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March GCA Meeting

The March GCA meeting will be the annual Spring General Membership Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner. The meeting will be on Thursday, March 15 (the third Thursday of the month), at 7:30 PM at the newly rebuilt Garden Hills Community Center in Buckhead. We'll provide the utensils and drinks, you provide the food and fun! We'll all get together and share paddling stories and dreams of warmer weather and higher water. If you have a favorite video to share, call Kay Redmond (404.237.7242) to arrange for the VCR and TV.

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

See you there!!



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Extravaganza 2001

The GCA Spring Extravaganza will be held the weekend of April 20, 21 & 22 at Diamond Lure Campground in Ellijay, Georgia. Be sure to mark your calendars. The event features a free trip coordinating clinic, an "evening at the movies" featuring paddling videos, and a boat and equipment swap / sale on Friday evening, paddling trips on local waters on Saturday and Sunday, a barbeque dinner, Bingo and bon fire on Saturday night, and sausage & biscuits Saturday & Sunday mornings. There will be a canoe camping clinic on Saturday morning taught by Lindsay Meeks, followed by a short river trip. See the flyer in this month's *Eddy Line* for details, a map and registration form.

For questions, call Denise Colquitt at 770.854.6636. See you there! ❧

April GCA Meeting Cancelled

Due to the proximity of the scheduled meeting date to both the Spring Extravaganza and the Southeastern Championship Races, there will be no GCA meeting the third Thursday in April. Look for details on the May meeting in next month's newsletter. ❧

Filler Credit

The drawing used as a filler on page 23 of the January *Eddy Line* was done by long-time GCA member Laura Jordan from a photo she took of GCA paddler Hank Klausman in a hole on the Ocoee. This drawing has appeared countless times in various paddling publications around the country. The version used in *The Eddy Line* was from a paddling calendar Laura published in the 1980s. ❧

Check Out the Neat
Center-Fold in the
Middle of This Issue!!



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Who Ya Gonna Call?

The following list is provided for your convenience:

For general information about the club - Call the club telephone

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

To volunteer to help with club activities - Call President 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 Denise Colquitt at 770.854.6636. ✂

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	Lindsay Meeks
Treasurer	Ed Schultz
Member Services Chair	Mary Ann Pruitt
Recreation Chair	Jason Schnurr
Resource Development Chair	Debra Berry
River Protection Chair	Julia Franks
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



March

3	Leader's Choice	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Charles Bruce	770.974.2481
3	Upper Chattahoochee	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Jim Griffin	770.498.3695
4	Toccoa	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Lannie Lesser	770.736.3101
4	Cartecay	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Paul Lund	770.271.7360
10	Leader's Choice	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	John McCorvey	770.921.5116
10	Cartecay (Note 1)	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Brannen Proctor	770.664.7384
10	Leader's Choice	Class 3-4 Advanced	Duncan Cottrell	770.720.6269
11	Metro Chattahoochee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Tom Martin	770.662.0058
15	Club Meeting — Entertainment — Fun —	Garden Hills Community Center	Kay Redmond	404.237.7242
17	Locust Fork	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Dane White	256.435.3827
17	Etowah (Canton)	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Jason Rusk	770.579.1780
17	Locust Fork	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Dane White	256.435.3827
17	Lower Amicalola	Class 3-4 Advanced	Mark Levine	770.971.5866
17	Alapaha	Smooth Water	Brookie Gallagher	404.872.5211
18	Upper Chattahoochee	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Jim Griffin	770.498.3695
18	Suwanee	Smooth Water	Brookie Gallagher	404.872.5211
24	Lower Conasauga	Class 1-2+ Trained Beginner	Dan & Elise MacIntyre	404.252.9513
24	Upper Amicalola	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Edward Stockman	770.441.9767
24	Leader's Choice	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Tony Colquett	770.854.6636
24	Chattooga Section 3	Class 3-4 Advanced	Roger Toebben	770.804.9416
25	Cartecay	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Stacey Patterson	770.466.7538
31	Leader's Choice	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	David Warner	770.426.8348
31	Locust Fork	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Alan Reaid	770.974.4581
31	Upitoy Creek (Note 2)	Smooth Water	Bill Edwards	706.321.9063

April

1	Buford Dam Chattahoochee (Note 3)	Smooth Water	Marvine Cole	770.475.3022
5	Board of Directors Meeting — Members Invited —	Atlanta Botanical Garden	Brannen Proctor	770.664.7384
7	Nacoochee Chattahoochee (Note 4)	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Dave Chaney	770.973.7910
7	Tallapoosa	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Dan Roper	706.295.0632
7	Upper Chattahoochee (Note 1)	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Brannen Proctor	770.664.7384
8	Smith Island Chattahoochee (Note 4)	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Jim Griffin	770.498.3695
14	Broad	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Dan & Elise MacIntyre	404.252.9513
14	Chattooga Section 3	Class 3-4 Advanced	Roger Toebben	770.804.9416
21-22	Spring Extravaganza (Note 5)	Diamond Lure Campground	Denise Colquitt	770.854.6636
28	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Geoff Kohl	770.650.7823
29	Cartecay	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Edward Stockman	770.441.9767

May

5-6	Southeastern Championship Slalom & Wild Water Races (Note 5)		Knox Worde	770.475.3022
11	French Broad	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Susan Oehler	828.298.0315
12	Pigeon	Class 3-4 Advanced	Susan Oehler	828.298.0315
20	Cartecay	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Edward Stockman	770.441.9767

Note 1: Paddle with the Prez.

Note 2: This creek is on the Fort Benning reservation.

Note 3: Family afternoon smooth water.

Note 4: Family outing.

Note 5: Club activity. No other trips will be scheduled on these days.

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

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

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

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

Roll Practice: Monday evenings from 7:00 until 9:00 January thru March at the Samuel L. Jones Boys' & Girls' Club pool. See announcement in this issue of *The Eddy Line*.

GCA Library Items

The GCA Library has many videotapes and books available to any GCA member. All you have to do is call GCA Librarian Denise Colquitt at 770.854.6636 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:

Denise Colquitt
3797 Glenloch Road
Franklin, GA 30217

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 Self Defense
White Water Tales of Terror
White Water Trips (British Columbia & Washington)
Wildwater (Sierra Club Guide)
Wildwater West Virginia
Youghiogheny

Announcements

GCA Email List

The member response to the GCA email list has been great. We have at this printing over 300 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 "gacanoeflipper.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@flipper.kapcom.com" and on the first line of the body of the message type:

subscribe gacanoeflipper.kapcom.com

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 gacanoeflipper.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 continually adding information and links of value to paddlers. Send your ideas for updates to Allen Sinquefield by using the e-mail link for WebGuy at the site. ✂

Need an Internet Service Provider?

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

Upcoming Events of Interest

March 3-4 — Mulberry Fork Canoe & Kayak Races — Garden City, AL, Mary Ellen Zvanut, 205.985.0552, mezvanut@uab.edu.

March 17 — Wilderness First Aid & CPR — St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, Marietta, GA, Gina Johnson, 404.226.8363 (cell) or 770.971.1542 (home).

March 24 — Locust Fork Classic Canoe & Kayak Races — Cleveland, AL, Tim Rogers, 205.274.0006.

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

April 14-15 — Styrofoam Cup Race — Nantahala, NC, M. Graven, 828.771.3770, www.styrofoamcup.org.

April 20-22 — GCA Spring Extravaganza — Diamond Lure Campground, Ellijay, GA, Denise Colquitt, 770.854.6636.

April 20-22 — East Coast Canoe & Kayak Festival — Charleston, SC, Charleston Parks & Recreation, 843.762.2172, prch2o@bellsouth.net.

April 28 — Chattahoochee Challenge Canoe & Kayak Race and Demo Day — Helen, GA, reps present from major boat & gear mfrs, Dave Gale, Wildwood Outfitters, 706.878.1700.

May 5-6 — Southeastern US Slalom & Wild Water Championships — Nantahala River, NC, Knox Worde, 770.475.3022, email playboatn@aol.com.

May 5-28 (?) — The Great Mississippi River Race — The whole thing! Clark Eid, 203.271.2484, www.dreamkeeper.org.

May 18-20 — Ocoee White Water Games — Ocoee White Water Center, TN, Jayne Abbott, 828.645.5299, email jhabbott@aol.com.

June 1-3 — Lanier Paddlefest 2001 — Lake Lanier, Gainesville, GA, Connie Hagler, 770.287.7888, ConHagler@aol.com.

August 7-12 — USCA National Championships — Sprint

& Marathon, Lake Lanier, Gainesville, GA, Connie Hagler, 770.287.7888, ConHagler@aol.com. ✂

Winter Roll Practice

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: The location has changed for joint GCA / AWC winter roll practice. Our new host is the Samuel L. Jones Boys & Girls Club, 450 East Lake Dr, Decatur GA, 30030, Telephone: 404.378.8814. Apologies to those who did not get the word in January, but we did not find out that the old location would not be available until after press time for the January newsletter.

Once again, the ACA carries our insurance for this event, and non-ACA members will be required to sign up for an ACA event membership at an additional cost of \$5.00 for the entire event (January thru March). This is in addition to the \$5.00 per session paid to defray pool rental expense. ACA members, have your ACA number available or pay for an event membership.

Revel Freeman is our Roll Practice Coordinator. If you have questions about roll practice, or would like to help, either with instruction or keeping track of money and waivers, call Revel at 404.261.8572. Your help would be greatly appreciated, and admission is free for volunteers.

TO GET TO THE JONES CLUB POOL: Go south on East Lake Drive from Ponce de Leon past the East Lake Marta Station. Go about another 1/4 to 1/2 mile and you'll see a large brick building on the left set back a ways from the street (number 450). There is a driveway going in through the fence. Turn left. You are at the Jones Club building. The pool entrance is in the rear. Drive through the gate at the left end of the building to park and unload boats. Carry around to the door in the back.

BE SURE YOUR BOAT IS CLEAN BEFORE YOU GET THERE. Rinse out sand, river mud, leaves, old birds' nests or cobwebs. No hose is available at the door as we had at the old facility. ✂

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 January 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 December *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. Failed email IDs:
smhjj@dnet.net
rewtom@earthlink.com
grus@earthlink.net
mail@whitewatergeorgia.com
rhoen@avana.net ✂

Library Items Missing **by Denise Colquitt**

Hi folks. I've recently completed a complete inventory of the GCA Library. A lot of the items currently listed in *The Eddy Line* are not currently in the library, especially primo videos. That is because some items are being borrowed by persons I don't know about or have just disappeared.

If you have borrowed a library book or video, please contact me about returning the item(s) to the library. I've had the library since before Christmas and no items have been returned while it has been in my care. Please remember that if you borrow items, it is your responsibility

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Email canoeist@mindspring.com

ity to return them in a timely manner so that other members can also enjoy them. The standard "borrow time" is no more than 30 days.

Also, the GCA Board of Directors has asked me to gather a list of videos and books we'd like to add to our library. I am interested in getting members' suggestions for books and videos they'd like to see added. Please call or email me with your suggestions.

Thanks for your help.

Denise Colquitt

770.854.6636

NEICEYC@aol.com

Items missing:

Videos:

Heads Up, River Rescue

Kayak 101 (mastering the basics)

Plunge!

Prijon Wildplay Wildwassser Sport

Take the Wild Ride

Tallulah Gorge (Rob Maxwell)

The Kayaker's Edge

The Open Canoe Roll (Bob Foote)

Ultimate Canoe (Niagara Gorge & Other Rivers-Whitesell)

We come to Play (Orosi)

Whitesell

Whitewater Groove

Books missing:

Boundary Water I & II

Tennessee Canoe Guide

White water Self Defense ✂

Ocoee Games 2001

by Karen V'Soske

Snow covers the ground, goose bumps have become your base layer, you're spending more time with your skis than with a paddle, and the closest thing to white water you've seen lately is the froth under your bathtub spigot.

Must be time to start thinking about this year's Ocoee rodeo. For the first time ever, we're combining AW's white water rodeo with the US slalom team trials and calling it the Ocoee Games 2001. The TVA offered fewer days of water on the Upper Ocoee in 2001, making the joint effort necessary, but it's looking like it will be a win-win for everyone. More people, more action, more excitement. It'll be like wrapping the competitive excitement of the Olympics around the hard drivin', over-the-edge, he-haw-hootin'-and-hollerin' fun of the Gauley Fest. To top things off, there'll be a super silent auction for bargain hunters and a raffle you won't want to miss.

From the rodeo end of things, the Ocoee Games will be the first event in the Gorge Games Whitewater Series. Following the May Ocoee Games will be the Potomac Whitewater Festival on June 1-2, the Animas River Days taking place on June 8 - 10, and ending with the Subaru Gorge Games in Hood River, Oregon, on July 14-22.

To make the Ocoee Games happen, we need your help. It'll take more than 300 volunteers working in a variety of capacities to bring it all together into the best-ever Ocoee white water event.

Jobs available to help with the rodeo include:

- Timers
- Scribes
- Judges*
- Runners
- Scoring (must be familiar with Excel)
- Registration Helpers
- Volunteer Check-in Staff
- Set-up/clean-up at the river
- Safety Boaters**
- People on shore with throw ropes**
- People to help with the party:
 - check ids
 - set up/tear down
 - silent auction
 - sell tickets

* Judges will need to complete an NOWR training program. Ask me for details.

**Safety boaters and throw rope people must be trained and experienced and will be screened for safety suitability.

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

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

Great Winter Paddling!
Coastal Georgia's Wilderness
Altamaha River Bioreserve

Always Water
Affordable rentals
Great Camping
Mild Weather

Altamaha Wilderness Outposts
 altamaha.com

Darien 912.437.6010 Sapelo 485.2273 Camp 654.3632

Contact me, Karen V'Soske, to volunteer for American Whitewater and the rodeo end of things. You can reach me at Kvsoske@aol.com or call me 419.677.9215. I will need the following information:

- your full name
- your complete address, phone number and email address (if it's not obvious)
- your volunteer interests (what job you want) and any special skills — tell me what you do for a living, I may have a job I need you in if you have the right skills
- your availability — we'll need people on May 12 to help with set-up at the river and we'll need people for a variety of jobs beginning Wednesday, May 16, through Sunday, May 20 — tell me when you plan to arrive and when you must leave.

To become a slalom volunteer, contact Ann at ocoee whitewater@copperhill.com.

Please pass this along and bring your friends to the rodeo to help. If volunteering isn't your thing or your schedule doesn't permit a commitment, come to the rodeo anyway to root for your favorite competitor and maybe learn a few moves.

And be sure to put the Saturday night party on your calendar: May 19, following the day's competition, at High Country Outfitters on Rte. 64 near Cleveland, TN. <

From the Board Room

GCA Board of Directors Meeting

February 01, 2001

In attendance:

Brannen Proctor
Oreon Mann
Julia Franks
Mike Winchester
Gabiella Schlidt
Allen Hedden
Lindsay Meeks
Marvine Cole
Gina Johnson
Ed Schultz
Dick Hurd



Minutes of October 5 and December 7, 2000, Meetings approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report - Ed Schultz:

Financial statements for past two months reviewed.

Re-election of Board Members at Large - 2001 club year - Marvine Cole:

Marvine moved that Richard Greene, Parks Higgins, Kathy King's term be extended to the end of club year 2001. Seconded and passed.

Strategic Planning Committee Report - Marvine Cole:

Discussion on needs of club members. A survey will be sent to membership, both on-line and in *Eddy Line*.

Recreation Committee Report - Brannen Proctor for Jason Schnurr:

Monthly Meetings are returning to Garden Hills Community Center. Botanical Garden accommodations for Board meeting may not be available after August. Spring Covered Dish Dinner March 15 — BE THERE! Spring Extravaganza April 20-22 at Diamond Lure, in lieu of April Meeting. Discussion that the extravaganza should be scheduled to not conflict with the monthly meeting.

Southeastern Championships - May 5, 6:

Brannen Proctor will be the Race Master. Discussion on lack of club support for race. There will be a cookout for the awards dinner (hamburgers and veggie-burgers).

Training Committee Report - Gina Johnson:

2001 Clinic Classes and Coordinators:

Kayak - Knox Worde

Canoe - Marvine Cole

Safety - Mike Winchester, Pat Hagan

Warm-up - Gina Johnson

CPR/First Aid - Joe Webb

First Three Minutes - Brannen Proctor

River Protection Committee Report - Julia Franks:

Discussion on delegation of responsibility within Committee.

Other Business:

Lindsay Meeks reported that there was no response from Terry Dahl, who was on trial for violating the recreation fee demonstration program law. Motion to send him monetary support withdrawn.

Oreon Mann reported that David Mason requested support from the club at the World's Cup. ✂

Tennessee Paddle 2001

by Dale Robinson

Welcome to the home of Tennessee Paddle (<http://www.tennesseepaddle.com/>). Our 2001 Festival will be



April 6-8, 2001 in Wartburg on "The Plateau". Check our 2001 Events. If you love being outdoors this is the place to be! Give us a look over and see why we love the Obed area so much and why we're

still raising money for conservation projects. There's lots to learn about this wonderful area of Tennessee. Also, keep up to date with the Alerts and What's Up area of the site where you can learn about current events and issues.

We were proud to do this event to raise funds to assist the Obed Wild and Scenic River with their watershed management program. 2001 is the 25th year for the Obed as a designated Wild and Scenic River! We work hard all year to increase the public's understanding about the conservation and access issues that we're concerned about. To learn more about these issues visit the "our goal" area of the web site.



Again in 2001, we'll have lots of "events" planned both on the water and elsewhere in the area to offer a great weekend! We didn't think it would snow on Saturday April 8, 2000! We still had 1500 people at the Wartburg

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Civic Center! The Festival day was very exciting and a success and those that paddled loved coming in out of the cold and wind. The City of Wartburg and Morgan County were outstanding "home hosts".

The 2001 Festival is a combined effort of the American Whitewater, the Chota Canoe Club, the Cumberland Trail Conference, the East Tennessee Whitewater Club, the National Parks Conservation Association, the Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning, the University of Tennessee Canoe & Hiking Club and the Tennessee Clean Water Network. We're your host team. It takes a lot of good people to protect our natural resources. We would love to hear your suggestions for 2001 and for this site.

See you on the river and again in Wartburg in April 2001.

The TP2K1 Team Stay "afloat" with the TP Festival activities, plans for camping and any schedule changes by subscribing to the *Tennessee Paddle News*. It's free. ✂

Allons Pagailler! Let's go Paddle!

The art and science of canoeing includes three universal concepts, bio-mechanics, hull mechanics, and paddle mechanics. Free style canoeing analyzes and refines these principles to achieve a high degree of paddling efficiency. If you are interested in evolving your technical skills in open canoeing to its highest level, then join us at La Louisiane Free Style Symposium on March 23, 24, & 25, 2001, in Mandeville, LA.

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National River Cleanup Week

The tenth annual National River Cleanup Week is scheduled for May 12-19, 2001. Each year, National River Cleanup Week encourages cleanups of local waterways and promotes the importance of keeping rivers and streams clean. More than 54,000 volunteers took part in the last cleanup, June 3-10, 2000.

Civic clubs, businesses, paddle sports enthusiasts, fishing groups, outfitters and conservation groups join together across the country to organize and execute cleanups of



their selected streams. This stimulates cleanups of blighted areas and helps communities focus attention on neglected waterways.

America Outdoors, the largest national association of outfitters and guides is the founder and national sponsor of National River Cleanup Week. American Rivers is a supporter of National River Cleanup Week.

Since the beginning of National River Cleanup Week in 1992, 326,735 volunteers have participated in 4,080 cleanups covering 80,458 miles of shoreline and waterways. Many groups report that their



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efforts are paying off with greater awareness and community support occurring on the local level.

For more information please contact the National River Cleanup Week/America Outdoors office, by phone at 865.558.3595, or email at rivercleanup@aol.com.

Agency support has been provided by the Bureau of Land Management and the USDA Forest Service.

Contact: Vickie Chiocca, Coordinator

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Fatality on the Pigeon Dries

As you may know, a paddler drowned on the Dries the weekend of February 3-4. His name was Ed Owens, and he was reportedly an employee of NOC. It happened on one of the more difficult rapids toward the end of the run called Chinese Arithmetic. He was paddling a Phat.

At higher levels, the Dries become solid class V, with keeper hydraulics and very heavy water; a bad place to swim. The paddler surfed a hydraulic and was then washed free of his boat and swam into a second hole. It was from this second hole that he was rescued, though not resuscitated. He was a good boater, had class V boating skills and paddled with a strong group. He flushed drowned in a bad hole, something that could happen to anyone who has a swim on the Dries.



The Dries are a difficult run, even at lower levels (less than 600 cfs), but at higher levels this run is not to be discounted. The Dries compare to the Watauga in difficulty. Consider that a normal run on the Watauga is in the 200-350 cfs range, a 750 cfs run on the Dries is not much different from a 600 cfs run on the Watauga. That's some big water!!

If you're thinking about running the Dries, please stay away on days when the level is high and the air/water temps are low. A swim on the Dries is far worse than a swim on the Upper Gauley due to exposure to rocks, undercutts, and the difficulty of executing a rescue. The folks who are running the Dries at higher levels are the same folks who run the Green Narrows and West Prong, so they have some serious skills.

It may be one of the only things running, but it's not to be taken lightly. It took years for the Green to kill, yet only a few weeks after the Dries started running, we already have our first fatality. Please take care on the Dries, we don't need any more folks getting killed.

It is always a tragic thing when a fellow paddler goes down. Our sympathy goes out to his friends and family. May he R.I.P....

- Adapted from information published on the CCC email list. ✂

"I Have the Right of Way!"

by Knox Worde

I had an interesting experience late fall which still haunts (concerns) me from time to time; especially when I think of the river traffic in its peak months.

I like to play on the water; no wave, hole or eddy too small I believe. One of my more favorite play spots is at the Nantahala Falls. One crisp early fall day there I checked out the river traffic from the river left eddy at the bottom of the falls; seeing the coast clear, I paddled up and into the bottom hole to surf. I had the falls to myself; I glanced upstream often as I played, watching for any downstream traffic.

Suddenly, there it was; a kayak with my name painted on its sharp bow pointed right at me, coming as fast as its owner could paddle. I suddenly felt like I had a big bright bull's-eye painted on my PFD. It was already past the upper hole; I had only a split second to do a hard draw to my left. Our kayaks glanced off of each other as I apologized for the bump. The other kayaker's only

response was a snotty reply of "I had the right of way!"

What continues to concern me is the attitude of the other boater. Proper river etiquette does state that yes, the boater upstream does have the right of way. Now, anyone who has ever surfed at the falls (or any substantial hole for that matter) is aware that while down in that hole you have a limited line of sight (and likewise you are difficult to see).

I did not pull out in front of that kayaker; it was probably just passing Billboard as I started to play. The attitude of that kayaker was that it was solely my responsibility to watch out for and get out of his/her way. As I watched that paddler continue downstream alone, easily avoiding the rocks and other fixed hazards, I knew that the individual had the skill to avoid me but chose not because they "had the right of way".

The moral of my story is: the person who ultimately is responsible for your safety is you. We should watch out for and try to help each other out, but ultimately you are responsible for you. Not always is the person downstream going to see you or have the necessary skills to move out of your way; in which case it is up to you to avoid an accident. Simply having "the right of way" is not always enough.

- Editor's note: *Something I was taught years ago when learning to drive — "right of way" is not something one has, it is something one yields.* ✂

Instruction / Training

From the Training Chair

by Gina Johnson

Here are some wonderful opportunities for this spring.

March 17 — CPR and Wilderness First Aid — Taught by Joe Webb. This session will start at 10:00 and end about 5:00. American Heart Association CPR taught in the morning and practical first aid for boaters taught in the afternoon.

March 24 — One Day Safety Review — Taught by Pat Hagan. This session will start at 9:00 and end at 5:00. The session will be on land with focus on rope throwing, vector pulls, being safe on the river and whatever else Pat comes up with!

Both courses will be taught in Marietta. Both cost only \$15 per person.

April 7 — Spring Tune Up at Lake Acworth. This is a great chance to get the cobwebs out of your boat and practice your strokes and maneuvers before the Spring Extravaganza! We'll start around Noon and end at 4:00.

June 9 — Ducky Day on the Tuckasegee. Details to

follow in April newsletter.

Call or e-mail me to register: Gina Johnson gwminc@mindspring.com or 770.971.1452. Class size is limited, so sign up now!! ✂

Calling All GCA Kayak Instructors

The GCA needs your help. If you're interested in helping teach a GCA kayak class this spring/summer please let us know who you are. If you're not an ACA certified kayak instructor yet but would like to help out with a class, we can also use your assistance. Remember that long weekend you spent getting your certification? To maintain your ACA instructor certification you are required to teach at least 2 classes within a 2-year period — use it or lose it — so here's your chance to teach, have some fun and help your paddling club out in the process. Call Knox Worde at 770.475.3022. Email: playboatn@aol.com. ✂

The cream rises to the top. So does the scum.

Southeastern Races

The GCA will host the 33rd Annual Southeastern Slalom & Wild Water Championships on Saturday and Sunday, May 5-6, 2001 on the Nantahala River at Wesser, North Carolina. Due to health reasons, Jason Schnurr has had to relinquish the Race Master duties. The new Race Master is Brannen Proctor.

The Southeastern Championship Races always attract a good number of serious racers who are looking for an opportunity to test their skills against the clock. The Championship Slalom classes will be run on the usual Nantahala Falls course, with maneuvers that will challenge even the most accomplished paddler.

Recreational paddlers are encouraged to race in the Cruising Slalom classes, which will have gates repositioned to provide a less demanding route through Nantahala Falls. In the Cruising classes, recreational paddlers can test their skills, not necessarily against the clock, but simply against the course, trying to make all the gates with a minimum number of pole touches.

The Southeasterns are also an exciting event for the Race Crew. Although gate judges, timers and scorers may not have the adrenaline rush of going through the gates, it's exciting to be part of the well-oiled machine that sends a racer down the course every minute, clocks his time to a hundredth of a second, and records the racer's performance at every gate. Race Crew volunteers receive a free custom-designed race T-shirt as well as free continental breakfast and lunch on race days.

This year there are changes in the way the races are scheduled. All slalom races (Championship and Cruising, Decker and Open) will be held on Saturday, May 5. The Wild Water Race and Fun Race will be held on Sunday morning, May 6. This will allow the Slalom Racers and the Race Crew to be participants or spectators at the Wild Water Race and Fun Race.

An Awards Banquet will be held Saturday evening, May 5, at 6:30 PM on the deck at Nantahala Village, featuring a hamburger and hot dog cookout, presentation of awards to the winners of the slalom races, and drawings for the raffle prizes. The raffle will include a boat and other great prizes. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the March GCA meeting, the Spring Extravaganza and at the race.

Due to the size of the Nantahala Village deck, only 100 Awards Banquet Dinner tickets are available. Tickets for the Dinner are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Dinner tickets may also be purchased at the door on an as-available basis for \$12 for adults and \$6 for



children.

The Sunday Wild Water Race begins at the regular put-in above Patton's Run and goes for eight miles, ending below Nantahala Falls. The Fun Race begins at Ferebee Park and ends at the scouting take-out above Nantahala Falls, providing a five-mile run with no rapids above class 2. Awards for the Wild Water Race and Fun Race will be presented at approximately 12:00 Noon on Sunday.

Racers who participated in the Southeasterns in prior years will receive a registration form in the mail. First-time Southeastern racers can obtain registration forms at GCA meetings and at local outfitters, or by requesting a registration form directly from the registrar:

Knox Worde

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Alpharetta, GA 30004

Email: Playboatn@aol.com

Race Crew members are asked to send in the Race Crew form (in this issue of *The Eddy Line*) now to volunteer for the race. This form can be used by both racers and race crew to order dinner tickets for the Awards Banquet.

Racers and race crew are asked to be at Race Headquarters (farthest upstream NOC parking lot on river left) at 8:00 AM Saturday morning, May 5. See you at the Southeasterns! 

Call to Arms!

by David W. Mason, Vice Commodore, ACA Dixie Division; ICF Wild Water Rep.

We, USA Canoe/Kayak, need your help. The Sprint World Cup Championships will be at Lake Lanier, April 13-15th. It is my hope that the Dixie Division can capitalize on this opportunity and showcase the Dixie Division and "southern hospitality." Dixie will be donating \$500 toward this event. For this donation Connie has put me in charge of hospitality for the VIPs, because of my ICF credentials and the fact that I am Vice Commodore of Dixie (in charge of vice!). We will be entertaining the VIPs on the Chota Princess, a 40 ft. boat that will cruise the race course, and we will have hospitality in the tower. I would like to have anything that is from Georgia for refreshments. I would also like Dixie Division members to be on board and at the tower to greet visiting dignitaries. I will bring Habersham wine, made in Gainesville. I am bringing "sweets" from Savannah Sweets, and I will be getting pecans and peaches. It would be nice if we could get volunteers to make bake goods for both of these places.

However, our main function will be to make sure our guests have FUN! and know that the DIXIE DIVISION made a significant contribution to the success of this event.

This above event will be a trial run for the Slalom World Championships on the Ocoee, September 21-23. My understanding is that the organizers are in real trouble and need help. The Dixie Division will be giving

\$1,000 toward hospitality at this event also. I would like to have our members be in charge of hospitality here also. More details and a schedule of assignments will come out the closer we get to these events.

Let's show the world what "Southern Hospitality" is all about, and let's showcase Dixie, GCA, and the Atlanta Whitewater Club (all the good things about Georgia!).

Thanks for the consideration.



River Access

Profit over Public Access — The Grand Canyon and the Colorado River Need Your Help

by Warren Musselman

Once upon a time there was a river...

Actually they are several rivers and in the end they all go to the sea... I'm talking about the Green-Yampa-Grand-Colorado-San Juan river system of the southwestern United States. The Colorado River is considered by many to be the historical home of white water river running world wide.

Since John Wesley Powell first ran the Green and Colorado in 1869, these rivers and the techniques developed on them have engendered the sport of river running as we know it. Prior to the early 1970s, anyone could run these rivers at a whim provided they had the skills and equipment to do so. By 1974, the numbers of people running these rivers had reached a point where significant degradation of the experience had occurred. Since then, beginning with Grand Canyon in 1974, the administering agencies began requiring permits to run the Colorado, Green, Yampa and San Juan rivers.

On all of these permitted sections of river, access is restricted to two classes of users — commercial river concessionaires and private boaters. Commercial concessionaires negotiate permits with the administering agency and by contract with that agency are allowed to make use of 'x' user-days spread over 'y' launches each year during the term of their contract. Private boaters are generally required to apply during December and January to a lottery system wherein successful applicants may launch a trip on a specific day with a body count limited, usually, to a maximum of 16 people.

To this day, these lotteries continue and applying to the lottery has become a yearly ritual to almost all Western boaters as well as a good many boaters from all over the country. Commercial operators continue to operate on fixed allocations awarded for the duration of

their contract.

Historically speaking, at least over the last 20 years or so, all of these permitted stretches of river have operated in this fashion with ever increasing numbers of private boaters competing in lotteries for a fixed number of launch permits. Some people apply year after year for a given river permit before drawing successfully in these lotteries and the chances get more difficult with every year.

This is best exemplified by the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon, which by 1979 had so many applicants to the river lottery system that the chances of drawing a permit were so slim that the lottery system was done away with and a waiting list system was implemented. While this sort of system has not yet been applied to other sections of the Colorado River, the Grand Canyon has been stuck with it AND the fixed allocation ever since.

Between 1979 and 2000, that waiting list has grown from approximately 300 private permit applicants (a 1.5 year wait) to nearly 7000 permit applicants. The wait to actually receive a permit has grown from 1 or 2 years to over 20 years, even taking into account a 30% to 40% cancellation rate. At the same time, commercial outfitters have grown from an \$8 million dollar a year business in 1979 to over \$28 million dollars a year (1999).

In 1972, 90% or more of the river usage was commercial outfitters, due mostly to the fact of the extensive logistics involved in setting up a Grand Canyon trip. Over the years, however, private boaters have increased to the point where many, many boaters desire and have the capability to run the Grand.

Because they were the bulk of traffic in the early 70s AND they make significant political contributions, the commercial river operators monopolize Grand Canyon river access. They account for some 73% of the user days and launches and 87% of the actual bodies on the river. Private boaters, a hugely growing constituency since the 1970's, account for only 13% of the actual bodies on the river and a bare 27% of the launches.

If you want to go commercially you can get space on the next available launch; anywhere from a few days or so on up to about a year or two depending on how flexible you

are with your launch date and how much space you want to reserve on a trip, so long as you have the \$200 to \$300 per day rates that the concessionaires charge. Private boaters on the other hand have a wait of no less than 17 years at present, and depending on cancellation rate, very likely to be over 20+ years before they can get a permit to go down America's premier desert canyon white water river.

As a result of this state of affairs regarding access to the Colorado River in Grand Canyon, few boaters even bother to apply for a permit. Between the \$100 application fee and the need to formally express continuing interest on a yearly basis, it's truly amazing that even 6800 names are on the list. Since the list only accounts for trip leaders, it in essence represents nearly 109,000 boaters.

Given these hurdles plus a number of other rules and the heavy red tape and logistics of actually putting together a Grand Canyon trip, few boaters even bother to apply. Anecdotally, I know of no more than 3 out of nearly 40 boaters who are on the list who consider it an effective possibility to actually get on the river on their own trip in their own lifetime. Those with a real hankering to go generally hope and pray to be asked on a trip on someone else's permit.

Yet, a commercial passenger can call an outfitter and generally have a date within at worst a couple months. This is BEYOND wrong, it is also against the very laws which authorize the National Park Service. A key phrase in the 1916 National Park Service Organic Act, the very act which authorizes the National Park Service, says:

"... and no natural curiosities, wonders, or objects of interest shall be leased, rented, or granted to anyone on such terms as to interfere with the free access to them by the public." [16 USC 3]

Amongst other things, the fact that commercial outfitters have access in preference to private boaters is a direct violation of the equal protection clause of the Constitution, not to mention a direct violation of 16 USC 3 (See Thomas's Register: http://www.house.gov/resources/106cong/reports/parkslaws/03_admin_.pdf)

Since the mid 1970s, private boaters have tried to have the allocation of commercial/private permits adjusted to accommodate the growing numbers of private boaters. (A detailed account of the history of this struggle can be found at: <http://www.gcpba.org/access/IllegitimateWeb.html>) Aside from an adjustment made in 1979 that raised the allocation from 8% to 27% of the user days, this effort has been fruitless.

The Colorado River Management Plan proposed by the park service in 1979 was explicitly defunded by an

amendment from then freshman senator Orrin Hatch (a close relative of the Hatch's that own the largest river concession company in the west) which prevented NPS from implementing that river plan. (See <http://www.gcpba.org/access/HatchAnalWeb.html>) Since then, private river runners have continued to seek a re-allocation of user days to private boaters and a reform of the permit system and waiting list, but to no avail.

At every turn, the commercial concessions have fought ANY change whatsoever in the relative allocation of permits between commercial and private boaters, as well as consistently fighting the declaration of the Colorado River Corridor as formal Wilderness due to the assured loss of short duration motor trips. Bottom line is the bottom line — the commercial river trip business is a \$28 million dollar a year monopoly for 15 river trip companies.

They contribute regularly to appropriate members of Congress and the Senate and do everything they can to continue to solidify their near monopoly over rafting down the Colorado River in Grand Canyon. So much influence do they have that finally NPS dropped their latest planning effort in February 2000. This was allegedly at the behest of the river concessionaires' lobbying group, the Grand Canyon River Outfitters Association (GCROA).

Whether true or not, at the least this occurred as a direct result of the political pressure that GCROA or its members brought to bear on senior NPS, GCNP and Department of Interior staff. The result of this is to seemingly preserve the unfair status quo of the last 21 years with commercial outfitters receiving the lion's share of access (and continued huge profits) and their passengers receiving immediate access, all in exchange for money.

Prior to 1996, there was the Colorado River Constituency Panel which consisted of both private and commercial interests, which purported to represent the interests of all users, but this was dissolved in 1996 by then GCNP superintendent Rob Arnburner with the reason given that it was supposedly in conflict with federal law. As a result of this and continued NPS stonewalling on the topic of re-allocation of user days, the Grand Canyon Private Boaters Association (GCPBA) was formed to work as a representative of the private boater with both NPS and the river concession companies.

The goal of GCPBA has been to work within the planning process to achieve a more equitable allocation for private boaters with regard to commercial concessions and to promote Wilderness values and the declaration of the Colorado river corridor as pure Wilderness.

In March of 2000, immediately after the cancellation

of the 2000 CRMP, a group of private individuals have filed suit against the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior in an effort to use the legal venue to force reallocation of user-days. This suit, brought by boater/attorney John Wells and a group of private boaters, seeks to enjoin the Park Service from re-negotiating concession contracts with the river outfitters and to force an immediate reallocation of user days to reflect the growth in private boating since 1979. (Details at http://www.gcpba.org/litigation/wells_brief.html)

Also, in July of 2000, GCPBA filed suit against the National Park Service and the Department of Interior also to force this issue, but also to address other issues with GCNP management, and particularly the failure of NPS to address the issue of Wilderness status for the river corridor and other related illegalities in GCNP management. (Details of this suit are located at: http://www.gcpba.org/litigation/GCPBA_suit_amended.html) Next month, this suit comes to its first procedural hearing and the court schedule for the remainder of the suit shall be set. GCROA has filed as a intervenor to both of these suits in an attempt to prevent any reallocation of user days.

What you can do:

First and foremost, call AND write your Congressman and Senator and let them know that you support Wilderness Status for the Colorado River corridor in Grand Canyon and the Wilderness Plan for Grand Canyon National Park. Also let them know that you, as a private boater, are strongly for implementation of the 1979 CRMP and the reallocation of user days between Commercial and Private boaters to accurately reflect the current boating public.

Second, join the Grand Canyon Private Boaters Association (www.gcpba.org). It's only \$20 and well worth it. Aside from helping the cause of river runner's like yourself, you'll know you're helping GCPBA and other wilderness advocates preserve and protect one of the greatest wilderness areas in the world. In addition, you

get their wonderful quarterly newsletter, *The Waiting List*, which is full of info and interesting stories about running the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon.

Third, if you have the resources to contribute to the GCPBA Legal Fund, please do. Any amount will help and it will go directly toward prosecuting this suit again NPS and the Department of the Interior. With George Bush and Watt protege' Gale Norton at the helm, you can bet that the "business-friendly" agenda they have cannot but hurt the cause of private boaters, and we need a legal victory in this suit in order to make further progress in the struggle for equity for private boaters in the Grand Canyon.

Forth, Subscribe to one and preferably more of the three email listservers concerned with the Grand Canyon and river access issues and participate. You'll learn a thing or two, maybe connect with a trip and above all connect with a community of other river runners concerned with the Grand Canyon, the Colorado River and river access around the West.

To subscribe to these, send an empty email with the word "SUBSCRIBE" in the subject line to: gcpba@egroups.com for the GCPBA listserver — a fully open free-for-all where any topic concerning the Grand Canyon, river rafting and kayaking and especially access politics is welcome for discussion.

Also subscribe to riveraccess@multi.hydrosphere.com for the River Access listserver which specializes in river access politics, ostensibly nationwide but in practical reality seems limited to access issues in the West.

Finally, there is goboaters@songbird.com for the GCBaters List which tries to be non-political and concerned only with the mundane issues of how to manage fire pans, groovers, the beta on rapids at certain levels and trading permits.

Thank you for taking the time to read this little novel of mine. Please help any way that you can so that river access can be assured for the private boater and fairness reign in our public lands. ✂

Book Review

The Last River: The Tragic Race for Shangri-La

by Todd Balf

Review by Bruce A. Fussell

I found this book to be every bit as exciting as "Into Thin Air". The Last River chronicles the 1998 expedition



to the Tsangpo Gorge in Tibet by an American white water paddling team comprised of Wick Walker, Tom and Jamie McEwan, Roger Zbel, and Doug Gordon.

With balanced, fair and non-biased reporting, the author gives great background on each of the participants and explores the complex reasons why anyone would undertake an adventure of this magnitude. If you've ever dreamed of making a trip like this one, or just enjoy the vicarious thrill of reading a good adventure tale, this book is for you. ✂

Video Review

Deliver Me from the Paddlesnake

by William C. Reeves (The Hawk)

Deliver Me From The Paddlesnake — The Chattooga Watershed. By Milt Aitken. Trout Lips Video, 2000. 47 minutes. \$25.95. Available through REI, NOC, www.WhitewaterVideo.com.

Deliver Me From The Paddlesnake — The Chattooga Watershed could be considered a sequel to Milt Aitken's award winning video Tales of the Paddlesnake. Indeed, if you are not already a Paddlesnake fan, much of Deliver Me will not make much sense. However, Deliver Me is more than a sequel, it pursues two themes. Primarily it provides an in depth paddling guide to the entire Chattooga watershed from the pristine West Fork to the raging conduit of Rabun County's sewage and assorted filth, Stekoa Creek. In addition, weaving in and out of it all is an early morning trip through the interstices of Milt's subconscious. Finally, Milt is an open boater and bigger boats do produce better carnage.

Many viewers will stop, slow-mo, and rewind through Milt's REM sessions with Dr. P. Ekans. However, the real value of Deliver Me From The Paddlesnake lies in its exploration of the Chattooga watershed on the 25th anniversary of Deliverance, the film that jump-started canoeing in the southeast. Payson Kennedy and other GCA paddlers played an important role in Deliverance and Milt's video includes scenes from Deliverance and classic footage of homemade boats getting munched. The video



Author Bill Reeves entering Bull Sluice on Section 3 of the Chattooga. - Submitted by Bill Reeves.

also jumps into the future with shots of Nathan striding Bull Sluice and Woodall.

Deliver Me From The Paddlesnake begins, appropriately, with Section 2 (the West Fork). I've been meaning to write an article on this fun overnight family section. In anticipation of my essay, the video's footage should encourage you (it's a good winter run). The tape shows lines through the only two real rapids, Turn Table and Big Shoals (a very easy class III).

Section 2 ends at Earl's Ford where War Woman Creek joins the Chattooga. War Woman is one of the major tributaries in the watershed and it's a great beginning creek run when the Chattooga is 3 feet or higher. This is the first video footage I've seen of War Woman and it shows lines through fearsome Mattress rapid and Pin Ball (Milt missed calling Pin Ball by name, apparently he didn't read my *Eddy Line* article).

Earl's Ford marks the beginning of Section 3 and the video's next segment. This segment has footage showing lines and carnage for every major rapid at levels between 1 and 3 feet. It also includes Rock Garden and Narrows scenes from Deliverance. It was about here during my first viewing of the video that I realized Deliver Me From The Paddlesnake is the best existing guidebook on the Chattooga. Every rapid is covered in detail. For example, you will see Dick's Creek at 1.7 feet (the level at which most people run it) and witness the three usual lines, the right chute, the alternate left chute (AKA the Toaster), and option C, miss 'em both and drop onto rocks.

There is footage of Second Ledge at 0.9, 1.7 and 3.2 (something for everyone). Watch the film carefully and you will see how to catch the upper right eddy in Painted Rock. Of course, the Bull comprises the capstone of Section 3 and the video documents perfect lines (including the uppermost river right eddy) and memorable carnage at 1.5, 2.4 and 3.4.

The next portion of the film covers Section 4 and



Author Bill Reeves running Seven Foot Falls on Section 3 of the Chattooga. - Submitted by Bill Reeves.



GCA Paddlers' Survey

GCA's newly reconstituted Strategic Planning Committee wants to know what you think about various aspects of the club. We want opinions of members, non-members, potential members and past members. We want to know what we're doing well, what we need to improve, and how we can better serve the paddling community.

We've put together a brief (?) survey that we would appreciate your completing and returning to the address provided. The survey form will also appear on the GCA web site at www.georgiacanoe.org if you would prefer to download a copy from there. We will use the information gathered in the survey to guide our planning process over the next several years.

We realize that survey response rates are notoriously poor, but we'd like to think that the paddling community cares enough about the organization to provide us with this information via the survey. It's YOUR club that we're trying to improve. A number of people have put a substantial amount of time and effort into this project so far, and have committed long-term to doing what they can to help the club better serve YOU. So please complete the survey and get your response in the mail by March 20 in order for us to compile the results for presentation to the Board of Directors at the April meeting and start moving forward with our planning process.

The form has been placed in the center of *The Eddy Line* so it can be easily removed and sent in without compromising the integrity of your copy of the newsletter. Directions for folding and mailing are on the back side of the last page of the survey.

We deeply appreciate your help and cooperation in gathering this information.

- The Strategic Planning Committee

Name (optional) _____

Your age:

Gender: ___F ___M

___<18 ___19-29 ___30-39
___40-49 ___50-59 ___60+

1. Are you a member of GCA? ___ No ___ Yes If so, how long? _____

2. What other paddling associations do you belong to: (check all that apply)

___ ACA ___ AW ___ AWC ___ TVCC ___ TSRA ___ CCC ___ (other) _____
___ (other) _____ ___ (other) _____

3. I paddle: (check all that apply)

___ Flat water ___ White water ___ Canoe camping ___ Multi-day trips
___ Sea, ocean ___ Lakes

4. Type of boat(s): (check all that apply)

___ Open canoe - white water ___ Open canoe - flat water ___ Decked canoe ___ Kayak - white water
___ Kayak - sea/touring ___ Sit-on-top ___ Solo only ___ Tandem only
___ Solo & tandem ___ Inflatable - raft ___ Inflatable - ducky

5. Skill Level:

___ Novice ___ Trained Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced ___ Expert

6. How many GCA club trips do you go on per year?

5 or less 6-15 16-25 26+

7. How many non-GCA trips do you go on per year?

5 or less 6-15 16-25 26+

8. GCA offers enough paddling trips for my level.

Strongly Somewhat Neutral Somewhat Strongly
Agree Agree Disagree Disagree Disagree

9. In my opinion, environmental/conservation issues are very important to the club.

Strongly Somewhat Neutral Somewhat Strongly
Agree Agree Disagree Disagree Disagree

10. In my opinion, river access issues are very important to the club.

Strongly Somewhat Neutral Somewhat Strongly
Agree Agree Disagree Disagree Disagree

11. I think the amount of paddling instruction offered by GCA is:

Not enough Just right Too Much

12. I think that the amount of safety/rescue clinics offered by GCA is:

Not enough Just right Too Much

13. I think the amount of club and other social events offered by GCA is:

Not enough Just right Too Much

14. List 3 words that describe GCA's **image** to you.

_____, _____, _____.

15. What events or programs would you like to see started OR reinstated? (check all that apply)

Flat water clinics Canoe camping clinics Canoe camping trips
 Rodeo clinics Rodeo events Advanced training (paddling)
 Out-of-region trips Other (please describe) _____

16. Why did you join GCA? _____

17. Has GCA met your expectations? Please explain your answer. _____

18. Why have you continued your GCA membership? _____

19. How can GCA be better for you? _____

20. Which areas of club activities / programs would you like to become more involved with? (check all that apply)

River Access Paddling Instruction
 Social Events Meeting/Program Coordination
 Southeastern Races Public Relations
 GCA Store Board of Directors
 GCA Library Trip Coordinating
 Mailing *The Eddy Line* Welcoming New Members
 Safety / Rescue education Competitive Events
 Conservation / Environmental Rodeo
 Other (please describe/explain. _____

If you would like someone to call you with more information about these areas, please include your name and phone number here:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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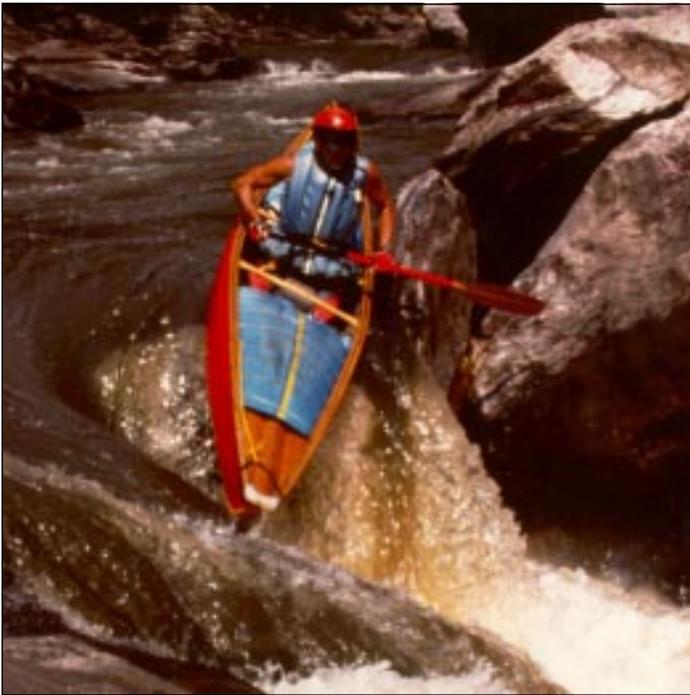
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Author Bill Reeves at Seven Foot Falls on Section 4 of the Chattooga.
- Submitted by Bill Reeves.

allows viewers to couch-scout every named rapid, and view both good and not so good lines at sane and marginally sane levels. This portion also contains footage from Deliverance (Screaming Left Turn, Deliverance Rock, Raven Chute and Entrance). It has always been my understanding that Deliverance Rock was so named after \$100,000 or so worth of camera equipment that fell into the river, not because of the swimming scene. Five Falls



Will Reeves negotiating Woodall Shoals on Section 4 of the Chattooga at 6 feet.
- Submitted by Bill Reeves.



Will Reeves at Corkscrew on Section 4 of the Chattooga.
- Submitted by Bill Reeves.

is especially well covered, as it should be. Footage includes Clint Rinehart demonstrating how to unass a kayak and swim from the hole below Left Crack and into Middle Crack's hole at 2.4 feet. He notes, with unusually precise language, it was "real bad."

After Section 4's Quaalude Rapid and a session with the reptilian Dr. Ekans, Milt takes us to legendary Stekoa Creek, a class V open sewer that pukes forth its load of filth into the wild and scenic Chattooga. Stekoa may be a cesspool, but it's a steep cesspool and one of three currently boatable major tributaries in the Chattooga's watershed. If you're an advanced boater, you should consider doing it once.

In my opinion, the next section dealing with safety issues on the Chattooga is unique and the most valuable such discourse that I have seen in a video or guidebook. It covers everything, illustrating all the major hazards, with some really good carnage by Milt's stunt boaters. Viewers see how at levels above 3 or 4, feet Dick's Creek ledge



Will Reeves at Soc 'em Dog on Section 4 of the Chattooga.
- Submitted by Bill Reeves.

becomes a river-wide low head dam.

Milt reminds us that the Bull can drown people at all levels and that Woodall is easily terminal between 2 and 3 feet and is quite grabby at 1 and below. The video includes the only footage I have seen illustrating Left Crack. It contains a foot grabber, an undercut that people will not readily flush through, and a piton pinning rock. There is also the best graphic I have yet seen of the tunnel through Hydroelectric. Finally, the video shows how Allison's Rock at Soc 'em Dog works. It's basically a completely undercut slab that will flush victims into dead-end passages.

River footage ends with Overflow Creek, the final

legal run in the watershed. Allen Singley first ran Overflow in 1974 and Milt has included a short 1979 clip of a homemade fiberglass kayak doing a drop. The video includes the major rapids at levels between 1 and 1.8 feet.

Woven throughout the white water footage, the video chronicles Milt's sessions with Dr. P Ekans. Who is this psychiatrist who speaks with a weird accent, whose diploma is signed by Johnny Utah and whose office is filled with snakes and white water memorabilia. How many snake-related items can you find? What is the significance of the clock? Who is Dr. Ekans?

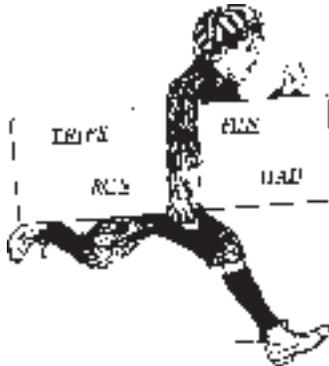
Get the video (even better, the GCA should get it for the library, then you can borrow it for free). 

Manatees, Morris and More

by Sharon Strocchia

January 13-14, 2001. The go-girls were ready to go. We had a bad case of the winter blues and couldn't wait for summer to warm our bones. So when Morris Friedman announced a paddling trip to Florida over the MLK holiday, we saw our chance to have fun in the sun.

Our fearless leader originally planned the trip for three rivers, but low water in the Withlacoochee forced us to scale back to the Ichetucknee and Crystal Rivers. On Saturday, January 13, thirteen intrepid explorers, ranging from robust retirees to sweet youths, gathered at Ichetucknee Springs State Park to begin a four-mile paddle on the clearest water I've ever seen outside of a drinking glass. Our chipper little crew was paddling everything from sit-on-tops to sea kayaks to



white water play boats; mysteriously no canoeists joined our expedition.

The Ichetucknee begins its journey as a bubbling spring and quickly opens out into a narrow river with an intimate feel and surprisingly swift current. The shallow waters, tinted a delicate shade of aquamarine, were virtually translucent. In the widening shafts of sunlight we could see the tiniest minnows camouflaged against the sandy river bottom and the intricacies of the many grasses growing underwater.

Since the river presented no obstacles and propelled us along almost effortlessly, it was easy to watch the abundant wildlife. The Ichetucknee is a birder's paradise: great and snowy egrets, ibis, great blue herons, kingfishers, as well as smaller birds like the American goldfinch delighted our senses. We also were treated to the sight of dozens of box turtles lazily sunning themselves on logs, which typified the mood of the day.

A couple of hearty souls took a swim (on purpose) at mid-point while the rest of us soaked up the sun. We were



Kelly, Cindy (?) & Beverly at the put-in, Ichetucknee Springs, Florida.
- Submitted by Sharon Strocchia.



Morris Friedman on Ichetucknee Springs, Florida.
- Submitted by Sharon Strocchia.



Diane Smith enjoying a restful moment while looking for manatees on the Crystal River, Florida.

- Submitted by Sharon Strocchia.

pleased to learn from Mo that, since the Ichetucknee is used heavily in the summer by a mixed clientele of tubers, snorkelers, and boaters, strict conservation measures are in effect to preserve the pristine quality of this natural resource.

After eating lunch and loading our boats, we drove south about 90 minutes to the town of Crystal River, where we regrouped later that evening for a fabulous fish dinner at Charlie's Fish House.

The next morning (Sunday) nine of us put in at King's Bay marina. A few minutes of paddling across this stunning expanse brought us to the mouth of the Crystal River, whose warm, shallow reaches are home to the endangered West Indian manatee. Mo, an experienced manatee watcher, directed us to the most likely spots for encounters with these gentle giants.

In the main channel it was hard at first to distinguish the huge, pale underwater shapes that swam within inches of our boats as manatees. But Tyler Smith braved the waters with his diving mask and assured us that these creatures were indeed manatees, not figments of our imagination.

Once we paddled a bit further into the small lagoons and inlets of the Crystal River, we were rewarded with the unmistakable sight of large "aggregations" of manatees, as they're called (not herds or pods, as I thought), resting placidly on the shallow river bottom or gliding slowly around our boats. The transparency of the water allowed us to observe an incredible number of physical details: whiskers, prehensile lip, scars from propeller injuries.

In the back lagoons, away from some annoying snorkelers, we got still better views of these docile, friendly animals whose closest relative is the elephant. Compet-



Tyler Smith re-entering his boat after swimming with the manatees, Crystal River, Florida.

- Submitted by Sharon Strocchia.

ing with the manatees for my attention was the impossible color of the water itself, tinged a pale but intense blue-green.

In a day filled with memorable moments, one more episode stands out. While saying our good-byes back in the main channel, one of the manatees literally "hugged" the front of Richard's kayak with its flippers. I'm not sure if I imagined it, but I swear he reached down and scratched it like a pet. That hug had to be the most spontaneous gesture of inter-species rapport I've ever seen in the wild.

Later that afternoon, "Rome" Diane Smith (the other go-girl), her son Tyler and I paddled around King's Bay before meeting up with the group at Homosassa Springs State Park. At this state-run wildlife refuge, we learned more about manatee rehabilitation, and marveled at the contradictory effect that eating lettuce can have on two-ton vegetarians.

Thanks, Mo, for a magical trip. You've opened up a whole new world of winter paddling. ✂

Wonderful Winter Paddling

Ichetucknee Springs and Crystal River

by Morris Friedman, The Vagabond

This report is intended to convey more of the logistical aspects of the trip described in the preceding trip report.

Winter is a great time for smooth water paddling in Florida. We're fortunate to have an abundance of paddling choices so close by. Traveling I-75, just an hour and a half from the state line is Ichetucknee Springs State Park, exit 81 to Fort White and follow the signs to the park.

Entrance to the park for paddlers is \$4.25 per person. No food or drinks are allowed on the river. Only a

plastic water container. The take-out by car is about 20 minutes away. It takes about 2-1/2 hours to paddle/float the stream. Water temperature is always 72 degrees. This most scenic river begins at a spring head in the park, joins the Santa Fe River, and enters the Suwanee River that empties into the Gulf of Mexico.

Many motels are located in Lake City at exit 81. Camping is available just down the highway from the north entrance at the Ichetucknee Grocery and Family Campground (904.497.2150). Vernis Wray can provide shuttle and also rents and sells canoes and kayaks. He'll also advise you to have a whistle for each boat, as the rangers are adept at checking for safety equipment. Of course, he has a supply for sale.

Traveling south on I-75 again to Gainesville, you exit at Highway 121 to Williston and continue on to Highway 19/98. Turn south and continue on to Crystal River and the Crystal River Wildlife Refuge. The refuge protects hundreds of Manatees during their winter stay, waiting for the open water temperatures to rise in the spring.

From Highway 19/98, turn right onto SE Kings Bay Drive; bear right onto SW 1st Pl to Pete's Pier. Trailer parking is \$5.00, private boats, kayaks, canoes are not charged for parking or launching. Leaving the put-in, you turn left and follow the shoreline under a bridge and enter Three Sisters Spring. As you travel up the spring you'll see boats of all descriptions. Snorkelers, scuba divers, etc. are viewing these curious, affectionate and harmless creatures. Man is their only predator.

Many motels are available in Crystal River and Homosassa Springs. I usually stay at the Chassahowitzka River Campground, which is 13 miles south of Crystal River (352.382.2200). The Chassahowitzka is also a spring fed river which you can enter from the campground and paddle into the spring head.

Combining this trip with an afternoon tour of Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park caps off an extraordinary day. This park is a showcase for native Florida wildlife. Nature programs are offered daily on West Indian manatees, alligators, crocodiles, Florida snakes and other wildlife. Don't miss Charlie's Fish House, 224 Highway 19, for excellent fresh seafood. They've been in business for 40 years and offer good food and great value.

This trip will be in the GCA schedule during the Martin Luther King Holiday in January, 2002. Look for it and join us. You'll be glad you did. ✂

"Erase the lines: I pray you not to love classifications. The thing is like a river, from source to sea-mouth one flowing life." - *Robinson Jeffers.*

A Tale of Two Rivers

by Doug Ackerman

On December 16th I was scheduled to coordinate a trip on the Upper Hooch. Unfortunately, the Upper Hooch was feeling a little low that week. Since the Cartecay had a little more water that weekend, four boaters turned a Hooch trip into a Cartecay trip. Edward Stockman and I paddled OC-1 while John Dixon and Pat Gourley paddled K-1. The rain predicted for that day held off until we were off the river. A cold front pushed through the next day that kept any significant rain away well into January.

January 20th my name came up to lead another Hooch trip. On Monday before the trip I scouted the river at the put-in and found more rocks than water. Just when I was ready to write this trip off, two days of rain raised the river from a few inches to over three feet! Of course, every silver lining has a dark cloud, and in this case a lot of clouds that kept blowing snow flurries through most of the day.

Five hardy GCA paddlers (and a few others who looked awfully familiar) braved the cold for the pleasure of paddling the Upper Chattahoochee with an abundance of water. Beth Fordyce, David Warner and I paddled purple OC-1s with Dave Chaney and Jimmy Nipper in red kayaks. This is the first color coordinated trip I have ever been on. Special thanks to Beth who provided the shuttle at the end of a great (but cold) day. ✂

The Upper Conasauga

by Heather Sutton

Ricky Bowman must have the best trip leader karma of anyone I have ever met. In a year when rain events have been few and far between, he signed up to lead a trip on a section of river that rarely runs even in a good rain year, due to its location high in the watershed. This river needs so much rain to run that the USGS gauge (located a fair distance downstream) needs to read at flood stage or better. Those of us who signed up for this trip did so fully aware that we would probably be going with plan B.

So what happened? On the Thursday and Friday before the trip (Saturday, January 20) a huge front came through the Southeast, dumping rain, filling up all of our poor dry rivers, and sending the river we were interested in, the Conasauga, over flood stage at the gauge down in Eton. The trip was on!

Nine of us met in Cisco and drove to the take-out to check the "gauge" for the Upper section. This gauge consists of an overhanging tree trunk that grows out over

the river, then bends up in such a way that it resembles the shape of a human arm flexed to show off the biceps. If the river is above the biceps, it's too high, below the elbow, it's too low, and somewhere in between, it's just right. We were lucky — it was just right.

After quickly changing (it was about 30 degrees F) we drove up to the put-in, located along a Forest Service road in the Cohutta Wilderness area. One drives until a certain point recognizable only by those who have been there before, characterized by a steep drop-off to the left. The reaction of this first-timer to the river was "Oh my God you have GOT to be kidding." The route to the river is about 300 feet down a very steep ridge. It requires tying your boat to a rope and lowering it until it gets caught in a tree or rock, at which point you slide down to join it. This process gets repeated numerous times. An important point (learned the hard way) is to have a long enough rope that your boat actually reaches a rest point before you run out of rope — otherwise you end up holding your boat, which wants nothing better than to careen down the ridge to the river as fast as possible, with no good foot holds ahead to prevent you from going with it. Since going back up is nearly impossible for those without good upper body strength (like me), one needs to be rescued by ones friends (thanks Louie and Kevin!).

At the bottom of the gorge we felt very much in the wilderness. The Conasauga ran past at a brisk pace, and the water was very clear despite all the rain. It's amazing what a difference the absence of development upstream can make on water quality, and depressing to think that so few of our rivers still are found in relatively pristine watersheds like this one.

The first 2 miles of river were a great warm-up, with a good strong current and numerous surf waves, but no major drops. After a drop called (fittingly) First Ledge, the



Back Row, l to r: Louis Boulanger, Kevin McInturff, Martin Wroe, Jeff Langford and Roscoe Sharp. Front row: Ricky Bowman, Heather Sutton, Ray Channell and Roger Nott.

- Submitted by Louis Boulanger.

character of the river started to change. A good series of class III-IV rapids began, with one V thrown in for good measure. At different water levels there is a second class V rapid, known as Undercut Rock, due to the fact that all of the water goes over a ledge into a big undercut. At our water level it was easier, since the higher water level created a line to the left that was far enough away from the undercut to run safely.

Whale Tail, on the other hand, was still very definitely class V. Most of the water pours down a steep slope onto a big rock, upon which it spouts up into the air forming the 'whale's tail'. Most elected to portage this one, but 3 decided to run. The first 2 had good lines, going left and missing the rock by just enough, but the third, who shall remain nameless, missed the line and ended up swimming in a recirculating eddy to the left of the rock. Round and round and round — we watched him from the opposite shore, as he tried to grab a log to pull himself out of the eddy but was unsuccessful. Finally he washed out downstream and was roped in. The problem was that during this carnage his paddle was lost.

Now, halfway down a 6 mile wilderness run is no place to lose your paddle, especially when no one brought along a break-apart. Various methods of getting downstream were tried: using hand paddles (which were too small to fit), walking along the shore (which worked until the slopes closed in), and finally a left handed paddle (lent by someone who felt comfortable switching to an extra canoe paddle). The combination worked well enough that the group was not held up much. Meanwhile, the rest of us were enjoying a great set of class IV rapids, climaxing with one called Last Rapid. Rapid names on this river are informal, and not terribly imaginative. We actually had a discussion as to whether rapids on wilderness rivers ought to be left unnamed (new email discussion fodder, perhaps).

The last half mile of river to the take-out at the



Ricky Bowman running Whale's Tail on the Upper Conasauga.

- Submitted by Louis Boulanger.

biceps tree is easy fast moving water with no rapids. Everyone (including he without a paddle) felt truly lucky that we had been able to catch this awesome river at a good level, and with a great group of boaters.

Thanks are especially due to Ricky Bowman for being trip leader, and Roger Nott for being lead canoe. Paddlers were: Louie Boulanger (K-1), Ricky Bowman (K-1), Ray Channell (K-1), Jeff Lankford (K-1), Kevin McInturff (C-1), Roger Nott (OC-1), Roscoe Sharpe (K-1), Heather Sutton (K-1), and Martin Wroe (K-1). ✂

Upper Chattahoochee

by Dickie Tillman

January 13, 2001. The river gods were smiling for our run on the Upper Hooch this beautiful day. The weather had been very cold and rather bleak for several weeks previous, but today was different. Although there had not been a lot of rain to bring and hold the rivers up,

The Way of a Canoe

Please forgive the obvious gender-bias embedded in the article that follows; it was penned at a time when today's political correctness in that regard was only a dream, a time when the term "man" was often used as a synonym for "human" and folks understood that. I felt that because the article is credited with source and date, it really should be published in its original form without my monkeying around with gender-terms. Try to take the article for its deeper underlying meaning, and let the gender-bias rest in peace. - Editor.

The movement of a canoe is like a reed in the wind. Silence is part of it, and the sounds of lapping water, bird songs, and wind in the trees. It is part of the medium through which it floats, the sky, the water, the shores.

A man is part of his canoe and therefore part of all it knows. The instant he dips a paddle, he flows as it flows, the canoe yielding to his slightest touch, responsive to his every whim and thought. The paddle is an extension of his arm, as his arm is part of his body.

Skiing down a good slope with the snow just right comes close to it, with the lightness of near-flight, the translating of even a whisper of a wish into swift action; there, too, is a sense of harmony and oneness with the earth. But to the canoeman there is nothing that compares with the joy he knows when a paddle is in his hand.

A rowboat has the fulcrum of the oarlock to control it and the energy of a man rowing is a secondary force, but in paddling the motion is direct; the fulcrum is the lower hand and wrist, and the force is transmitted without

the day could not have been much nicer, with sunshine and temperatures in the mid 50s.

The gauge in Helen was at .38 Friday night before our trip. This did not make for a lot of water and very few play spots. We were able to get down the river okay, but most of the shoals were scrapey and limited to one route.

The paddlers on this trip were Beth Fordyce, Pat Hagan, Jack Taylor, Mike Smith and Dickie Tillman in OC-1s, with David Bookstaver, Don Clements and Lee Tillman in K-1s. Thanks to Beth for paddling lead and Mike for doing sweep.

It was my understanding from a discussion with one of the people at Wildwood Outpost that they plan to start charging for parking during the off season. The plan is to do this on the honor system with a drop box and envelopes for your money and tag number. I personally don't mind this because it is nice to have a relatively safe place to leave your vehicle, and it's a given that property tax and insurance go on all year round. ✂

change of direction. Because of this there is correlation and control.

There is balance in the handling of a canoe, the feeling of its being a part of the bodily swing. No matter how big the waves or how the currents swirl, you are riding them as you would ride a horse, at one with its every motion. When the point is reached where the rhythm of each stroke is as poised as the movement of the canoe itself, weariness is forgotten and there is time to watch the sky and the shores without thought of distance or effort.

At such a time the canoe glides along obedient to the slightest wish, and paddling becomes as unconscious and automatic an effort as breathing. Should you be lucky enough to be moving across a calm surface with mirrored clouds, you may have the sensation of suspension between heaven and earth, of paddling not on the water, but through the skies themselves.

If the waves are rolling and you are forced to make your way against them, there is the joy of battle, each comber an enemy to be thwarted, a problem in approach and defense. A day in the teeth of a gale — dodging from island to island, fighting one's way along the lee shore of some wind-swept point, only to dash out again in to the churning water and the full force of the wind, then to do it again and again — is assurance that your sleep will be deep and your dreams profound.

There is a satisfaction in reaching some point on the map in spite of wind and weather, in keeping a rendezvous with some campsite that in the morning seemed impossible of achievement. In a canoe the battle is yours and yours alone. It is your muscle and sinew, your wit and

courage against the primitive forces of the storm. That is why, when after a day of battle your tent is pitched at last in the lee of some sheltering cliff, the canoe up safe and dry, and supper under way, there is an exaltation that only canoemen know.

Almost as great a challenge is running with the waves down some lake where the wind has a long unbroken sweep. Riding the rollers takes more than skill with a paddle; it takes an almost intuitive sense of the weight and size of them and a knowledge of how they will break behind you. A bad move may mean that a comber will wash the gunwales.

A man must know not only his canoe and what it will do, but the meaning of the waves building up behind him. This is attack from the rear without a chance of looking back, a guessing at a power and lifting force that he cannot see. But what a fierce joy to be riding with a thousand white-maned horses racing with the wind down some wild waterway toward the blue horizons!

Rapids, too, are a challenge. Dangerous though they may be, treacherous and always unpredictable, no one who has known the canoe trails of the north does not love their thunder and the rush of them. No man who has portaged around white water, studied the swirls, the smooth, slick sweeps and the Vs that point the way above the breaks, has not wondered if he should try.

Rapids can be run in larger craft, in scows and rubber boats and rafts, but it is in a canoe that one really feels the river and the power of it. Is there any suspense that quite compares with that moment of commitment when the canoe heads toward the lip of a long, roaring rapids and then is taken by its unseen power?

At first there is no sense of speed, but suddenly you are part of it, involved in spume and spouting rocks. Then when there is no longer any choice and a man knows that his fate is out of hand, his is a sense of fierce abandonment when all the voyageurs of the past join the rapids in their shouting. While the canoe is in the grip of the river, a man knows what detachment means, knows that, having entered the maelstrom, he is at its mercy until it has spent its strength. When through skill or luck he has gone through the snags, the reaching rocks, and the lunging billows, he needs no other accolade but the joy that he has known.

Only fools run rapids, say the Indians, but I know this: As long as there are young men with the light of adventure in their eyes and a touch of wildness in their souls, rapids will be run. And when I hear tales of smashed canoes and lives as well, though I join in the chorus of condemnation of the fools who take such chances, deep in my heart I understand and bid them bon voyage.

I have seen what happens when food and equipment are lost far from civilization, and I know what it takes to traverse a wilderness where there are no trails but the waterways themselves.

The elements of chance and danger are wonderful and frightening to experience and, though I bemoan the recklessness of youth, I wonder what the world would be like without it. I know it is wrong, but I am for the spirit that makes young men do the things they do. I am for the glory that they know.

But more than shooting white water, fighting the gales, or running before them is the knowledge that no part of any country is inaccessible where there are waterways with portages between them. The canoe gives a sense of unbounded range and freedom, unlimited movement and exploration such as larger craft never know.

Sailboats, rowboats, launches, and cruisers are hobbled by their weight and size to the waters on which they are placed. Not so a canoe. It is as free as the wind itself, can go wherever fancy dictates. The canoeman can camp each night in a different place, explore out-of-the-way streams and their sources, find hidden corners where no one has ever been.

Wherever there are waterways, there are connecting trails between them, portages used by primitive man for countless centuries before discovery. Although overgrown and sometimes hard to find, they are always there, and when you pack your outfit across them you are part of a great company that has passed before. When you camp on ancient campsites, those voyageurs of the past camp with you.

The feeling of being part of that tradition is one of the reasons canoemen love the sound of a paddle and the feel of it as it moves through the water. Long before the days of mechanized transportation, long before men learned to use the wheel, the waterways of the earth knew the dugout, the skin hunting-boat, the canoe.

A man feels at home with a paddle in his hand, as natural and indigenous as with a bow or spear. When he swings through a stroke and the canoe moves forward, he sets in motion long-forgotten reflexes, stirs up ancient sensations deep within his subconscious.

When he has traveled for many days and is far from the settlements of his kind, when he looks over his cruising outfit and knows it is all he owns, that he can travel with it to new country as he wills, he feels at last that he is down to the real business of living, that he has shed much that was unimportant and is in an old, polished groove of experience. Life for some strange reason has suddenly become simple and complete; his wants are few, confusion and uncertainty gone, his happiness and con-

tentment deep.

There is magic in the feel of a paddle and the movement of a canoe, a magic compounded of distance, adventure, solitude and peace. The way of a canoe is the way of the wilderness and of a freedom almost forgotten. It is an antidote to insecurity, the open door to waterways

of ages past and a way of life with profound and abiding satisfaction. When a man is part of his canoe, he is part of all that canoes have ever known.

- *From The Singing Wilderness, by Sigurd F. Olson, 1956; Alfred A. Knopf, New York, via "Bowlines", newsletter of The Bluegrass Wildwater Association.* 

Another River Trip with Rocks — BIG ROCKS!

by John Henderson

January 17, 2001. Jaques Artley (my canoeing and drift boating companion) had called the night before. Despite the cold forecast (38 degrees and rain), we agreed to run the Chattahoochee River from Morgan Falls to Paces Mill. We would use the drift boat, carry a rain tarp and bring our best survival gear. I would wear my neoprene chest waders — a decision that proved to be truly outstanding.

The next morning, my wife (roused from the noise of my preparations) admonished, "Two old men rowing down the river in a homemade boat in the rain and cold?! The psycho police will not have any problem with my intent to commit you." I replied, "...appreciate your concern, my dear. If we don't make it back, I want the words 'He died brave!' on my tombstone." She retorted, "You'll get a tombstone alright, but it will read, 'He died stupid!'"

The nine mile river trip started in a misting rain at Morgan Falls. With our hand warmers generating heat and our smiles intact, we got off to a grand start. The boat was indeed homemade. I built it from plans in Outdoor Life magazine about two years ago. It's a double ended, flat bottom, MacKensie style, river drift boat with very shallow draft and great stability. And it's a great boat!

An hour later the rain stopped but clouds would link tightly to darken the sky all day long. We were admiring the beauty of the river, two red tailed hawks and several multi-million dollar mansions high on the rocky cliffs. As Jaques was taking his turn with the oars, I pulled out a big thermos of hot mocha ammareto cappuccino (another grand decision) and two biscotti. He ceased rowing, we floated along enjoying the treat and the realization that, at that moment, we were richer in that boat than anyone up there on the cliff.

The river was down and the rocks were up. You could hear the soft roar of the rapids long before you could see them. Then you could see nothing but rocks until you got close enough to choose your route. If you were lucky, you could reverse downstream progress with some strong reverse oar work and chose an alternate, and supposedly safer, passage. We were neither smart nor lucky.

The roar was now at a point where pondering was pointless and reaction was our only action. We were fast on the rocks. Then off and on again for a half dozen times during which my trusted chest waders performed like the cavalry. We were saved again and again. Grim and wide eyed when we hit rocks, we were always laughing when we escaped them. We later learned that paddlers were no longer floating that stretch because the drought had seriously decreased lake and river levels. My canoe would have been a bad choice for this very cold and rocky trip.

After several miles of easy, deep water and lunch (which we shared with two mallards), we approached the Devil's Race Course Shoals — the one shoaling area that I previously thought might be the worst. It looked bad. About 20 markers hang from cables routing kayakers through this fast water race course.

The river funnels through a series of narrows, and true to the Vernouli effect, becomes extremely fast. What a ride! It was fun after we exited the downstream end. At that point we had to quickly cross the river to a safe passage on the other side, a good 300 yards away. Jaques did it. He was rowing. I was laughing. We were having fun.

It could have been worse, but I do not believe it could have been better. After another couple miles of fairly easy floating, we made our destination. In a little over four hours, we enjoyed the beautiful river, it's wild and unexpected turns and the nature it harbors. But I know it will be many years before we stop enjoying the memory of this trip and our brief merger with the Chattahoochee. 

What to Do If Your Boat Is MISSING!

You've loaded your boat on the car on a rainy Friday evening in preparation for the run up to Rain Swollen Creek on Saturday. As you come out the door on Satur-

day morning to crank up and leave, your feeling of intense anticipation turns to a sudden sinking feeling as you stare blankly at your empty racks. Where's your boat!? Were you just dreaming that you loaded it last night? You quickly double check the boat storage area of the basement — no boat! Gone!

What to do? Of course, the first thing is to report the theft to the proper authorities. And if you were wise, you have recorded the serial number in a safe place before this unfortunate event took place. If not, try to remember any characteristics that make your particular boat unique. You may also want to report the loss to your insurance company, depending on your coverage.

The next thing is to get on the internet and go to The International Stolen and Lost Item register. It is available at www.ItsBeenStolen.com. There are currently 150 stolen kayaks and canoes listed. The service is free. All you need to do is access the internet. The idea is that you can list anything that is identifiable that has been lost or stolen (for example, you can also list your lost or stolen camera gear as well).

When you buy second-hand goods, you also can first check the register and see if the item is stolen. If it is, rather than buying stolen goods, you can advise the rightful owner of the location of his or her property.

Richard Webster is the owner of this Stolen and Lost Item internet domain. Richard is trying to contact paddling equipment shops and local paddling clubs to let people know that they can register items, and also search the database. The more the word gets out, the more difficult it will become for people to sell stolen gear.

If you want to get a copy of Richard's original email to send to your paddling friends, send email to him at Richardw@ItsBeenStolen.com and he will send the info to you so that you can send it to all of your paddling friends. ✕

Jerky — It's a Snap

Get lean round steak, slice it extra thin across the grain (can semi freeze it to get it paper thin). Mix a bit of soy sauce, black pepper, smoke flavor, hot pepper and a crushed garlic in a bowl and wet the strips. Lay on a rack like a cookie or baking rack on oven shelf, with some foil

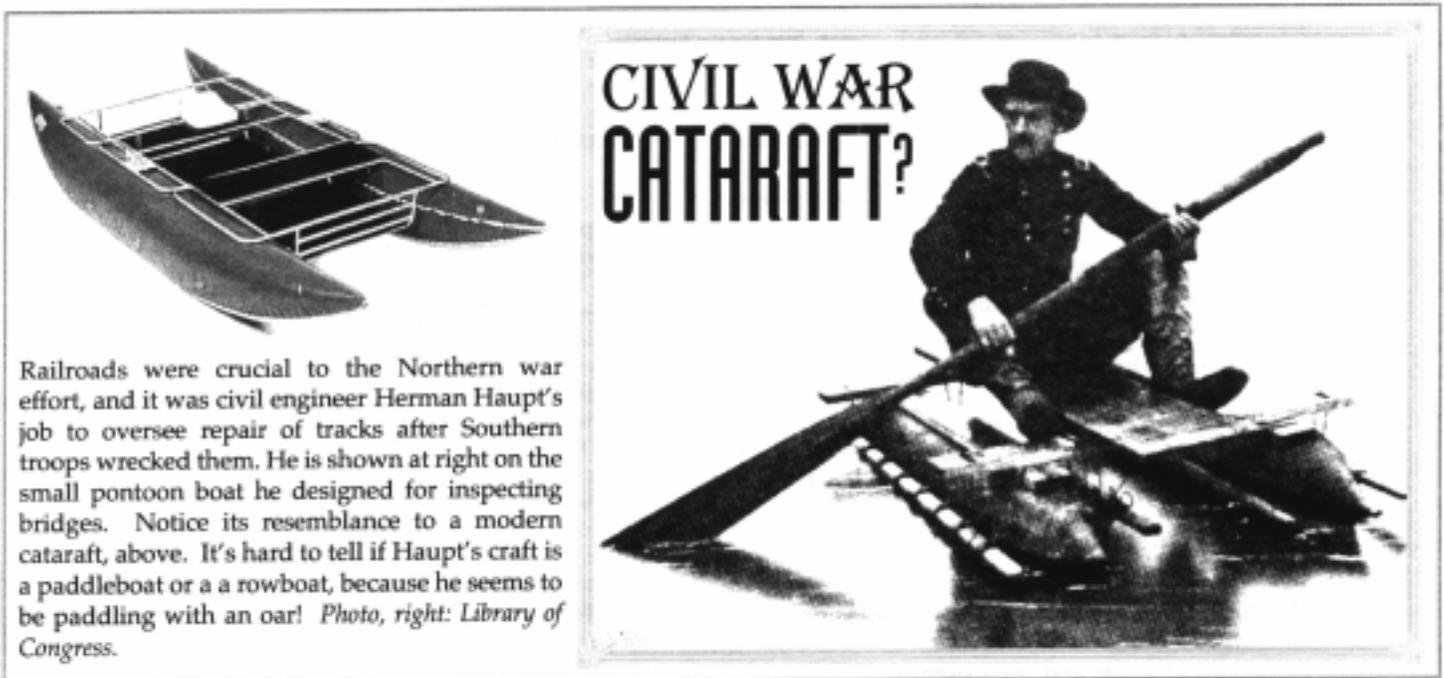
on oven floor to catch drips. Put oven on lowest possible temp and open a crack with a pencil or spoon. Dry until it breaks crisply.

Keep in ZipLocs in refrigerator (a desiccating atmosphere) or freezer until ready for your trip.

Louise

- From the CPA Kayaker email list. ✕

We knew they had submarines during the Not-So-Civil War, at least the technology-driven Confederacy did, but CATARAFTS?!



- From "The Water Line", Newsletter of the Houston Canoe Club.

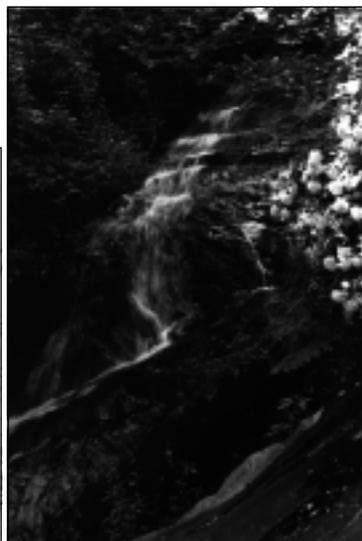
CLASSIFIED ADS

TO PLACE AN AD - Want ads of a non-business nature are free to dues-paid GCA members. Business-related ads are \$5.00 for up to 50 words, \$10.00 for larger. Send your type-written ad to: Allen Hedden, 2923 Piedmont Dr., Marietta, Ga. 30066, or email to gacanoes@mindspring.com. PLEASE, NO PHONED-IN OR HANDWRITTEN ADS. All ads will be run for two issues unless otherwise requested.

FEMININE CHARM EARRINGS - Sterling Silver Kayak or Canoe Charms (1" long) dangle from a Sterling earwire. Earwire clasps behind for more security. Gift box included. Guaranteed to please, or your money back, so go ahead and call or fax me to order. See photos at: www.silverandgems.com. (Click on Earrings - Special - Kayak & Canoe.) \$22.50/pair + \$3.50 USPS Priority Shipping. Visa, MC, Discover, checks, money order. ALLYSON GERNANDT GEMSTONE JEWELRY, 240 N. Panther Branch Road, Bryson City NC, 28713. Phone: 828.488.1144. Fax: 828.488.1199. Email: ally@silverandgems.com.

FOR SALE - Canoe, Wenonah 16' Kevlar Solo-Plus, weighs 42 lbs - great touring

FOR SALE - House and land - by owner. Secluded mountain home near Franklin, NC - cascading waterfall, beautiful mountain creek, swimming pond (great for roll practice, too!), meadows, garden, gorgeous mountain views are just a few of the natural features of this 20-acre property. Spacious owner-built cypress home with over 3000 sq. ft. of living space - 17 ft. cathedral ceilings in great room, darkroom, 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, family room, office, greenhouse, separate workshop, many skylights and windows - surrounded by 140 land-trust acres. Proximity to many mountain rivers make this a paddler's dream - 2-1/2 hours from Atlanta, 30 minutes from Nantahala Outdoor Center. Call 828.524.2611 for more details.



boat equipped with 3 seats, for either solo/tandem, always stored inside - looks brand new - \$950 - 770.972.5228.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Riot Superstar in excellent condition for \$450.00. Call cotton @ 770.954.9609 or 770.620.6256.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Perception Mr. Clean good cond., fully outfitted and comes with Planetary Gear back band. E-mail river punk@aol.com or call @ 256.748.4213. \$450 obo.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Old Town Loon 160T. Granite color, few minor scrapes on keel. Great for family outings, can be fitted with 3rd seat for a child. Designed for tandem paddling, it can easily switch to a solo simply by sliding the bow seat back. High back folding seats with seat back adjustment straps. Good for flat water, class I and II. Great for long family day trips. \$675 or w/ trailer \$875. Paul 770.641.7504.

FOR SALE - Kayaks, used blue Dagger Medieval, great boat for learning tricks in. \$500 obo. Purple Perception Pirouette S, \$275 obo. Call Ike at 404.255.7049.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Prijon T-Canyon, blue, excellent condition, includes HP5

Rhino paddle (almost like new), float bags, PFD, skirt, helmet. \$575 o/b/o..... I used it once, been in storage last 4 years. Eager! Call Rick @ 770.538.0008 or email Rickterray@aol.com.

FOR SALE - Kayak, sea & touring. Wilderness System Alto, excellent condition, rarely used, \$350. 706.636.2837 or e-mail moore@ellijay.com.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Perception Phat creek boat, 2 yrs. old, used 1 yr. Kept in dry storage. Air bags incl. In great condition. Asking \$650 OBO. Peter Kite 706.216.0142 or 770.605.2603.

FOR SALE - Mountain Bike, Trek 2200 - 56cm frame (between medium and large on mtn frame) carbon main tubes w/ aluminum fork and rear triangle, 42/53 front and 13-23 seven speed rear, Shimano SIS, integrated brake/shifters, Look pedals and Cateye micro computer. Includes Performance mag resistance trainer. \$375 or consider trade for quality front suspension hardtail. Call Allen at home: 770.642.1898 or days: 770.659.0536.

FOR SALE - Racks, Yakima 48" bar rack set with SST MK11 towers with locks. Includes wind fairing and Y10 & Y37 clips. Great for smaller car like Honda or Toyota. \$70. Call Brett @ 770.594.1460 or e-mail: bewalls@yahoo.com.

FOR SALE - Tires & Rims. Set of 4 Bridgestone SF-411 tires, size P185/70R14 mounted on steel Honda Accord rims with Honda hub caps. Like new - only 5,000 miles on tires. \$125. Call Brett @ 770.594.1460 or e-mail: bewalls@yahoo.com.

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.

LOST - Canoe paddle. I left my Werner yellow shaft 60" canoe paddle at the Paces Mill take-out on January 14th at about 4:30 p.m. I can be reached at 770.466.7538 (h) or 770.469.2198 (w), or email judynstacy@mindspring.com. Thank you very much. Stacy Patterson.

WANTED - Canoe, Mad River Outrage. Call Rick @ 404.298.4261.

WANTED - Used sea kayak & equipment, plastic or glass. Call Toby Thomas 770.534.1470.

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 FLAT/MOVING WATER:

For people who have never had a boat on moving water or want to improve their skills in a basic course. Full day Saturday flat water session emphasizing strokes, safety, self-rescues. Full day Sunday session on moving water river. No white water.

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. 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, wish to master the roll in rapids (kayaks), 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 INSTRUCTION

SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER 2001

Canoe

Coordinator: Marvine Cole
770-475-3022

Flat/Moving Water Canoe

- + Beginner Family (children welcome)
June 30, July 1
- + Beginner
July 28, 29
- + Canoe Camping Clinic
Lindsay Meeks (404-872-5211)
April 22 (1/2 day free clinic followed by lake
paddle)

White Water Canoe

- + Beginner
June 12 (evening), June 16, 17
- + Trained Beginner
June 2, 3
June 23, 24
- + Intermediate
May 19, 20
July 14, 15

Ducky/Sit-On-Top

Coordinator: Gina Johnson
770-971-1542

- + June 9 (\$25)

Safety

Coordinator: Gina Johnson
770-971-1542

- + Wilderness 1st Aid/CPR
March 17
- + River Safety (1st Three Minutes)
2-day July TBA

Sea Kayak

Coordinator: Steve Cramer
706-208-8382

- + May 26, 27 (call for class fees)
Charleston, SC
- + Skills Clinic (call for class fees)
1-Day July TBA (local)

White Water Kayak

Coordinator: Knox Worde
770-475-3022

- + Beginner
June 19 (evening), 23, 24
August TBA
- + Trained Beginner
June 2, 3
August TBA
- + Intermediate
July 14, 15

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 _____ AGE _____ SEX _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

ALLERGIES OR PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES _____

DISABILITIES OR PHYSICAL PROBLEMS _____

GCA SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA 2001

**April 20, 21, 22
Diamond Lure Campground
Ellijay, Georgia(9 miles from Ellijay)**

EXCLUSIVELY RESERVED FOR GCA MEMBERS

**Hot Showers, Club House
Fishing and Boating Lake
Mountain Biking at M.O.E.**

CAMPING

**\$6.00/site (2 persons)/night
\$2.00/night for each additional person in campsite**

PLEASE, ALL DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH!!

FRIDAY EVENING:

**Free Trip Coordinating Mini-Clinic — 7:00 p.m. at the gazebo by the lake
Friday Night at the Movies — 8:30 p.m. at the club house — Bring your favorite
video to share
Gear Swap — 7:00-8:00 p.m. —Bring previously used items to sell or trade**

SATURDAY NIGHT CATERED DINNER, BINGO AND BONFIRE PRIZES FOR BINGO!!

**Best Bar-B-Que in North Georgia
Pork, ribs and all the fixings
Price \$10.00 (Children 12 & under \$6.00)**

Homemade sausage & biscuits available Sat. & Sun. morning - \$1.00 each

Register early — late fee applies after April 15

BOATING SATURDAY & SUNDAY

**Meet at Club House at 8:30 a.m. to organize trips
Rivers (water level permitting): Ocoee, Nantahala, Cartecey, Toccoa, Amicalola,
Tuckasegee, Chestatee, Etowah and Upper Chattahoochee
Dagger Rep will be at River Right Outfitters for Demo**

**For further information, contact:
Denice Colquitt 770.854.6636 or email neicec@aol.com**

GCA Southeastern Championships, May 5-6, 2001
Sign up for the Race Crew, Order Awards Banquet Dinner Tickets

See the Race article elsewhere in *The Eddy Line* for additional information.

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

I volunteer to be part of the RACE CREW in one or more of the following areas:
(Check ALL areas that you would be willing to work in):

- Race Headquarters set up (Thursday and Friday). Pitch the tents, hang the banners.
- Race Course set up (Thursday and Friday). Get the slalom gates set just right.
- Slalom Race Gate Judging (Saturday). Did the racer make the gate? Touch a pole?
- Slalom Race Timing (Saturday). Can you keep four stop watches running at once?
- Wildwater Race Timing (Sunday morning). You only have to operate one stop watch.
- Slalom Race Scoring (Saturday). Can you talk and write at the same time?
- Slalom Race Safety (Saturday). Good aim with a throw rope is a plus.
- Wildwater Race Safety (Sunday morning). Paddle with the Wildwater crowd.
- Hospitality (Saturday). Serving breakfast, lunch and the Awards Banquet Dinner.
- Hospitality (Sunday morning). Serving just breakfast and lunch.
- Race Course and Race Headquarters take down (Sunday morning). Take it all down.

All Race Crew members are encouraged to attend the:

AWARDS BANQUET DINNER, Saturday, May 5, 6:30 PM, Nantahala Village Deck. Cookout featuring Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, All the Fixin's, Potato Chips, Baked Beans, Tea or Coffee.

Cheer as the Race Winners receive their medals. Listen for your name in the Raffle Drawing.

Number of Adult Dinners: _____ @ \$10.00 = \$ _____

Number of Children 12 and under: _____ @ \$5.00 = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed for Awards Banquet Dinner = \$ _____

Please specify the number of above dinners to be veggie burgers: _____

Dinner Tickets ordered here can be picked up at the Hospitality Tent on Saturday, May 5.

Due to seating capacity, the Awards Banquet Dinner is limited to 100 persons. Dinner Tickets can be purchased at the door on an as-available basis for \$12 for Adults and \$6 for Children.

Mail this form and your check (payable to GCA) for the Awards Banquet Dinner to:

Gabriella Schlidt
2008 North Decatur Road
Atlanta, GA 30307

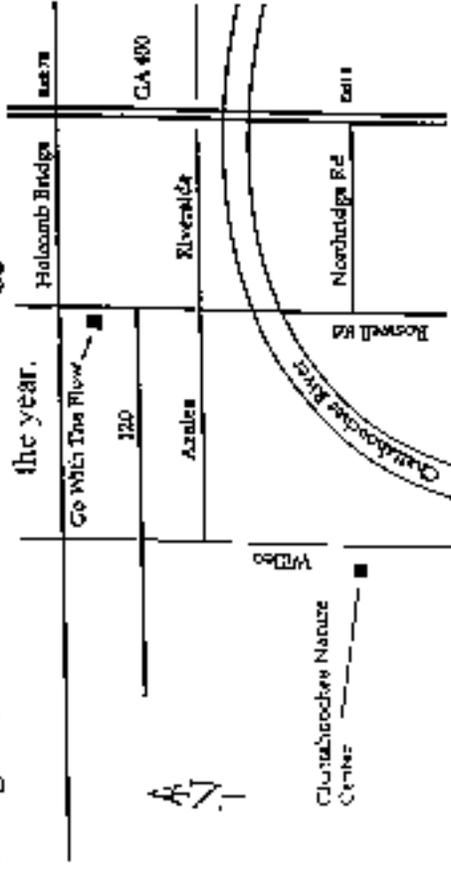
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On The Water Demo and Sale

at the Chatahoochee Nature Center
Roswell, Georgia

This is **THE** day where paddlers can try any and all canoes and kayaks from our manufacturers--Representatives as well as experts from the **BEST** canoe and kayak companies will be on hand and eager to help you with your **PURCHASE** of the right canoe, kayak, or sea kayak---Don't miss out on super savings...Come to Go With The Flow's biggest Demo and Sale of the year.



Saturday March 24...10-5:00 pm

Sunday March 25...12-4:00 pm

Manufacturers represented include:

Current Designs, Necky, Perception, Dagger, Mad River,
Walden, Old Town, Wavesport, We-no-nah,
Wilderness Systems, Riot, Pyranha

Also on hand to answer questions and instruct will be Todd Eddington of
Adventure South and Craig Helfin of gokayak.com

For Information call (770)992-3200

Toll Free (888)345-FLOW

www.gowiththeflowsports.com