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How Do You Get *The Eddy Line*?

The December issue of *The Eddy Line* asked that folks who get the paper version of the newsletter let us know when they received it. We got responses from about 20 members. Thanks to those who responded. Several of the responses included a request by the responder to receive the electron version of *The Eddy Line* and a question how to make the necessary arrangements.

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Last but not least, don't forget to let Ed know when you change email addresses. If your *Electronic Eddy Line* bounces back undeliverable, you get taken off the distribution list until you let him know your new email address.

Deadline Is The 5th

One thing we learned from the responses is that some members aren't receiving *The Eddy Line* until after the first of the month. That means they might miss some trip announcements and the like. We'd like to fix that.

One way to fix it is to strictly adhere to the deadline of the 5th of the previous month (e.g. January 5 for the February issue). Please get your articles, trip reports, letters, classified ads and anything else you want in the paper submitted by the 5th of the previous month to the_eddyline@yahoo.com. If we don't have it by the 5th, it probably won't make that issue.



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Call 770.421.9729 and leave a message; your call will be returned as soon as possible.

To volunteer for club activities:

Contact GCA President Tom Bishop at 404..542.1118 or the chairperson of the relevant committee.

For membership or dues info:

Call GCA Treasurer Ed Schultz at 404.266.3734.

To sign up for a club trip:

Call the trip leader at the number in the trip list.

To sign up to lead a club trip:

Call GCA Cruisemaster Steve Reach at 404.579.3166.

For information on GCA Clinics:

Call the coordinator listed on the clinic schedule or Training

Director Gina Johnson at 404.512.0832.

For information on winter roll practice:

Call Lous Boulanger at 404.373.2907.

For information on the GCA Library:

Call GCA Librarian Denise Colquitt at 770.854.6636.

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GCA Board of Directors meetings are generally held the first Thursday of March, June, September and December.

GCA Executive Committee meetings are generally held the first Thursday of January, February, April, May, July, August, October and November. Meetings are at 7:00 p.m. at Page Perry LLC, 1040 Crown Pointe Parkway, Suite 1050, Atlanta, 30338. (I-285 to Ashford Dunwoody NE, left onto Perimeter Center West, right onto Crown Pointe Parkway, park at 1050 and walk to 1040.) All members are encouraged to attend. If you have an item for discussion, call Tom Bishop at 404.542.1118 to be added to the agenda. Attending meetings is a great way to become more involved in the GCA and ensure transparency in decisions and actions. ✂

Submitting Eddy Line Material

Deadline for material to be **received** for publication is the fifth of the prior month, e.g. December 5 for the January issue. Material received after deadline **MAY NOT BE PUBLISHED**. GCA members are encouraged to submit articles, trip reports, editorials, photos, cartoon, etc. Letters to the Editor are also encouraged. **Submissions should be typed, single spaced and not indented: if possible, please prepare articles in "plain text" rather than in a word processing format.** Material may be submitted to the_ eddyline@yahoo.com or to *The Eddy Line*, P.O. Box 441, Gainesville, GA 30503-0441. The text of an article can be placed in the body of an email or as an attachment: photo images can be attached files. If possible, please submit photos and other graphics in "jpg" or "tiff" format and specify the photographer of each picture. To submit material via disk, please contact us for information. Classified ads will run for two issues, but will be rerun if the advertisers request. Hand-written or phoned in material **CANNOT** be accepted. Contact Editor **Rick Bellows, 678.617.2546** or the_ eddyline@yahoo.com if you have questions. Thank you.. ✂

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UPCOMING GCA TRIPS

January

1	Chattooga/Nantahala (Note 1)	Advanced/Intermediate	Peter Chau	864.885.9477
6	Chattooga/Nantahala (Note 1)	Advanced/Intermediate	Peter Chau	864.885.9477
18-21	Suwannee River (Note 2)	Beginner	Jamie Higgins	404.508.0761
20	Chattooga/Nantahala (Note 1)	Advanced/Intermediate	Peter Chau	864.885.9477
21	Little River Canyon (Note 3)	Advanced	Dane White	256.435.3827
26	Upper Tallulah	Intermediate	Roger Nott	770.536.6923

February

2	Etowah (Note 4)	Trained Beginner	Vincent Payne	770.834.8263
15-18	Presidents' Weekend (Note 5)	Flat Water	Gina Johnson	404.512.0832

Note 1: Either Chattooga Section 3/3.5 (Advanced) or Nantahala (Intermediate), depending on Chattooga water level.

Note 2: Camping at Spirit of Suwannee Music Park with day trips on various river sections. Details on Page 6.

Note 3: Alabama. Participants may run entire section from Upper Two or put in at Chairlift.

Note 4: Tunnel Section, Annual Groundhog Day Run.

Note 5: Presidents' Weekend trip to Florida; multiple rivers. Details on Page 6.

KEY TO GCA SKILL LEVELS

Flat Water - no current will be encountered; safe for new paddlers.

Beginner - mild current, occasional Class 1 ripples; new paddlers can learn basic river techniques.

Trained Beginner - moving water with Class 1-2 rapids; basic strokes and bracing skills needed.

Intermediate - rapids up to Class 3; eddying and ferrying skills needed; kayakers need solid roll.

Advanced - rapids up to Class 4; excellent boat control and self-rescue skills required.

For more about "class" ratings of rapids, see <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Whitewater>.

Your Trip Could Be Listed in This Space — Call Cruisemaster Steve Reach at 404.579.3166!

Signing Up: Call the trip coordinator listed to sign up for trips. Most trip coordinators will move a trip to an alternate venue if the water levels and conditions for a particular trip are not favorable. 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 for those boaters who have completed a formal training clinic and would like some on-the-river time with instructors practicing what was learned in the clinic and expanding skill levels.

Canoe Camping Trips are multi-day trips, generally on flat or mild water, with at least one night of camping. For details on a scheduled trip, call the trip coordinator. To arrange a trip, call Vincent Payne at 770.834.8263.

To Volunteer To Lead Trips: Call the Cruise Master, Steve Reach at 404.579.3166. As usual, we need trip coordinators for all types of trips, from flatwater to Class 5 whitewater. 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). Boating is prohibited above the Highway 28 bridge. Your cooperation in protecting this National Wild and Scenic River is appreciated.

Roll Practice: Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00, January through March, at the Warren/Hollifield Boys' and Girls' Club near Grant Park in Atlanta. For more information, including directions, look for the 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
3794 Glenloch Road
Franklin, GA 30217

The following items are currently available:

Videos:

Canoes by Whitesell
Cold, Wet & Alive
Expedition Earth
Faultline (Will Reeves)
First Descents (North Fork Payette)
Grace Under Pressure (learning the kayak roll)
I Said Left, Stupid: A Video Guide to the Chattooga River (Sect. 2 & 3)
In the Surf
Introduction to Canoeing
Mohawk Canoes (promotional w/detailed boat outfitting instructions)
Mohawk Whitewater Canoes (promotional w/ detailed outfitting instructions)
Only Nolan (Promotional, Canoe Technique)
Path of the Paddle: Quiet Water
Path of the Paddle: White Water
Performance Sea Kayaking (the basics & beyond)
Play Daze
Retendo
Solo Playboating!

The C-1 Challenge
The Middle Fork of the Salmon River (Idaho) — by Photographic Expeditions
Trailside: White Water Canoeing the Chattooga River
Vortex -- low cost storm water sampler
Waterwalker (Bill Mason)
Whitewater Self Defense

Books:

A Canoeing and Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Florida
A Canoeing & Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Kentucky
ACanoeing and Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Ohio, Vols I & II
A Canoeing & Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Tennessee-Vol I & II
A Hiking Guide to the Trails of Florida
A Paddler's Guide to the Obed Emory Watershed
ACA Canoeing & Kayanning Instructors Guide
Alabama Canoe Rides
AMC White Water Handbook
American Red Cross Canoeing & Kayaking
Arkansas information (assorted)
Basic River Canoeing
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 & Kayaking Guide to Georgia
Canoeing Wild Rivers
Carolina Whitewater (Western Carolina)
Endangered Rivers & the Conservation Movement
Florida information (assorted)

Georgia Mountains
Godforsaken Sea: Racing the World's Most Dangerous Waters
Happy Isles of Oceana: Paddling the Pacific
Homelands: Kayaking the Inside Passage
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
Paddling SC-Palmetto State River Trails
Path of the Paddle
People Proteeting 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
Southern Georgia Canoeing
The Georgia Conservancy Guide to the North
The Lower Canyons of the Rio Grande
The Mighty Mulberry-A Canoeing Guide
They Shoot Canoes, Don't they?
White Water Tales of Terror
WhiteWaterTrips (British Columbia & Washington)
Wildwater (Sierra Club Guide)
WildwaterWestVirginia
Youghiogeny-Appalachian River
Maps:
The Big South Fork

Announcements

GCA Email List

By joining the GCA group email list, you can share information with over 400 members and others. Here's how the list works:

By sending an email to "gcalist@yahoogroups.com" you automatically reach all subscribers to the list with the message. Only those subscribed to the list can send email to the list.

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 posted on the GCA email list. If you want to receive any of this information, please subscribe.

The email list is intended to facilitate communication, so don't be shy about using it to invite others on paddling trips, to discuss paddling related issues or to disseminate or obtain



information about paddling related topics, rivers you're interested in, etc.

To subscribe to the list, send an email to "gcalist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com". You will receive a verification that you are subscribed and a welcome message with instructions on how to unsubscribe and various other commands available through the service. Be sure to save this information for future reference.

When you change or lose your email ID, please take the time to "unsubscribe" your old ID and 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 the GCA web committee at gcaweb@gmail.com. Membership applications, GCA waivers and other forms for use by members are also available on the site. ✂

Mail Failure Notices

Each month the electronic version of *The Eddy Line* results in numerous mail failure notices from members with bad or discontinued email addresses. If email can't be delivered to your email address, you will be deleted from the recipient list for the electronic version until we get an updated email address from you.

When GCA receives a mail failure notice in response to an email to you on the GCA Email List, you will be automatically unsubscribed by the listserve software. You are responsible for keeping your email address current. Thank you — it makes less work for our all volunteer staff. ✂

Opening 631-Mile Paddling Trail Initial Paddlin' Alabama May 17-24

GCA member Richard Grove will lead the initial Paddlin' Alabama on the Coosa River on May 17-24, 2008. As of now, the name "Paddlin' Alabama" is tentative and may change. The 115 to 125 mile trip will begin at Rome, Georgia and end at Gadsden, Alabama.

Unlike Paddle Georgia, Paddlin' Alabama will be a semi-wilderness trip. Paddlers will carry all their own food and gear and will be camping most nights on the riverbank and arranging their own meals. There will also be a quarter-mile portage at the Weiss Diversionary Dam.

The initial Paddlin' Alabama is being organized by the Alabama Scenic River Trail (ASRT) Committee, which is working to create a 631-mile paddling trail from the Georgia/Alabama state line to Mobile Bay along the Coosa, Alabama, Mobile, Middle and Tensaw rivers. It would be the longest paddling trail in the country and would end at Fort Morgan, at the mouth of Mobile Bay.

The idea for the paddling trail arose from Richard Groves' 831-mile trip in 2006 from the upper reaches of the Etowah near Dahlonega to Mobile Bay. The Paddlin' Alabama trip will include an opening ceremony for the trail at the Georgia/Alabama border crossing on Monday, May 19.

The Paddlin' Alabama group trip will be only the start of the paddle for Richard, who will continue and paddle the entire 631-mile trail. His trip will include Portage Trail ceremonies at each of the six dams and a Grand Ceremony, with VIP's including Alabama's Governor, on the RiverWalk in Montgomery on June 6. Further downstream, celebrations are also planned for each of the Army Corps of Engineers lock-and-dams, for the 5 Rivers Visitor and Education Center in Mobile and a final celebration at Fort Morgan.

The ASRT Committee is working on a website, but it is not yet online. For now, more information on Paddlin' Alabama can be obtained from Richard Grove at Richard@georgiakayaker.com. ✂



Support Our GCA Supporters

The GCA web site now features a "GCA Supporters" web page with links to the companies that support GCA financially by advertising with us. Help out those who help us out — patronize our advertisers. Thanks! ✂

Paddle Georgia, Florida Scheduled

Paddle Georgia 2008 will be June 21-27 on the Flint River from Woodbury to Montezuma, Georgia. For more information, go to www.garivers.org.

Paddle Georgia alum Bill Richards is spearheading a Paddle Florida. The March 20-27 trip will cover 123 miles of the scenic Suwanee River Wilderness Trail, beginning at Suwanee Music Park and finishing at Manatee Springs State Park. For more information, go to <http://paddleflorida.org>. ✂

Winter Roll Practice

Indoor pool roll sessions are from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Mondays on January 8 and from January 22 through March 26 at the Warren/Hollifield Boys' and Girls' Club at Berne and Marion Streets near Grant Park.

Directions: Exot I-20 at the Boulevard/Grant Park/ Cyclorama exit. Go south about 1/2 mile to the light at Berne Street and turn left. Go another 1/2 mile and you'll see the facility, a large brick building on the left. Turn left on Marion Street. The pool entrance is in the back - enter via the gate at the far end of the building to unload boats. Boats must be cleaned before entering pool.

This is your opportunity to learn to roll, practice your roll to stay sharp, teach a fellow paddler to roll or work on other techniques such as wet exits, hand rolls, deep water re-entries, etc. ✂

Correction

The "launch cluster" photo on page 9 of the December *Eddy Line*, credited to Jay Manalo, was actually taken by William Gatling. *The Eddy Line* regrets the error. ✂

Suwannee River MLK Weekend Trip

by Jamie Higgins

I'll be leading a GCA trip down the famous and beautiful Suwannee River on MLK weekend (Jan 18-20). Our base camp will be at the Spirit of Suwannee Music Park Campground, which has lots of tent camping, RV camping and even cabins. The campground is right on the river and has a boat launch. Please make your own camping or lodging arrangements. I'll be camping in loop 35 if you want to camp near me.

The Suwannee begins in Georgia's Okefenokee swamp and meanders through Florida to the Gulf. It's a very scenic, tannin-brown colored river that is narrow and intimate.

We'll have day trips on the Suwannee on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and a campfire each night. Meals will be on your own, and the campground has a small cafe. The area also has many hiking and mountain bike trails.

For directions to and reservations at the Spirit of Suwannee Music Park Campground, call 386.364.1683 or go to <http://suwannee.com/default.asp>. Other hotels, motels, campgrounds and info can be found at <http://www.suwannee-chamber.com/touristdevelopment/LodgingInformation.htm>.

For more information or to join us, email me at jmhiggins@yahoo.com or call me at 404.508.0761. ✂

President's Weekend Trip

by Gina Johnson

The President's Weekend paddle and camping trip is moving to Milton, Florida and Adventures Unlimited campground. Adventures Unlimited has tent camping, RV hookups and cabin rentals by the room (for those who prefer not to sleep outside). Participants are responsible for making their own reservations.

Participants will also be responsible for their own meals. The campground is at the confluence of two rivers, about 15 miles from Milton, which has restaurants.

Jim Nuetzel will be our trip coordinator and will line up folks to coordinate individual trips on the several blackwater rivers in the area. We'll have trips on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Haynes and I plan to be there from Thursday, Valentine's Day, to Monday.

Reservations can be made at www.adventuresunlimited.com. Tent campers, let them know you're with the GCA and they will put us in group sites. Please also let me know at 404.512.0832 or haynesandgina@alltel.net when you are coming so we can get trips organized.

We look forward to a wonderful weekend of boating and fellowship! ✂

GCA Store is Now Online

by Kate Wilkerson, GCA Storekeeper

The GCA Store is now online on the GCA website. The store is at www.georgiacanoe.org/id45.html.

The GCA Store now has available Men's and Women's Picque Knit Sport Shirts in a variety of colors and sizes. The store also has the new "Whatever Floats Your Boat" River Rats t-shirt. The t-shirt has the "Whatever Floats Your Boat" logo, designed by Betty Rose and shown in her ad on this page, on the back in full color. The t-shirt is "natural" (off-white or pale tan) color.

Also available are the remaining t-shirts from the highly successful 2007 Georgia River Explorer Series in larger sizes. The store also has a white t-shirt embroidered with the GCA logo and a cap, also embroidered with the GCA logo, in a variety of colors. ✂

Upcoming Events of Interest

January 1 - Cartecay Chili Run - Mountaintown Outdoor Expeditions, Ellijay - Jay Srymanski, 707.635.2524.

February 2 - Locust Fork Invitational Slalom Races, Cleveland, AL - www.BirminghamCanoeClub.org/Races.

March 2-3 - Mulberry Fork Slalom and Wildwater Races, Garden City, AL - www.BirminghamCanoeClub.org/Races.

March 22 - Locust Fork Classic Slalom Races, Cleveland, AL - www.BirminghamCanoeClub.org/Races. ✂

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Georgia State Water Plan?

by Haynes Johnson, GCA River Protection Co-Chair

I attended a public meeting in Lawrenceville put on by the Georgia Water Coalition (GWC) to discuss the Georgia State Water Plan (GSWP). These GWC folks really need our help. If we help them, we are helping ourselves by protecting the water resources of Georgia.

Other GCA members seen at the meeting included Dan MacIntyre and Robert Harris. Dan made a formal presentation that made a lot of sense to me. Robert had some very good questions for the moderator. Robert's questions were not, in my opinion, answered as well as they could have been.

I had a couple of comments to make but did not realize that they really were going to shut the show down at 8:00 p.m., so I missed my chance. I'll follow up with an e-mail to the moderator and my elected officials.

The GSWP may be viewed at <http://www.georgiawatercouncil.org/>. It is my understanding that the state legislature has to act on this plan by the end of January, so please look over the plan and get on the record with your elected state representative and senator. Once you look at the plan if you have any suggestions to make this a better bill, please share those ideas with the River Protection Co-Chairperson closest to you (John Holley for south Georgia, Haynes Johnson for north Georgia) or Dan Macintyre, as well as your elected officials. The GWC has some tips for

talking to or writing elected officials available at <http://www.garivers.org/gawater/legislator.html>. If we get any interest, I'm sure that we could schedule a discussion session at a location convenient to the majority of those expressing an interest in the discussion.

To me, the main problems with the plan are: no assurance of adequate funding, no hard line requiring efficient use of water resources, and no assurance that all resources, and those who use those resources, will be protected in an equitable manner. In fact, from the cursory read I've done on this plan, there are no real requirements generated. It is a plan to agree to make a plan with no real backbone to achieve results.



CONSERVATION

I can't imagine that the majority of the people in the state would want their money spent on something that will do very little other than record existing information and establish some non-binding milestones. An example of this would be to agree to make progress on an issue without saying how much progress is required in a set time frame.

I'll continue to go over the plan so I can give my elected officials and the GWC some relevant and rational suggestions. Please do what you can to help these folks do a good job in maintaining, restoring, and improving our natural resources.

canoes from Uniroyal's first, 1968 mold, from which all Blue Hole OCA's were molded from 1969 to 1976, and will sell them for about \$575 each.

It's a lovely, mostly natural section with only one, well-hidden house, high on the left bank, and only a few nearby fields. The water was very clear, and, using polarized sunglasses, I saw quite a few fish.

I also encountered a lot of wildlife: several deer, turkeys, kingfishers and ducks and a few herons, hawks and owls.

I used a wooden, twelve-foot pole I made for about \$25 paid to Lowe's according to a simple design I found at <http://www.brockeng.com/>



TRIP REPORTS

www.brockeng.com/AmusingRaven/pole.htm. I enjoy poling. It frees me from having to run a shuttle. It gives me a way to explore some stretches of river to which there is only access from either upstream or downstream. It makes class I water challenging. It allows me to do an impromptu trip of whatever amount of time I have for it, maximizing my time on the water.

Poling is best done at low water, and we certainly have had a lot of that lately! And it's fun!

Poling on the Etowah

by Roger Nott

It was such a beautiful afternoon, Friday, November 2, in the high sixties and cloudless; I had to get on the river. During this, our 100-year drought, we have had limited rivers from which to choose. But I figured that any section of the Etowah downstream of Highway 9 in Dawson County would have enough water.

I was itching to try my new pole and thus put in at Old Federal Road in Forsyth County (Suzanne Welander's Access Point K), poled upstream about 7 miles to Kelly Bridge in Dawson County (Access Point J), and then paddled back to Old Federal Road. In all it took about five hours, just over three and a half to go upstream and just under an hour and a half to come back down.

This stretch is virtually flat at high water but had a number of little Class 1 rapids today, enough to make the poling interesting and somewhat challenging. There were a few deadfalls to dodge, but I was able to pole the whole way without having to get out of my canoe. The Canton gauge read 160 cfs, so there were about 135-140 cfs in this stretch.

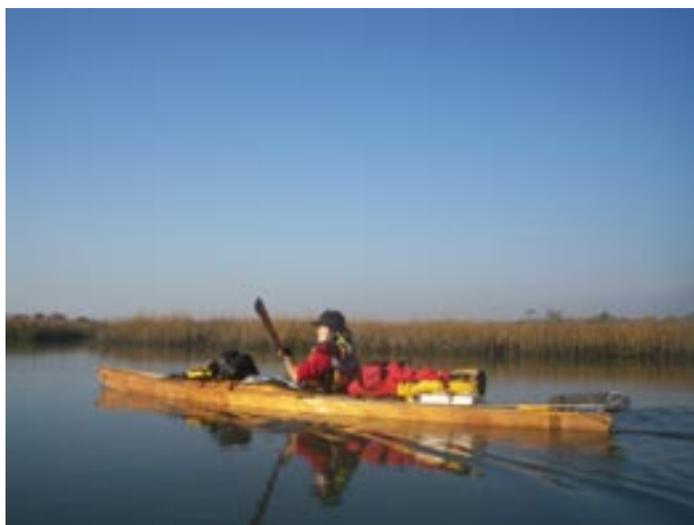
I used my stable, flat-bottomed, 16-foot ABS Buffalo. Buffalo Canoes is the only manufacturer which still makes

The Bible, The Ocean Gods, Little Tybee Island

by William C Reeves (the Hawk)

On Section 4, the Gauley and the Grand Canyon, wise paddlers come to terms with the river gods, especially those residing in the undercuts and deepest-light sucking holes. Sea kayakers who venture much off-shore must reach a similar accord with Agloolik and Aipaloovik; and, those who ply the barrier islands must read those chapters of the Bible written by Alignak. He reaches down from the moon and pulls the water back and forth 4 times a day; we know his chapters as Tide Tables.

Enough of philosophy and Inuit mythology, I am writing



The Hawk in Misquito Cut, the passage from Long Island to the sea, at high tide. Photo by T.R. Price.

this to record the saga of my pre-Christmas trip around Little Tybee with Tommy and his 12 year-old son TR. We'll get back to Alignak and his powers later in the essay.

It's only a 5-hour or so drive from Atlanta to Tybee; so in spite of the mandatory visit at Sea Kayak Georgia (recently acquired by Ronnie and Marsha) we were able to launch from Alley 3 by 16:00. Whoops! Isn't that pretty late to start a multi-day trip in December?

Risk management plan? No problemo. The weather was good, there was no wind, and it's only a mile or so across Tybee Bay/Tybee Creek to Myrtle Hammock on Little Tybee. The beaches are huge and protected, offering easy landings and launchings. As back-up there are several good B & B's and many hotels on Tybee. If worst came to worst, I imagine Ronnie would let the right sorts of people crash at Sea Kayak Georgia.

Myrtle Hammock is tremendous. It fronts a large marsh and a large lagoon with beaucoup wildlife. You can camp on

the beach across from Tybee or paddle the perimeter of the dread Triangle, do a surf landing and camp in the dunes. If you elect this latter approach, remember that what was a calm, protected landing during the late afternoon can change dramatically the following morning.

We got up early the first morning for photo-ops and were butts-wet for our next camp, on Long Island Hammock, well before noon. Our destination was Williamson Island and we could have paddled there directly along the coast except the wind had come up, was out of the west, and the sea was running between 3 and 4 feet. This equals fun open-water paddling, except it's not quite so fun in a fully loaded boat right at the beginning of a five-day trip; also, the interior route along Tybee Creek is more aesthetically pleasing.

There's only one little trick to this scenic route: finding the inlet to Mosquito Ditch, the route to Long Island Hammock. Purists will use a nautical chart; alternatively, Sea Kayak Georgia will sell you a nice laminated aerial image of the area; or, you can download satellite images from Google Earth. True aficionados will use charts to practice coastal navigation and plot positions relative to the turn-off by triangulation utilizing various landmarks.

The photo images are nice because they directly represent what you are seeing from the water (like the various hammocks). Wimps will use a GPS into which they have pre-loaded waypoints. No matter which method you use, keep track of your surroundings, especially the turns, side creeks, and Long Island Hammock's bearing. It's no biggie if you miss Mosquito Ditch because it will soon become apparent (well, sooner or later) that you missed it and you can turn around.

Oh, I almost forgot: consult the appropriate passages in Alignak's Tide Tables. The Ditch is a high tide passage. At high tide it's 6 feet deep; at low tide it's knee high mud; we did it at around a 12.

Long Island Hammock is one of the more interesting destinations on Little Tybee and I've spent several days exploring it on previous trips. However, our goal on this trip was to circumnavigate Little Tybee and spend some time in unexplored areas.

So, we got a relatively early start the next morning and paddled south down Mosquito Ditch to its confluence with Little Tybee Creek then out to the ocean. Good news, bad news. The sea was still running but the tide was rapidly ebbing, the break was several hundred meters out and we had protected shallow water to paddle in so we turned southwest along the coast figuring it was best to make Beach Hammock rather than camp on Williamson, as originally planned.

The paddle was pleasant enough, the water was a little over a foot deep and we forgot all about Alignak as we made the southwest tip of the island, ignored a fantastic camp site on Beach Hammock and continued up a creek that we

assumed would lead to an even better campsite.

Never assume; it makes an ASS of U and ME; and, never (I repeat NEVER) make your mind up that, no matter how bad it gets, you are going to paddle up a rapidly shoaling tidal inlet on an ebb tide. After about a mile, we ran out of water; but the perfect campsite lay only 100 meters away. We beached the kayaks in the sawgrass and again assumed we could accomplish the short portage by walking on the reeds.

Major error! Don't ever even consider this. The muck was really stinky, really sticky and about mid-thigh deep. It is not possible to avoid sinking in the mud by walking on the marsh grass and if you try it someone is going to fall down. If you're orthopedically handicapped, like the Hawk, when you do fall down getting back up is not trivial; especially if you're carrying an expensive Nikon SLR and even more so when if your paddling buddies can't help you because they are themselves thrashing in the mud convulsed with laughter.

We determined the campsite wasn't really all that good and opted for plan B - camp on the tip of Beach Hammock. There was only one complication. By the time we had figured all this out, Alignak had removed all the water and wasn't going to return it for about 6 more hours. Some people would opt to just sit in their boats until the water came back. Real men don't do that.

It only took about two hours to hump the loaded boats through the ooze back to the campsite we had previously dissed. The tip of Beach Hammock affords fantastic camping either on the beach or in the dunes. There's a large lake in the forest about a klick down the beach. It's densely populated with shore birds (wood storks, herons, egrets, anhinga) and if you get up early in the morning you can stalk through the woods, locate a hide along the shore and get great images.

I Get By With Help From My Friends

by Gina Johnson

In October, 1987, I kayaked the the bottom half of the Ocoee with Brad Nichol and Allen Hedden, one week after completing my five day beginner kayak class with NOC. I paddled the Ocoee during the spring and summer of 1998 and became intimately familiar with all the rapids and most of the rocks.

After my second black eye in August of 1988, I decided that I was not designed to be encased in plastic on rivers with rocks and switched to a canoe in 1989. From then until now, I have only agreed to paddle the Ocoee tandem.

In late September, I decided a 20 year wait was long enough and ran the Ocoee a couple of weeks ago in my canoe. Thank you to my fabulous support team who organized my first timer trip on a quiet October Friday: Haynes Johnson, Dave Richardson, Marvine and Knox Worde, Paula Haynes, Allen Hedden, Gabi Schlidt, Barry Smith, and, espe-

We spent two nights on Beach Hammock and then moved on up the Bull River, past the western tip of Long Island Hammock, up Lazaretto Creek and made our final camp on Scruffy's Hammock. We named it Scruffy's Hammock in honor of the dead dog we found wrapped in a blanket in the middle of the campsite when we first stayed there a couple of



The landing at Myrtle Hammock, across the bay from Alley 3. Photo by T.R. Price.

years ago. Scruffy's has a nice and very obvious beach to land on, the campsite (a short distance from the beach) occupies a clearing in the forest, Scruffy is long gone, and there's plenty to do. On this trip, we found a geocache.

Well, when we woke up the next morning we were five days into the trip, it was time to go home. So we paddled back to Alley 3, visited with Ronnie and Marsha at Sea Kayak Georgia, bought a used Valley Nordkapp Jubilee and were back in Atlanta that night.

cially, Edward Stockman. Luckily, I had a fabulous day on the river. Just goes to show you anything is possible!



Gina at Tablesaw on the Ocoee. Photo by Barry Smith.

Todd's "Working" Trip Colorado River (Las Vegas)

by Todd McGinnis

Sitting in the hotel looking for a desert oasis to fix my river running withdrawal...

Last year at our company's users' conference I had some time to kill and thought "There must be a river around here." As this year's conference approached I began to research rivers in the area but there was nothing in the line of whitewater, so I figured a trip to Reno might be in order. Lack of water in the Truckee River was a non-start to this trip.

With Reno out of the picture and time running out to make plans I called "River Expeditions." I found them on the web advertising an 11 mile trip down the Colorado that put in smack dab at the bottom of the Hoover Dam; how cool is that? Having never visited the dam before, I thought "What a great way to see it for the first time." For around \$175 dollars we had a guided trip down the river that included the river permit, a guide, a boat and a day's worth of food.

Dan, our guide, picked my friend Pete and me up at the hotel with boats in tow and we were off to the launch site. It was critical that we had our driver's license so we could get through security check points to gain access to the dam base without incident.

Once at the launch site, we began to unload our gear and it was then I noticed the length and weight of my touring kayak. My barge for the day was a 17 foot long Prijon with a rudder controlled by my feet; a shocking departure from my 6 foot Allstar.

Pete settled in to the boat immediately since controlling the rudder was similar to the techniques he uses when flying. I on the other hand never quite got the hang of it so I used my

paddle to control the beast of a boat.

Paddling below the dam was awesome and there was one piece of information that was an eye opener: Dan informed us that sharpshooters were watching our every move. With that bit of information, we turned our river barges, a/k/a kayaks, downriver and began our journey through the rock walled gorge that lacked the greenery that one grows accustomed to in the southeast. The height of the gorge was incredible and as we made our way through we realized that if something were to happen it was going to be a long hike out.



A river of wonders, man-made and natural. Above, the view from the put-in just below Hoover Dam. Below, the mouth of the cave. Photos by Todd McGinnis.



As we made our way downriver our first stop was at the Sauna Tunnel. To gain access to the tunnel we beached the barges and walked up a narrow path to the entrance. The historical note here is that this was one of the initial diversion tunnels. These tunnels were built to divert the river enabling the dam to be built.

Once they got about 100 yards or so in they discovered a natural hot spring. With this they abandoned the tunnel and moved further up river to build the diversion tunnels that can still be seen today. The abandoned tunnel is now a walk-in sauna left for visitors like ourselves to experience.

Making our way through the tunnel the presence of a hot spring was never so evident. The air was hot and humid while our feet moved through ankle deep hot water. About 50 feet into the tunnel our guide discovered his flashlight was dead and for whatever reason none of us cared and continued to the end and then turned around and made our way out. The only thing to compare it to would be the tunnel ride on the Etowah, except on foot.

Once out, it was back out onto the river and into the 102 degree heat. Surprisingly the water was a cool, crisp 50 degrees. An occasional dip in the water was a quick way to cool off and enjoy the river.

A few more stops at points of interest brought us to a hike through finger canyons to a hot spring - just what the doctor ordered on a hot September day in the desert! This was too cool! We found several pools of water and a natural shower powered by a 20 foot falls.

The day would bring us through many more natural wonders that included a few sightings of wildlife. Most of what we saw were various birds, mountain goats and fish.

The next major item of interest was the old gauge site where in the late 1920s the official gauge reader would go out and check the water level. We complain about the commute here in Atlanta - well this guy did not have to sit in bumper to bumper traffic but he did have to make a 2 mile hike each day to work.

The official reader had a home absolutely in the middle of nowhere and sat along side what was then a Class 5 river. He would leave his home and walk to the first crossing of the river via a cable and a small cart. From there he would walk along a "catwalk" that hugged the canyon wall for about a mile and then take another cable car to the gauge house.

This was a task he was to do daily to track the water level to determine where Hoover Dam was to be built.

An interesting note is that when they first started building the damn they had to get barges up the Class 5 river. To do this, they affixed iron rods into the earth which were used to run ropes through to help pull the ferries upriver. Some of these iron loops still exist.



Relics from a simpler - but more dangerous - time. Two open cable cars like the one in the photo above and a catwalk provided access for the gauge reader to the gauge tower in the photo below. Photos by Todd McGinnis.



After the gauge it was the home stretch to the take out. One of the final features to see was one that Steve Reach would love. If any of you have paddled the Hiawasee with Steve, you know he loves to make the eddy in to the grotto. Well, on this river we had a little cave that you could pull in to and take a rest in before paddling the final 3 miles.

At the take out, we were exhausted and ready to grab a bite to eat and sleep! The one thing we knew as we pulled off the river was that we just had an awesome time.

It was not until the following night that I realized how amazing an opportunity this was. At our user's conference we had Alastair Fothergill, the producer of "Planet Earth," as our keynote speaker. He shared excerpts along with stories from the making of the show. The overwhelming theme was that there are wild places out there that few have experienced and the objective was to share these places and wild things with us.

The other take away was, when possible, go experience these wild places but preserve their wonder and awe. It was then I realized what an opportunity we seized by paddling the previous day. True, anyone can sign up for the trip, but many do not because it is too much work, does not sound like fun or they feel it's too "touristy."

Through this trip we experienced the amazing variety and beauty of this plant that could not have been experienced any other way. You can *continued on following page*

watch The Travel Channel, but it is not the same as doing it.

Next time in Vegas, avoid the guilt of loosing your life savings at the craps table and just go out and have a dam

Congaree Swamp Overnighter

by Roger Nott

Congaree National Park is our nation's newest national park and is located along the north shore of the Congaree River, about 30 miles south-southeast of Columbia, South Carolina, and about a four hour drive from Atlanta. It contains almost 11,000 acres of old-growth floodplain forest, part of the largest remnant of such forest remaining on the continent!

This is the preferred habitat of the ivory-billed woodpecker, which was long thought extinct but was rediscovered in 2004 in Arkansas. Birders are now seeking the ivory-bill in the Congaree Swamp, which has many of the giant sweet gum trees on which it prefers to feed and where it was last seen in 1935. The Park contains one of the tallest forests east of the Mississippi with many giant sweet gums, swamp tupelos, bald cypresses and magnolias.

The Santee River Cypress Lumber Company cut millions of board feet of virgin bald cypress from the Congaree floodplain from 1888-1915. The average age of the cypress logs that came through its mill was about 600 years, but one log had 1600 growth rings! Loggers of that era took only the best cypress. Hollow and crooked trees were left behind. Fortunately, enough cypress survivors were left behind to get an idea of what this cypress grove once looked like. The tallest bald cypress found in the Park these days is 148 feet.

Our group of six met on Saturday, November 10th, near the Park's Headquarters when it opened at 8:30 a.m. After a



Deadfalls? No problem - Rachel just lifted them out of the way. Photo by Allen Hedden.

short tour of the interesting nature center, we got a back-country camping permit, which is free and allows a maximum of six people to camp together on Parkland. After running a 16 mile shuttle along paved roads, we put in at Cedar Creek Landing, about 4 miles from the Park Headquarters, at 11:15 a.m.

We paddled four open canoes. Allen Hedden & Dawn Southern and Rhett Butler & Rachel Gates ran tandem, and Arthur Wade Lucas and I were in solo opens. Also with Wade was his black dog, Luke, an 80 pound Labrador Retriever/

paddling adventure in the desert! If you'd like to see more pictures from the trip, please visit: <http://community.webshots.com/user/toddmcginnis>.

Rottweiler mix, who did wonderfully on his first canoe trip.

Our first day's trip was down lower Cedar Creek, a beautiful, clear, intimate stream that flows through the heart of the National Park and is classified as Outstanding National Resource Waters. It usually was shallow, about 30 feet wide, and well shaded by the towering, dense forest. However, it occasionally broadened and deepened in areas reminiscent of Minnies Lake in the Okefenokee. The water level was low, 2.18 on the USGS gauge in the Park, and getting through was

s o m e t i m e s
challenging,
particularly in
the more
heavily laden
canoes. The
Park's staff and
volunteers have
labored hard to
keep this nar-
row canoe trail
on Cedar Creek



open, and I only had to step out

of my canoe once to get through. We saw a great deal of wildlife, including a coyote, deer, an otter, beaver, turtles, and numerous water fowl and raptors.

We reached the Congaree River, through the swift, exciting Mazyck's Cut, at about 4:30 p.m. We quickly made camp on a long, broad sandy beach on river right, across from the creek outflow. Since the public trust in South Carolina extends to the ordinary high water mark for floatable waters and the beach was well below the river's high water mark, we were still able to camp on public land.

Both days were dry and virtually cloudless, and it got cold quickly after the 5:30 p.m. sunset. We chose to camp outside the National Park, which prohibits back-country fires, so as to legally enjoy the very welcomed campfire on the beach. We shared gourmet food and beverages and great camaraderie by the fire; marveled at the star-filled, moonless sky; but nevertheless were all in our sleeping bags by 9 p.m.

On Sunday we paddled the 12-13 miles to the U.S. Hwy. 601 bridge on the large, wide-open Congaree River, part of the 50-mile Congaree River Blue Trail beginning in Columbia and dedicated by American Rivers on June 2. The USGS gauge a short distance upstream of our campsite read .86, a low but very ample level giving us a 1-2 mph current and good water quality. We ate lunch on a wide beach by an impressive

old railroad bridge and got to our take-out about 2:00 p.m.

Imagine our surprise when our cars were not there! We had left the cars by a bridge over an old, cut-off meander of the river about 3 miles up the highway. Two local octogenarians came to our aid and drove us in the back of their pick-up to our cars, so that I was still able to get back home to Gainesville for

Etowah River in Cherokee County

by Roger Nott

What do you do when you are in a one hundred year drought, most of your favorite whitewater rivers are dried up, but you just have to paddle? You take the stream less traveled, in this case a gem that former GCA members Dick and Barbara Turner told me about 25 years ago but I had never paddled, 'til this day.

We had a warm, mostly sunny day for our trip on the Etowah in northeastern Cherokee County. We put in at Yellow Creek Rd., the first bridge in Cherokee County, just downstream of the confluence with Settingdown Creek (access point M in *Northern Georgia Canoeing*; between access points K & L in Suzanne Welander's recent revision, *A Canoeing & Kayaking Guide to Georgia*). We had a rather gray-haired but most congenial crew of eleven: Jean Brown and Katie O'Neill in ayaks; tandem open teams of Dave Bolton & Rose Jordan and Buddy Goolsby and Lamar Phillips; and Will Gregory, Robert Harris, Larry Mauldin, Dan MacIntyre, and me in solo opens.

When we put in at 11:15 a.m. the USGS Etowah gauge near Canton registered 228 cfs, an all-time low for this date. (The previous low, in 1942, was 326 cfs.) I had poled and paddled the 12 miles of the river immediately upstream, downstream of Kelly Bridge, in November at 160 and 190 cfs and had no trouble getting through, other than having to haul over one low downed tree. These low flows enhanced the run for me. In addition to making poling upstream easier, the water was very clear and some fun Class I shoals which normally are washed out were exposed.

The same was true this day, though an inch of rain in the headwaters four days earlier had left the water just a little turbid. Nevertheless the river bed was usually clearly visible and we saw a large number of good-sized fish. And we had a tailwind!

The first half of our trip, down to Hwy. 372, was particularly scenic, as there were no houses along the river, the banks were heavily wooded and there were frequent small shoals, two of which extended for a quarter of a mile or more. In fact, this 5.7 mile stretch has more shoals than are found upstream between our put-in and the Tunnel, almost 35 miles. We enjoyed a leisurely and scenic lunch on some sunny rocks at the bottom of the second long shoal, which was rather challenging to navigate without getting hung up. Jean spoiled

dinner by 7:00 p.m.

We had a wonderful trip with a great group of friends. Allen has posted photos of our exploits at <http://canoeist.smugmug.com/gallery/3836718#221911180>. Information about the Congaree National Park, including details of paddling trips, is available at <http://www.nps.gov/cosw>. 

us with a large, scrumptious batch of freshly baked brownies, which disappeared quickly.

Jean, Buddy, Lamar, Robert and Larry decided to take out at Hwy. 372, where there is good access and some off-road parking for the McGraw Ford Wildlife Management Area, which extends along the river about two miles upstream and downstream of that point. The rest of us paddled 5.6 miles more to East Cherokee Drive bridge, where there is good access on river right but where we had to park along the shoulders of this fairly busy road.

This second section is mostly flat with occasional small Class I ripples, but we saw a lot of water birds and very little development until near the end, when we encountered three or four houses and two large industrial structures geared to pump water from the river. We took out at 4:00 p.m., paddling the 11.3 miles, plus lunch, in 4 hours and 45 minutes.

All and all we had a wonderful, serene trip, one particularly suited to the low water and our need to work off the turkey fat. Should I return to this section of the Etowah, and I certainly hope to, I would probably run the somewhat more scenic eleven miles from Old Federal Road to Hwy. 372 (Welander's K to L). 

Photo of the Month



Olympic gold medalist Joe Jacobi on the Ocoee with daughter Seu (named for the site of the 1992 Olympic slalom) on the stern. Photo by Bob Hollifield (www.ocoeshooter.smugmug.com) from www.jacksonkayak.com.

Chuck in China

Editor's Note: Some of you may know Chuck Williams. Though he never joined the GCA, Chuck is a member of Atlanta Whitewater (AWC). I met Chuck and his wife, Cecillia (better known as Ceci), on a trip on the Tuckasegee in the summer of 2006.

Ceci is Chinese and the couple recently moved to China, Ceci moving first and Chuck following a bit later. They live in Wenzhou, a city of 7.8 million on China's southeastern coast and Ceci's home town. Wenzhou is in the province of Zhejiang, which is about the same size as Georgia but is home to 42 million people, about 9 times the population of Georgia.

Chuck is currently working for a trade export broker, a go-between used by Chinese manufacturers who export their products to other nations. He plans to return to teaching as an English teacher in the near future.

Since he arrived in China, Chuck has been sending occasional posts to the AWC groupmail, many of them paddling related. Chuck's posts are an informative, and often humorous, reflection by an American paddler in a place where paddlers are even less common than Americans. His posts are well worth reading and, even though he's not a member, will run occasionally in The Eddy Line.



Chuck's formerly silver helmet now reflects his ties to two countries. Photo by Chuck Williams.

Carrying Kayaks Through Customs

Well I arrived here safely and, against much advice not to tell the airlines I was bringing kayaks, I did tell them and had no problems. Everything arrived with me on my flight and on time. The funny looks in Atlanta were something but the looks, gasps, finger pointing, and a lot of hoopla in Shanghai was something to be enjoyed.

I rolled my first cart up to the guy at Chinese customs. On it were my suitcase, my hiking backpack, my camera backpack, my laptop bag and a duty free bag. My customs card had the necessary information and a check mark next to "Nothing to Declare."

The guy nodded, I rolled my cart past him and parked it,



Chuck caught in a contemplative mood before he left for China. Photo by Carol Meyhoefer.

then walked back through this first gate and got the other cart with the two kayaks stacked on it width wise and my paddle bag on top. I ended up having to make three trips, dragging each boat through the gate, restacking them on the cart and pushing it down a hall to where I'd meet Ceci.

Here there must have been 300 people waiting to pick up others and the path to exit wound back and forth. The path was about nine feet wide and my boats are about eight feet long, so I had a fun time navigating it around the corners and people laughing. The boats were 200-210 lbs. total.

So after I finally got through the line to Cecillia I had to run back and get the other cart with my additional luggage. The Customs guys watched me work and I'm sure they were torn... "Do they stop me and inspect? Or would that just make them responsible for helping me move all this sh—?"

Water In and Around Wenzhou

The rivers near the city are trashed. Every day, I see 5-10 people dropping trash on the sidewalk or out of a car window. There are canals throughout the city, miles (err, kilometers) of flat water criss-crossing the city, but the water is so nasty I can't bring myself to kayak in it.

We went on a group hike one weekend and, as we crossed a river and hiked into the village that was our destination, across the river from me was a rafting outfitter. Sigh! I didn't even have time to run across the bridge. I was th only foreigner of about 90 people in the hiking group: don't get me started on trail conservation here.

The hike was several miles of hiking up out of a valley, first following a creek (reminded me of the Nantahala Cascades) that had a few spots where I would have been thrilled to have my boat, followed by several sections of spots that I thought some of the pros would have loved.

We hiked a mountain and worked our way around the

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Hiking group crossing the river. Photo by Chuck Williams.

bends of the mountains and stayed about level for most of the hike while the river fell deep into the valley. What had at first looked real tempting, as something I'd want to come back and kayak, changed into a Class 6 waterfall that fell 60-70 feet onto rocks. The pool below looked a little shallow as well, so even at high flows I think you'd still hit rock at the bottom.

I've given some flat water kayaking lessons to Liu Jian, who is married to my wife's sister. He manages a major branch and some smaller branches of the China Construction Bank, the second largest bank in China. He lives well and comes across as comfortably paid, yet his salary in U.S. dollars is roughly \$35,000 a year. ✂

Whiskey is for drinking; water is for fighting over. Mark Twain



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