
23	Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Revel Freeman	404.261.8572
24	Upper Amicolola	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Lois Newton	706.398.3069
24	Upper Hooch	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Dave Chaney	770.973.7910
26	Nantahala (Tuesday) (Note 2)	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Allen Hedden	770.426.4318
30	Tuckasegee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Jim Griffin	770.498.3695
30	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Sam Blackwell	706.342.0511
30	Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Charlie McCoy	770.578.0404

October

1	Upper Amicolola	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Roger Toebben	770.804.9416
5	Board of Directors Meeting	Atlanta Botanical Garden	Brannen Proctor	770.664.7384
6-8	Fall Gala Canoeing Affair — Nelson's Nantahala Hideaway		Denise Colquitt	770.854.6636
14-15	Fall River Safety & Rescue Clinic — M.O.E., Ellijay, GA		Mike Winchester	770.319.8969
17	Nantahala (Tuesday) (Note 2)	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Allen Hedden	770.426.4318
26	Fall General Membership Meeting & Covered Dish Dinner — Atlanta Water Works Lodge —		Kay Redmond	404.237.7242

Note 1: Paddle with the Prez.

Note 2: Paddle with the Editor.

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

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

To Volunteer To Lead Trips: Call the Cruisemaster, Jim Griffin, at 770.498.3695. As usual, we need trip coordinators for all types of trips, from flat water to class 5 white water. Our excellent trip schedule depends on the efforts of volunteers, so get involved and sign up to coordinate a trip on your favorite river today! The GCA needs YOU!

Chattooga Trips are limited to 12 boats on ANY section on ANY trip, club trip or private (USFS regulation). Your cooperation in protecting this National Wild and Scenic River is appreciated.

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

GCA Library Items Available

The GCA Library has many videotapes and books available to any GCA member. All you have to do is call GCA Librarian Rachel Gates at 404.296.4480 to find out what is available. The cost is \$3.00 per tape or book for postage and handling.

Any / all donations or loans to the library are welcome. (Please, no bootleg video copies.) Send them to:

Rachel Gates
PO Box 1485
Pine Lake, GA 30072

The following items are currently available:

Videos:

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

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

Books:

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

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

GCA Email List

The member response to the GCA email list has been great. We have at this printing about 360 subscribers. Thanks to Mike Kaplan and our friends at Kaplan Communications (an Internet Access Provider) for providing software and server space for the GCA email list.



Here's how the list works:

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

subscribe gacanoes

You will receive a verification that you are sub-

scribed and a welcome message with instructions on how to unsubscribe and various other commands available through the service. Be sure to save this information for future reference.

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

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

GCA Web Page

Check it out at <http://www.georgiacanoe.org>. We are adding information and links of value to paddlers with each update. Send your ideas for updates to Allen Sinuefield at asinuefield@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 — gacano@mindspring.com — for us to receive the proper credit. Thanks for your help!

Weekday Paddlers

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

If you would like to be included in the list, please call Allen Hedden at 770.426.4318 and leave your name, phone number, days of the week you are available to paddle, and class of water (flat, I thru V) that you are interested in paddling. You will then receive an up-to-date copy of the list. The list will be re-published quarterly (January, April, July, October). Updates are available by request through the GCA phone line. If you received your copy of the list more than 3 months ago, you should request an updated copy (the 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. dtill710@aol.com

bmitchell44@earthlink.net
monk527@excite.com



Summer Roll Practice

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

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

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

Note: Park regulations do not allow "swimming" at this location, so if you are in the water spotting for someone, an explanation to the park officials may be in order. So far no one has been cited for a violation there.

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

Upcoming Events of Interest

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

September 8 — First Gauley Release of the 2000 season.

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

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

October 14-15 — GCA Fall River Safety & Rescue Clinic — MOE, Ellijay, GA, Mike Winchester, 770.319.8969

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October 27-29 — NOC Guest Appreciation Festival — Nantahala River, Wesser, NC, NOC Programs Office - 888.662.1662.

December 2 — Bryson City Jiffy Slalom — Tuckaseegee River, Bryson City, NC, NOC Programs Office - 888.662.1662.

December 3 — NRC December Wild Water Race — Nantahala or Tuckaseegee River, Bryson City, NC, NOC Programs Office - 888.662.1662.

April 13-15, 2001 — World Cup #1 Sprint Canoe / Kayak — Lake Lanier, Gainesville, GA, Connie Hagler, 770.287.7888, ConHagler@aol.com.

August 7-12, 2001 — USCA National Championships — Sprint & Marathon, Lake Lanier, Gainesville, GA, Connie Hagler, 770.287.7888, ConHagler@aol.com. ✂

Paddle Against Domestic Abuse

This year during the month of October — Domestic Violence Awareness Month — thousands of paddlers across the United States will participate in "PADA — Paddle Against Domestic Abuse." Anyone can be a part of this national initiative by simply planning and implementing a paddle trip during the month of October, 2000.

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

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

Lanier Paddlefest 2000

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

Ken Fink will be returning for sea kayaking instruction as will Sea Kayak Georgia. Tony Hall — LCKC head coach and former Canadian Olympic coach will teach training and technique for sprint paddling.

The Community Olympic Development Program will bring in Olympic athletes and will demonstrate the

Atlanta CODP sports. CODP will also host an athlete testing center!

The Volunteer Resource Center will host a 5 Mile Fun Run from the square to the boathouse on Saturday morning, a Chicken City Chicken Chili Cook-off and a Battle of the Bands on Saturday evening. We will have a radio "Live on Location" during the event as well!

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

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

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

October GCA Meeting

The GCA meeting for October will be the Annual Fall General Membership Meeting and Covered Dish Dinner. Election of officers for the 2001 year will be held at the meeting. Bring your favorite covered dish or dessert, your latest river pictures, river stories and a good appetite.

NOTE CHANGE IN DATE AND PLACE: The meeting will be held Thursday, October 26, 2000 (this is the fourth Thursday, not the third), at the Atlanta Waterworks Lodge at 7:30 p.m. The Lodge is located on Green Street.

To get there, from I-75 North, take Howell Mill Road exit and turn left (or if going south, turn right). Once you pass the reservoirs on each side of the road, make the next left on Bishop. Then turn left on Green Street. Green will take you directly to the lodge. Park only in designated areas. Tow trucks have been known to frequent this area.

See you there!! ✂

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New Officer Nominations Announced

The GCA Nominating Committee has met and submitted the following slate of officers for the 2000-2001 year to the Board of Directors, and the Board has approved the nominations.

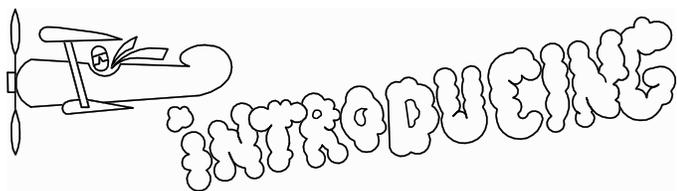
President	Brannen Proctor
Vice President	Marvine Cole
Secretary	Lindsay Meeks
Treasurer	Ed Schultz

Election of officers will take place at the Fall General Membership Meeting on October 26. Additional nominations for any position will be accepted at the meeting. Nominations should only be made with the nominee's approval and concurrence. ✂

In Memory of Ed Ayres by Margo Booth

Many of you will remember Ed Ayers of Rome who has been an active GCA member for many years. He has led trips in past years. Ed was a quiet paddler who was always willing to give a hand to anyone on the trip who looked like they needed it. He has not paddled recently because of an arm injury.

I am sorry to report to you that Ed passed away on July 14 at the age of 49. He had complications following an emergency appendectomy. His wife Lynn has asked that contributions be made in his name to American Rivers, 1025 Vermont Ave. NW, Suite 720, Washington, DC 20005-3516. ✂



Welcome New Members

The GCA would like to welcome the following new (and nearly new) members. New members are the life blood and the future of the club. Thank you for joining us!!

February

Chris Berry	Atlanta GA
Claude Bratcher	Flowery Branch GA
Eric Buchanan	Oxford GA
Anthony Cappuccio	Tucker GA
John & Carol Flowers	Sharpsburg GA

Leonard & Dave Gay
William George Lacik
David Lassing
Michael Mooney
Dustin & Leslie Smith
Skip & Joan Steed
Roger Sumrall
Steve & Melissa Travis
William G. Traynor

March

Guillermo & Alene Arenas
Chip & Pat Bailey
Mike Beals
Gary Beasley
Suzi Beaumont
Sanney & Neill Beavers
Robert O. Bennett -
River Right Outfitters
Chris Bryson
Johnny Cargill
Ed Clement
Chris Council
John Ellis
Chris Ernst
John Everly
Daniel & Carolyn Longhurst
Brooks & Diane Marsden
Steve Mitchell
Tony & Carol Morris
William B. Morrison
David & Ellen Purser
Mary H. Radford
Edward W. Short
Albert C. Skaggs
Bob St.Pierre
Joe & Ed Stamm, Jr.
Richard A. Warner
Graham S. Wickham
Terry Yancey

April

Scott Christopher
Sam Dooley
Martin S. Fenwick
Joy Godsey -
Paddle Against Dom. Abuse
Travis Griffin
Jon Hagler
Jamie Higgins
Ben Margolis
Rip & Colleen Ortega
Thad Shaw

Lawrenceville GA
Woodstock GA
Atlanta GA
Kennesaw GA
Athens GA
Talladega AL
Atlanta GA
Atlanta GA
Atlanta GA

Gainesville GA
Lawrenceville GA
Atlanta GA
Marietta GA
Marietta GA
Longwood FL

Ellijay GA
Lizella GA
Columbus GA
Alpharetta GA
Smyrna GA
Alpharetta GA
Marietta GA
Stockbridge GA
Douglasville GA
Alpharetta GA
Roswell GA
Canton GA
Kennesaw GA
Lawrenceville GA
Atlanta GA
Marietta GA
Decatur GA
Atlanta GA
Atlanta GA
Atlanta GA
Marietta GA
Union Grove AL

Marietta GA
Atlanta GA
Eatonton GA
Bessemer AL
Lawrenceville GA
Dallas GA
Decatur GA
Decatur GA
Marietta GA
White GA

Joe & Drew White
Matt Wood
Roger York

May

Mary Lou Detwiler
& Henry Young
Rodney J. Eslinger
David Finney
Nick Freeman
James & Rhonda Hansard
Parks Higgins
Robert King
Stephen & Heather Langston
Robert & Rebecca Lough
David McDaniel
Jamie McLeod
Patrick & Melissa Meacham
Lois Newton
Hunter Oates
Rob & Jennifer Rau
Denny & Lois Rhodes
Matt Rosenberger
& Joe Paban
Linn Rudman
Rick Shepherd

June

Brian Blumenfeld
Miles Brinkley
Robyn Carter
& Adam Hartley
Jerry L. & Becky Cope
Cathy Cornelius
Stuart Cox
Alyssa V. Cumming
Doug & Aimee Foley
Leo L. Fong
Bryan & Stephanie Houston
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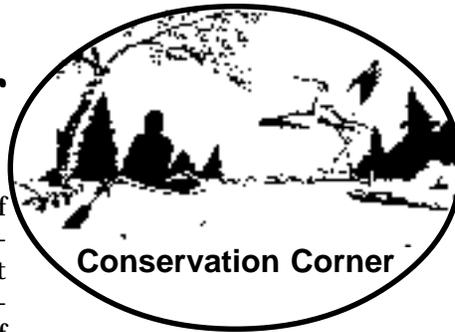
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Metro Atlanta Chamber's Clean Water Initiative

by Daniel I. MacIntyre

Kevin Greene is Vice President of Local Affairs for the Metro Atlanta Chamber. He is also heading up the staff effort in support of the Chamber's Clean Water Initiative. After several weeks of exchanging telephone calls, we finally spoke. Kevin invited me to speak on behalf of GCA on August 8 or 30. I opted for August 30 to give more time for club input. There is also a public input session on July 18, but the agenda is already full. Everyone was invited to attend all of these sessions, but could only speak by prior appointment. The other way to input to the program is in writing or pictorially. They will post whatever we send in on their web site www.cleanwaterinitiative.com.

I told Kevin our perspective was that clean water for Atlanta had to start in the headwaters, and that we had been observing up close and personal for many years the degradation of the upstream watercourse which is now producing a water quality crisis in Metro Atlanta. Kevin said he would particularly like some pictures of development and land disturbance within the 25 foot buffer, which is now the minimum state requirement. He would also like pictures of any other visually obvious source of pollution such as active runoff, pipes pouring into rivers,



etc. The more precisely we can provide locations for these pictures the better. We can probably get these pictures posted on their web site.

The next topic of discussion was buffers. He asked me if I could get him any scientific or objective data about the effectiveness of various types and sizes of buffers in reducing pollution, particularly non-point-source pollution. Obviously, buffers can be tied into access and

to public passage easement and rights. This is a subject we need to promote whenever possible.

Finally, we talked about what GCA and its 1,000 paddling families could do to identify and report pollution problems and sources if we were empowered to do so, and if our reports could produce some actual results. He seemed excited about this idea, as the Chamber is struggling with the cost of monitoring. If we could get ourselves thought of as important monitoring resources, that could not help but strengthen our clout on both access and passage issues.

I seek input from all GCA members in the form of pictures, white papers, scientific studies or any other useful information which would promote both paddling and clean water for submission to the Chamber's Clean Water Initiative web page. Send to:

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River Hazards

Center Crack — Chattooga Section IV

Submitted by Mark Stenger

Saturday, August 5, a group of us were paddling Section IV of the Chattooga at a low level of 1.05 on the bridge. We had some trepidation about running Middle Crack because of the rope and/or cable hazard that has been there since January. Higher levels have not revealed anything, but at this low level one of the kayakers in our group flipped in the drop and had his paddle snagged by a throw rope that was in the drop. GOOD THING IT WASN'T HIS NECK!

The rope had formed a loop and was extended down to just beyond the rocks that form the cracks. Two members of our group managed to corral the paddle (since it was bobbing near the surface) and cut the rope that entangled it. These 2 ends are no longer a hazard,



however, there may well be other loops of this same rope that extend through the drop so use EXTREME CAUTION when running this drop. FYI, it appeared the rope extended from beneath the log that is pinned above middle crack.

- From internet newsgroup rec.boats.paddle.



More on Rope Hazards

Running Left at Bedrock

by Rocky Rothrock, Holmdel, NJ

In light of the previous article about rope entanglement, I thought this article might be of interest, since it concerns safety in handling and storage of ropes on the river. It was written by an open boater who was rowing an oar rig on a private Grand Canyon trip. It's also quite an interesting narrative in its own right. - Editor.

I was rowing a baggage raft on a private trip that consisted of 3 open canoes, 2 kayaks, a C-1, a paddle raft

with 8 paddlers, and another baggage raft. I had lagged behind the group somewhat, and when I got to Bedrock part of our party was ashore, motioning strongly that I should go right. I asked if they wanted me to come ashore and scout. The response was, "No, run right."

What I didn't know was that our other baggage raft had tried to go right and failed. Later I found that he had hit the left wall 3 times, and on the third time had been removed from his raft by the turbulence. He and the raft flushed through, and were reacquainted in the eddy below the rapid. He was somewhat shaken by his experience.

I entered as far right as I could, pulling hard to the right (I was later told by Bob Poirier that the way to run Bedrock was to ferry to the right, while pulling like hell, preferably while swearing at yourself to urge you on). Almost all the flow is to the left of the rock. Probably 15-20' from the rock it was clear that there was no way I was going to make it to the right, so I gave one or two pushes on the oars to not hit the rock straight on.

This move was successful in that I missed a direct hit — it is indeed easy to go left if you try to go left! At that point I believe the right tube went into a violent hole. It is not totally clear what happened next, since much of my remaining trip through the rapid was spent underwater, and things were moving pretty quickly.



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The raft flipped, with me under it. I flushed out against the left wall with the raft behind me. The raft then pinned me against the left wall, which was like being mushed with a rubber pillow and wasn't that unpleasant (I'm basically an open boater, and a canoe full of water at that point would have been fatal). The raft bounced off the wall and I began flushing downstream.

The raft then pinned on the left wall, and I was downstream of the raft, over a small drop, and on my way to the big eddy below. Suddenly there was a wrenching pain in my left arm, and I realized that the bow line of the raft was entangled tightly around it. The bow line had that fine Grand Canyon beach sand on it, and it literally had a death grip on me. I was in the full force of the rapid, and spending a lot of time underwater.

A self-rescue was clearly in order, and I realized I would have to try to cut myself free. Only one member of the party could see me, and he was screaming at me to let go of the raft — he didn't realize that I was drowning. I grabbed my knife with my free hand. Unfortunately the sheath came with it, so I had no cutting edge. I was about to put the sheath in my mouth to try to withdraw the blade when I saw that the raft had unpinned and was now coming down on top of me.

I'll never know whether I could have pulled a McGyver and cut myself free. The tremendous force of the rapid on my body, transmitted through my poor arm to the raft, had unpinned the raft and set it free. Why this force didn't dislocate an elbow or shoulder remains a mystery to me.

I wound up circulating in the big eddy, still tied to the capsized raft. It took a couple of minutes working with my free hand to finally get the bow line untied. My left arm had huge purple and red mounds on it, and was pretty useless. It also hurt like hell.

One of the open canoes tried to pull me out of the eddy. We went around 3 times before giving up, and I rested on a rock in the eddy. One of the kayakers then tried and was successful, depositing me in a rocky alcove on river right. She then produced a space blanket from inside her kayak and gently wrapped me in it. I was shivering (there was an estimate that I had spent 20 minutes in the water, although I think that's somewhat on the high side). I'm sure I was also in shock.

Eventually the paddle raft was able to reach the alcove and I got in. I exited on shore, and a major splinting effort took place. The arm was now very swollen and colorful, like an Arizona desert sunset painted on a very large and tight sausage. Everyone assumed it was broken, although I had never felt it snap, and my hand wasn't flopping around like my foot had when I broke both bones in my lower leg playing football.

There was then a significant effort to right the baggage raft, which was finally successful. I had tied in the gear so that each bag had at least 2 straps through or around it, and not a single piece of gear was lost. I rode down to the top of Dubendorf, at which point I decided that if there was a screw-up, I was in no mood to swim. I felt pretty vulnerable. So, somewhat wobbly and with my arm in a splint, I walked Dubendorf.

At the bottom of Dubendorf (Stone Creek) there was another party repairing two rafts. Doc Thomas and Bob Poirier were part of the party. Their consensus also was that I had a broken arm. The accident had happened at 4 PM, and around 5 PM Bob began trying to make radio contact with passing airplanes, attempts that proved unsuccessful. I spent a long and fairly uncomfortable night propped against a large rock, trying to be a good patient and to keep my sense of humor.

The next morning there was a long wait until a Hatch trip and an AZRA trip arrived almost simultaneously. One of the AZRA guides had a satellite telephone and in about 20 minutes had connected with the outside world. The group began wetting down the beach, doing a great job (the helicopter crew was very complimentary about the fantastic job they had done). Around 11 AM the NPS helicopter showed up, and my wife and I were flown to the South Rim.

From there we went by ambulance half way to Flagstaff, where we met another ambulance that took us the rest of the way. About 24 hours after the accident occurred I was at Flagstaff Hospital and X-rays were taken; they revealed no broken bones. Some tests revealed no anterior compartment syndrome, which was fortunate because it was way too late to treat that.

As I write this, I am back in New Jersey. My orthopedic surgeon says that the amount of blood packed into the forearm compartment will "resolve itself" in about 6 weeks, so it looks like I'll be able to lead our annual Gauley River trip in mid-September.

There is no question that I could have drowned, but my time apparently hadn't come. The learning for me is that the bow and stern lines have to be securely hanked, which they weren't. There had been several instances where someone on shore had grabbed a hank and been unable to untie it easily, a couple of times resulting in problematic situations. I had chosen to have the lines stuffed between the gear and the tubes so they could be pulled out deliberately, but wouldn't come loose inadvertently. That works fine until the raft is turned upside down. So my innocent decision to not hank the lines came very close to costing me my life.

I had run every rapid up to the time of the accident.

This was my first time on the river, and I had never even heard of Bedrock. For me it offered even more problems than Horn Creek, which I thought was pretty hairy. Hance was a piece of cake by comparison. I feel somehow cheated that I didn't get to do the rest of the river (I had heard about Lava). I tell people that if I had known the accident would occur and that I had known that I would live, I'd do the trip again.

I don't have to tell you that the Grand Canyon from the Colorado River is unbelievably beautiful. The water quality was fantastic — by the end you could see 6' down. What I'd really like to do is take a paddle raft down. The oar boat is a lot of work, and at 8000 cfs it is not without significant risk. A paddle raft would be a lot of fun.

Incidentally, an NPS ranger queried me about my accident. He's doing a survey on the effect of 8000 cfs on running the river. He said they are seeing more raft pinnings and personal injuries at the lower level.

The people who helped were great! Special thanks to Bob Poirier for making the attempts he made to contact aircraft, and to keep checking on my medical status. The emotional support of having someone there was really important to me. Thanks also to Doc Thomas for his medical advice. And very special thanks to Linda Kazamierczyk of our group, the kayaker who got me out of the big eddy, produced the space blanket, and kept me warm physically and emotionally when I really, really needed it.

Post Script answering a question about canoeing the Grand Canyon:

I didn't canoe the Grand Canyon. I wish I had the skills to run the Canyon in an open canoe. I probably have the courage, but I'd want to test my skills on something a bit smaller. That's why I agreed to do the baggage raft as a way of seeing the Canyon.

These open boaters are simply world class paddlers. They canoed the Canyon in 1988, running all the rapids with a few flips. The level was 16000 to 20000 cfs. They applied for a permit that year, and just got it this year. This year two of them carried Horn Creek, one carried Badger, Horn Creek, Hance, and Crystal. None of them tried all the rapids. It was amazing to watch them go through really big rapids — their skill and balance are quite incredible.

Their consensus was that 8000 cfs was more difficult than 16000 cfs for them. The river going INTO rocks got their attention more than bigger water going OVER rocks. Of course, I don't know how they did the last week — they just got off the river Friday and I haven't heard from them yet.

- From the Grand Canyon Private Boaters email list. <

Green River Narrows Drowning

by Amy McCraw, with contributions by Harrison Metzger

A kayaker died Monday, August 7, when he became wedged under a boulder while trying to navigate the treacherous Green River Narrows. "I saw my best friend die in front of my eyes," Heath White of Hot Springs said as he described the accident. White said he was sitting in an eddy in his kayak below a rapid watching his friend when he saw him go down a dangerous channel in the river and become pinned under the boulder.

Police identified the victim as 29-year-old Gerald Dewitt Mills, Jr. White said Mills was from Portland, Oregon, and had come to North Carolina to help him with work. Mills also had family members who live in the area, officers said.

White and other kayakers on the river tried unsuccessfully to use ropes to free Mills. When the ropes failed, White said he made his way to his friend and grabbed his hand. White tried to pull him free, but he eventually felt his hand go limp.

White described Mills as a very good and experienced boater. But White said Mills had never been down the Narrows before. "We had been paddling quite a bit. He had been wanting to run it," White said. "We both felt he was ready." They had gone kayaking Monday with a group of other enthusiasts of the sport. Some of the kayakers in the group made their way out of the wilderness to call for help.

The Narrows, located where the river plunges from Henderson into Polk County, is considered one of the most difficult white water runs in the Eastern United States. Here the river tumbles over, under and around giant boulders in a series of a dozen rapids rated class V.

Henderson County Sheriff's Department dispatchers said they received a call about the accident at the Narrows at 1:46 p.m. Emergency rescue crews from several departments responded to the accident. They

hiked the steep terrain down Pulliam Creek Trail off Big Hungry Road to the river.

Blue Ridge firefighter Joey Drake said he was the first emergency worker on the scene. When he reached the river, Mills and his kayak were under water. Drake and the other rescuers, along with kayakers who remained at the river, quickly developed a plan to remove the body without causing injuries to the rescuers. "We had to set up rope and rigging," he said. They eventually pulled the body free from the boulder.

Polk County Sheriff's Department Detective Lt. Kenny Kempster investigated the accident Monday. He said the kayakers were trying to negotiate a portion of the Narrows called the "Chief." That portion of the river includes a steep fall, but kayakers often avoid the fall by going around it, Kempster said. "They cheat it by going to the right. He [Mills] was trying to go right but went left," he said. When the kayak went the wrong way, Mills plunged down the fall. "He went straight into it and didn't come up," he said.

Emergency workers tried to arrange for a helicopter to lift the man's body from the river. The steep terrain and lack of a trail make the area inaccessible to emergency vehicles or the all-terrain vehicles often used in rescue operations in remote areas.

An available helicopter that was capable of airlifting a body from the river was not located. Without a helicopter or access to emergency vehicles, the rescuers had to carry the body. As many as 36 rescuers took turns Monday night carrying the body out of the wilderness using baskets and ropes through the steepest portion of the trail.

A dozen years ago, only a handful of expert paddlers tackled the boulder-strewn waterfalls in the gorge. But in the past few years, hundreds of boaters have paddled the Narrows as a rite of passage to expert status. The river's world-class rapids and dependable flows attract boaters from all over the United States and from foreign countries.

Monday's death was apparently the first of a skilled boater in the Narrows, although there have been other accidents and close calls. In the early 1990s, Slim Ray, an expert kayaker and author of a book on river rescue techniques, was left partially paralyzed after his kayak pinned in a drop called "Sunshine Falls."

Emergency calls to the Narrows have increased over the years as the area became more popular. Drake said he hoped a trail accessible to all-terrain vehicles will eventually be cut into the wilderness to allow for quicker emergency response. Drake twisted his ankle while he and others were working to free the body. But he said he did

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not believe he was seriously injured. The Henderson County Emergency Medical Service also treated a kayaker who suffered from heat exhaustion associated with the hike from the river.

- *From the Hendersonville News via the Carolina Canoe Club email list.* ✂

Bad Pinning on the Hiwassee

by Courtney Nipper

This past weekend (August 5-6) I was teaching a beginner white water clinic on the Hiwassee. On Saturday I had a student flush onto the top of a strainer and pin. He was solid on the tree but upright and I had time to get to him. Naturally the student behind him followed him and pinned as well, only she hit another semi-submerged tree just above him, flipped upstream and pinned face down. She was stuck with her stern and side of the boat completely under this tree with her face under the water and unable to lean forward to pull her skirt. Only part of the bow was on the surface.

In other words, it was bad. She could not get any air because a rock prevented her from leaning forward to grab her skirt. I caught a micro eddy near her. I tried to pull her up with my hands but did not succeed. I threw my paddle to one of the other instructors in the eddy downstream of me, hopped out of my boat and yelled to him to get it as it floated downstream to the eddy. I managed to balance on the two trees and pull her out within 30

seconds of her pinning.

From there I got her downstream safely. Next I pulled the guy off the strainer and got him down safely, too. Then the third instructor, while trying to help, pinned himself. Lastly, I got him off and downstream as well.

I just wanted to tell y'all about it. Be careful. S_t happens on class II, too.

- *From the Tennessee Valley Canoe Club email list.* ✂

Fall River Safety & Rescue Clinic

The GCA will be holding the annual Fall River Safety and Rescue Clinic on October 14 and 15 at M.O.E. on the Cartecay River in Ellijay. We will have a dry land instruction day on Saturday, reviewing first aid, rope throwing, Z-drags, walking and working in the river safely, knot tying, and other fun stuff. Jay will cook us a spaghetti dinner (\$10) Saturday night. On Sunday, we will have a river trip on the Cartecay where we get to practice what we learned on Saturday.

Price is \$50 and the participants will be limited to 25 lucky GCA members. Please call Mike Winchester to register (use the application in the Instruction Flyer in this month's *Eddy Line*). You are not registered until Mike has your money!!!

Thanks, all. Mike Winchester's home number is 770.319.8969. ✂

Instruction / Training

Conditioning for Paddling

by Susan Mink, ACA Canoe Instructor

The best conditioning for paddling is paddling, but what about those of us who can only get on the river once or twice a month. Any sport is more enjoyable if you are in condition to do it, so we need to spend a few hours every week doing some exercises that will help us enjoy our river time.

Before you start, get a physical, decide what type of exercise is best for you, and be sure to keep a record so you can see your progress or spot any weak areas. Everyone should have an aerobic and a weight lifting routine.

Aerobic conditioning helps strengthen your heart and lungs and gives you endurance for a long day on the river. Aerobic exercise includes walking, jogging, biking, swimming or any exercise that gets your heart rate up for twenty to thirty minutes.

The purchase of a heart rate monitor can be useful

for keeping your heart rate in the zone for maximum benefits from the exercise. To figure your target heart rate you can roughly calculate your age-adjusted maximum heart rate. The formula for women is 226 minus your age; for men it is 220 minus your age. Your target heart rate for aerobic training is 70-80% of the maximum heart rate. For more information on this type of training, look for *The Heart Rate Monitor Book* by Sally Edwards.

Weight lifting strengthens the muscles that are used not only in paddling, but in those class III take-outs and put-ins and those pull-overs and portages. Weight lifting is being recommended more and more for women to help improve their bone density and prevent osteoporosis. There are plenty of books with information on using weights, and most gyms have a trainer who will help get you started.

I found the following routine for conditioning for canoeing in *Weight Training for Everyone*, by Tuten, Moore and Knight: Bench press, bent-over rowing, chin-up, dips, dumbbell lateral raises, sitting military raises, wrist curls, leg extension, leg press and leg curls. Do three

sets of eight to twelve repetitions (reps) of each of these exercises at a weight that is comfortable for 10 reps with the last rep being a little hard to do. Remember that good paddling technique uses torso rotation, so don't forget your abdominal and back muscles. Do some crunches and back lifts. I also use the rotary torso machine at the YMCA.

Stretching before and after aerobic exercise or weight lifting helps prevent muscle injury, but there are all kinds of disciplines that promote a limber body such as Yoga, Tai Chi, and other types of martial arts. If getting in and out of your boat is a problem, consider this type of program. My husband and I have been taking Tai Chi classes at the

YMCA and we can certainly recommend that discipline to paddlers who need to loosen up their knees and strengthen their legs, as well as improve their balance.

With all this conditioning to do, how will we ever find time to paddle? Well the good news is that an hour or so a day is considered an adequate amount of time to devote to conditioning. In weight lifting, it is recommended to allow at least a day between workouts to let your muscles recover and rebuild, and that off day can be devoted to your aerobic workout. It is important that you work out regularly, however you can fit it into your schedule. If you do, it won't be long before you notice a big improvement in your enjoyment of a long day on the river. ✂

River Access

Fee Demo Going Local?

Four Tennessee State Parks to Charge Fees Under Test

Nashville — State officials have chosen four state parks for a pilot program this fall testing entrance fees. They are Radnor Lake State Natural Area in Nashville, Long Hunter State Park east of Nashville, Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Park in Pinson and Hiwassee and Ocoee Rivers State Park in Delano.

The amount of the fees has not been determined, but under discussion is \$3 to \$4 a car — or \$2 or so a person. Annual passes could cost \$20 or more. Tennessee lawmakers approved establishing fees this year, with the money dedicated to parks rather than going into the state's general fund. The four are the preferred parks — so far — because of location, the numbers of visitors, personnel available and other factors.

- From the Tennessee Valley Canoe Club newsletter. ✂

Letters to Stop Fee Demo!

(Continued from page 1) third extension.

WHY SHOULD WE OPPOSE THESE FEES?

There is a difference between entrance fees and these "user" fees. The fee demo is being unfairly assessed to a small portion of the visitors to an area, and if there is a river in a fee demo area you can be assured that river runners are being charged. About a quarter of these fees are assessed to paddlers! Paddlers hardly make up 25% of the users of our national lands.

The funds from these fees are not really being spent in a fair manner. Look at the Nantahala. (First, the flush

toilets at the put in were funded prior to the Fee Demo, so your dollar did not help build them.) The new take-out at the bottom was obviously built with no input from paddlers. There is a bridge over a creek below the NOC that could only be of use to commercial rafters. And the expansion of the Patton's Run viewing area is more for tourists than paddlers.

One argument for the fees is that they free up funds for backlog projects. This is not the case. The USFS budget was cut by \$20 million in 1998, the same amount received in fees. This is simply moving the cost of our lands from all of the country to selected users.

IT'S MORE THAN JUST A BUCK

The Fee Demo is the first step in the attempt to commercialize our national lands. It is being pushed most by the American Recreation Council, a group consisting of Disney, KOA, Exxon, and Yamaha among others. The logical conclusion to these fees is concessionaires in all of our national lands.

If you think this is a little far-fetched, just take a look at our own Stone Mountain. After the State of Georgia instituted fees on its state parks, a concessionaire was brought in to manage the park. Fees went up, amenities were cut, and now there is talk of building an amusement park.

Our national lands have been conserved for all of us by removing the possibility of personal gain. These fees are diametrically opposed to that goal. They would turn them from areas to be preserved to profit centers.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

The US Senate's Fiscal Year 2001 Interior Appropriations bill (HR 4578) contains language to extend the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program (Fee Demo) by one year (section 334), until September 30, 2002. This extension would apply to all Fee Demo. Additionally, Senate Bill 2817, the Recreation Fee Authority Act, was recently introduced to make Fee Demo permanent. Fur-



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thermore, the Clinton administration is asking the Senate to make Fee Demo permanent this year.

The Interior Appropriations Bill will be sent to the president to sign after going through a conference committee involving both the House and Senate. Please write Senator Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), who sits on this committee, NOW! Ask him to ensure that the Interior Appropriations conference committee deletes the one year extension of Fee Demo and that the Forest Service recreation budgets get restored to a point where fees are not necessary.

Additionally, the Interior Appropriations Bill includes a provision that guarantees concessionaire operators of forest facilities that the Forest Service will not displace them from their concession (section 331). During the past decade, in the wake of budget cutbacks, many facilities that were run by the Forest Service were concessioned out. This provision would make that privatization permanent. Please ask Senator Stevens to remove this provision as well.

Any citizen may write to this Senator and be heard, regardless of what state that individual is from as the actions of this committee affect all Americans.

Attention: Senator Ted Stevens
Senate Committee on Appropriations
131 Dirksen
Washington, DC 20510

You should also consider writing your Senators and Congressmen. Ask them to oppose the Recreation Fees as they:

- Are a double tax and the funding for these lands should come from the general fund
- Are unfairly assessed against the easiest population to target
- Have not been fully researched to determine what does and does not work in the program

Ask that they sign on to Rep. Capps' letter opposing the program.

The Honorable Max Cleland D - GA
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Letters

Dear Mr. Proctor:

I write in response to Terry Newlon's letter, Rowdy River Cops on the Nantahala, and the follow-up letter by Bob Bartsch, Epilogue, (*The Eddy Line*, July 2000). To briefly recap for anyone who missed them, Newlon and friends went paddling on the Nantahala River in North Carolina. One of the group did not have a five dollar river use pass as required by the US Forest Service. But her husband was going to buy one from an outfitter and bring it back to her, since he was going to be driving along the river as (they) paddled. Two rangers showed up and issued Newlon's friend a citation in the presence of her husband, who was still present. In the process, Newlon's friend became upset and began crying due to the rudeness of the rangers. Newlon adds, for the record, that he is not an angry person. It is important to note that Newlon's son was part of this paddling venture.



I have been in law enforcement for nearly fifteen years. In that capacity I investigated the violations of a myriad of local, state and federal laws. I worked as a uniform officer and a criminal investigator. I have had the

opportunity to work alongside many different agencies. And it still does not cease to amaze me that no matter what type of law you enforce, someone is going to object to you enforcing it and be completely comfortable in their rationalization of their violations of those laws.

I, like many people, have questions about the recreational fee programs instituted by the Forest Service and the Parks Service. But I never understood any of those programs to be voluntary. I paid the parking and entrance fees like everyone else. And I paid for an Eagle Pass when I knew I would be visiting several parks in a given area. Newlon disagrees with my approach.

When Newlon, et al, were approached by the rangers, the rangers found Newlon's friend lacking the required pass and asked her to come on shore. Newlon's response, "Now if it had been me, I would have just paddled off and let them follow me downstream." Nothing to soothe an encounter with police like making them chase you, huh? Whether you agree with the fees or not, those rangers were doing their jobs.

Newlon writes that the rangers made his friend cry. He continues that the rangers gave "her down the road." and that they "took delight" in their actions. If, as Newlon alleges, the rangers were rude, I encourage him to notify

their superiors and lodge a complaint. Law enforcement officers have no business being abusive. But also understand that some people cried when I simply wrote them traffic tickets as a uniform officer. I did not take any pleasure in that, but it was my job. Newlon writes he did not know whom to contact about the incident: they work for the US Forest Service; why not start there? But aggravating what is already a confrontational situation is certainly not the wisest move.

I have heard people complain about traffic regulations, gun regulations, drug regulations, immigration regulations, and now about river use regulations. You know something, it all comes down to, "Enforce the laws, but only the ones I like." Law enforcement personnel, whether police, deputy, or ranger, do not have the luxury to arbitrarily decide what laws to uphold on a case by case basis. Let's look at the other side of the picture for a minute.

Newlon's friend did not have a fee pass. Her husband was going to a nearby outfitter to buy her one. Well, her husband had time to drive ahead of the paddlers at least a couple of times to come down to the river and make sure his wife was doing well. In fact, when the rangers came on the scene, her husband was still there. Could he not have gone to buy the pass and been back before any of this happened? No, they were standing there telling the rangers that they were going to buy a pass, honest they were. Maybe they had every intention of buying that pass, but look at it from the rangers' perspective. You don't think that everyone they write a ticket to has an excuse, do you? You don't think that some of those excuses might be little white lies? You don't think that after pointing out the signs that read, "Fee Area," they've heard someone seriously say, "Oh, I thought that said, "Free Area?" So now we're also to charge the rangers with deciding who's telling the truth. That's the judge's job, folks.

The rangers Newlon met probably live in the Nantahala area. For them those mountains and streams are not a playground to visit on the weekends, they are



their backyards. They have heard the stories and seen the damage of the minority of paddlers that wreak litter or other damage on an area. Rangers have heard reports and known officers who responded to calls where a homeowner on the Davidson, Cartecay or the Etowah Rivers came home to find paddlers taking a luncheon respite on their decks or screened porches. The excuse that time? "We thought it was only a vacation home." Oh, that certainly justifies trespassing. And perhaps they have even been involved in or heard about a call like these where the paddlers agreed with Newlon's view and simply scampered off before anyone could respond to investigate. That's what it might look like from the other side.

Newlon saw things differently from the rangers. In his eyes, as he wrote, the rangers were only "redneck, tobacco chewing vermin" and "jerks." Well, those "rednecks" don't hesitate to respond when a paddler or hiker is injured or trapped. OK, they can't be there at the moment tragedy strikes, but when they arrive they place their safeties and lives in jeopardy to rescue and remove the victim. Perhaps Newlon also sees Georgia State Patrol troopers in the same light. After all, they only write traffic tickets, too. Maybe Newlon also would refuse to pay those tickets? Sure...

Then the brain trust gets a boost from Bob Bartsch who writes in to suggest that no one pay the fees and simply go to federal court. Hey, the Federal Magistrates in California are throwing these cases out! Unless you plan on having your case heard in California, or bringing one of their judges here, I suggest you weigh this carefully. I do not believe you'll likely receive the same outlook from a federal judge in the Eastern District of North Carolina or the Northern District of Georgia as you might in California.

If you disagree with these fees, write the Forest Service and the Parks Service. Complain to your elected officials. That message is constantly in *The Eddy Line*. You have the right and responsibility to be involved in making this country better. And I defend Newlon's right to comment on how he saw the incident he wrote about. But arbitrarily violating laws and flaunting the authority of law enforcement officials is not the answer, even if you completely disagree with the laws being enforced.

I also need to address the irresponsible manner in which *The Eddy Line* handled the printing of these letters. I could not believe that there was no editorial comment stating that *The Eddy Line* did not agree with "paddling away from rangers" or violating regulations established by the service agencies in question. Newlon's views, suggestions, and the example he set for his son are base, common sorriness. "If you disagree with a law, just

disregard it" is not protestation, it is anarchy. As a community that wants to be seen as credible in our pursuit of outdoor recreational activities, it is imperative that we all address these issues in a constructive and adult manner. And as a member of the Georgia Canoeing Association, I hope this organization agrees with me.

Sincerely
Daniel Arrugueta

Mr. Arrugueta:

Thank you for your thoughtful response to Mr. Newlon's letter. Member contributions are the heart and soul of the club's newsletter and are always appreciated.

I try to publish virtually everything submitted by GCA members, regardless of the position taken by the writer. As editor, what gets published is at my sole discretion.

It's one of my "conditions of employment" and part of the reason I make the big bucks doing this job. I guess it's also why I take the heat for what gets published.

"Views and opinions expressed in articles and editorials are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the official views and policies of the club." This disclaimer is carried in EVERY issue of the newsletter (see page 4 of this issue, the fine print at the bottom of the page), and it is not practical to repeat it after every article or editorial. You make some very good points on breaking the law / civil disobedience. Some points to consider, though: The Fee Demonstration Project (a joint project of government and the recreation industry) was enacted in order to determine the willingness of the public to pay fees for specific uses of public lands. There were no provisions or funds allocated for enforcement or prosecution. Of course if the custodians of the public lands let everyone know up front that this was a pilot program to determine their willingness to pay, how many do you think would actually be paying?

Admission fees to parks and other "developed" facilities have been around for years and are not a part of Fee Demo (e.g., your Eagle Pass). The Fee Demo fees are usually directed at a particular use or user of an area, and since paddlers are a highly visible user group, they get hit with

more than their share of the fees. Since the inception of Fee Demo, the budgets of the federal land management agencies have been reduced each year by about the same amount as the fees collected (this in the face of huge budget surpluses), thereby transferring the costs associated with these public lands from the general public to specific user groups. All this, while at the same time subsidizing the timber companies' deforestation of our lands and the petroleum, mining and livestock industries' use and abuse of the lands.

While you make some very good points about selective enforcement of laws and selective obedience of the law, one might also consider that there are basically two avenues of approach to getting laws changed, legislatively and through the court system. When the legislative system has the odds stacked against you by the financial influence of big corporate interests, that leaves the court system, which in many cases involves breaking a law, getting prosecuted, and appealing a conviction to get a law overturned.

While the GCA has adopted an official position against the Fee Demonstration Project and has corresponded officially with the various agencies and governmental bodies involved with it, the club has not addressed the question of civil disobedience and has adopted no position on it. There are possibly thousands of issues that the club has no official position on.

Sometimes civil disobedience is the best way to try to get a law changed or thrown out in court. To wit, where would the civil rights movement be without the likes of Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr., who were willing to disobey and challenge laws they disagreed with and put their freedom on the line for a just, but not legal, cause? (Strictly the opinion of the editor.)

Again, thanks for your response. The staff of The Eddy Line (that's a euphemism for "me, the editor") welcomes comments, discussions, responses to issues, etc. These things serve to enlighten the paddling community and to enliven the pages of an otherwise possibly boring newsletter.

- Editor



Book Review

The Gift of Rivers

Reviewed by Harry Tutor

Every now and then you run across a book that reaches you in an almost spiritual way. When a publisher asked if they could send me a free book in exchange for writing a review



in newsletter, I thought, "Free advertising for a free book — commercialism at its worst." That may have been their intention, but this one's worth telling you about.

Edited by Pamela Michael and introduced by Robert Hass, it is a compilation of short excerpts from many truly inspirational river tales. The size of each story is perfect for evenings around the campfire after paddling adventures. I rarely find reading material my hands just will not put down, but this is one of those.

The stories are first-hand accounts of traveling and paddling from as far away as Africa's Nile and India's Ganges and as close as the Mississippi and Colorado Rivers. I fondly reflected on personal experiences in North Africa when I read the author's adventures there and wished to set out for India to see a new (very old) culture and river. Even the rafting stories are entertaining, I must admit.

External Extostosis

by Terry Smallwood

External extostosis of the auditory canal, more commonly called swimmers' or surfers' ear, is thankfully not widespread. Extostosis is defined in Black's Medical Dictionary as: "An outgrowth from a bone; it may be due to chronic inflammation, constant pressure or tension on the bone." In the case of the ear, this "outgrowth", usually in the form of three bony lumps, closes up the ear canal in front of the ear drum, therefore affecting hearing.

External extostosis takes time to develop. For example I, who have had these growths removed, have been playing/trashing in rivers and surf for over ten years. From a personal perspective, these growths cause a lot of pain after rolling in cold water, largely due to having water trapped behind them. The increased pressure lasts for quite some time after getting off the water. The condition was not known to be relevant to paddlers until recently, but now the news is out, and it is very easy to prevent.

Without wanting to sound like an alarmist, I would recommend doing anything to avoid having to go through the operation. I spoke to Shaun Baker early in 1995 whilst waiting for my turn for the "big drill". I wrongly thought that it couldn't be so bad, as he seemed to be soon back on the water, strutting his stuff as normal. I was not, however, prepared for the pain after the operation to remove the bones.

It was over six weeks until I was allowed to go back on the water, and even now things are not back to normal. I am still supposed to be keeping the ear dry. And to think I have this to look forward to again on the other ear. I apologize for sounding like a windbag, but I wish to stress the importance of early prevention.

Prevention is simple. Exclude cold water from the ears. A lot of rodeo paddlers, who are at high risk due to the nature of their game, have adopted the "Ear Wig", which is a neoprene skull cap worn under the helmet. From experimenting with various ways of excluding water from my ears, I have found this the most successful, as you do not lose as much hearing as you do with ear plugs.

The plight of the Futaleufu and Bio Bio Rivers in Chile had always been distant until I saw them through the authors' eyes.

This is definitely a must-read for any river enthusiast. Visit your local book store (or <http://www.amazon.com>) and order ISBN# 1-885211-42-2. You won't be disappointed.

- From the Tennessee Valley Canoe Club newsletter. ❧

The Ear Wig does not keep your ear completely dry, but importantly it stops the constant letting in of cold water, which causes so much damage.

"Swimmers' ear" is not only used as the common name for extostosis of the ear, but is also used to describe otitis media. This is an infection of the middle ear. The medical dictionary says: "A probable cause of this is swimming and diving where water and infected secretions are forced up the Eustachian tube into the middle ear."

The Eustachian tube goes from the middle ear (behind the ear drum) to the nose. Quite often surfing waves results in water getting up the nose. So again we are at risk, but yet again there is a prevention; use your nose clip.

To add more confusion, there is a third condition, also called "swimmers' ear". Dr. K.W. Kizer, in his article in "White Water Medicine", uses the same name to describe external otitis. This is an infection of the ear canal. He suggests that "repeated exposure to water macerates the skin and raises the pH to neutral. The loss of acidity makes the canal a favorable environment for bacteria that can cause external otitis."

A prevention is "the application of a mixture of equal parts of rubbing alcohol and white vinegar, which I put in a squirt bottle or dropper. The alcohol helps dry out the canal and the acetic acid lowers the pH to normal." This is possibly where most paddlers go wrong — they drink alcohol after paddling instead of squirting it in their ears...

(I know it's bizarre but "alcoholic" and "acidic" sounds an awful lot like a Margarita to me... - "The Drift" Editor.)
- Excerpted from "External Extostosis — Implications for Coaches", reprinted from the newsletter of the East Tennessee Whitewater Club, which reprinted it from the fall 1997 issue of "The Drift" (M.A.S.K.), which reprinted it from "Canoe Focus" (British Canoe Union). ❧

"Whenever I watch TV and see those poor starving kids all over the world, I can't help but cry. I mean I'd love to be skinny like that, but not with all those flies and death and stuff."
- Mariah Carey

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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).

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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.

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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.

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