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## From the Cruisemaster GCA Needs a New Cruisemaster

by Steve Reach, GCA Cruisemaster (Retiring)

I have lost track of the exact number of months now that I have served as Cruisemaster for the GCA. My predecessor, Mike Winchester, a mighty Cruisemaster in his own right, indoctrinated me one evening several years ago at the Nuevo Laredo Cantina on Chattahoochee Avenue over a couple of plates of enchiladas and rice.

Since then I have had a real good time being involved at the nexus of club life — the keeper of the published calendar of group paddling trips. Unfortunately, it is time now for me to step down and let someone younger and less tired have a go at it.

The GCA is YOUR club. As a member you can decide how you would like to contribute as a volunteer to keep the club going year after year. Every position of club management is manned by an unpaid volunteer. Without volunteer efforts we don't have a club.

If you would be interested in becoming the next Cruisemaster, please notify the GCA Board. I will train the replacement of their choice.

It's a pretty easy job once you get used to it and does not take much time per month to fulfill if you are a regular home computer user. It can also be done entirely the old-school, 1970 way without a computer, but would take a bit more legwork.

Good socialization and organizational skills are a plus. Over time you will learn much more about our area waterways and have the opportunity to interface with many other club members in a variety of activities.

There is simultaneously an opening for club Webmaster, my other volunteer position. This is an Information Technology job that involves maintaining the club website and administering the club email box. Minor web development experience and good organizational skills are a plus.

Either of these positions can be filled by a committee of two or more individuals. Again, if you and a couple friends would like to take them on, send a notification to the Board.

Please let us know right away - I will be retiring at the end of this year. Thanks to all of you longtime members for your support and encouragement, and thanks in advance to those who will step in to pick up the ball in 2009!!



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**Groupmail:** GCA maintains a group email list to help members share information of general interest. To sign up, go to [gcalist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:gcalist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

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## All About *The Eddy Line*

*The Eddy Line*, the official GCA newsletter, is available in print or pdf format. To subscribe, contact Ed Scultz at 404.266.3734 or [heloeddy@mindspring.com](mailto:heloeddy@mindspring.com), or mail your request to P.O. Box 7023, Atlanta, GA 30357.

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**Deadline:** The deadline for all submissions, classified ads and commercial ads is the 5th of the previous month (e.g. May 5 for the June issue).

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## UPCOMING GCA TRIPS

### December

7	Chattooga (Section 3 or 3.5)	Advanced	James Royston	770.500.6520
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### January

17-19	Juniper Springs, Florida (Note 1)	Beginner	Lamar Phillips	404.229.2939
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Note 1: Car camp at Juniper Springs Recreation Area, Ocala, Florida: four beautiful rivers nearby. Details on page 5.

### 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!

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**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 Cruisemaster, 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, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m at the Warren/Holyfield Boys' and Girls' Club near Grant Park in Atlanta. For more information, including dates and directions, see Page 4.

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## Announcements



### Monthly Meetings

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. ✂

### Winter Roll Practice

Indoor pool roll sessions are from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Mondays on January 5, 12 and 26; February 2, 9 and 23; and March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at the Warren/Holyfield Boys' and Girls' Club at Berne and Marion Streets near Grant Park.

Directions: Exit 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

### Official Meeting Minutes

#### Executive Committee - 10/02

by Bill Fox, GCA Secretary

In attendance: Tom Bishop, Dan MacIntyre, Ed Schultz, Lamar Phillips, Kate Wilkerson, Gina Johnson, Matthew Crawford, Mark Holmberg, Vincent Payne, Bill Fox. A quorum of the Committee was present.

Minutes of the July 6, 2008 Executive Committee meeting; the August 7, 2008 Executive Committee meeting; and the September 4, 2008 Board of Directors meeting were read and approved as submitted.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OPEN ISSUES:

##### Financial Report (Treasurer Ed Shultz)

The Association saw a net decrease of assets in September 2008 of \$888.49. Current operating fund balance is \$1,499.52.

GCA received a stipend of \$25.00 from the Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper for GCA's participation in the UCR



MEETING

### Keep Your Email Address Current

Each month numerous "copies" of the pdf version of *The Eddy Line* bounce back due to bad or outdated email addresses. If email to you bounces back, you will be deleted from the recipient list until we get an updated email address.

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. If your email changes, please "unsubscribe" and resubscribe with your new address.

Thank you. ✂

### Support Our Advertisers

The GCA web site now features a "GCA Supporters" web page with links to those who support GCA financially by advertising in *The Eddy Line*. Help those who help us — patronize our advertisers, And when you do, let them know you saw their *Eddy Line* ad and appreciate their support. Thanks! ✂

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 the pool.

This is a great 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. ✂

Race Festival.

As previously approved, the Treasurer continues to submit a detailed monthly financial statement to be published in *The Eddy Line*.

#### River Protection (Chair Haynes Johnson)

Chair not present. Gina Johnson reported that Haynes is continuing his efforts to gain membership on the Regional Water Planning Council

#### Member Services (Chair Kate Wilkerson)

Kate called for a discussion and clarification of the legal issues surrounding the gathering of electronic signatures of membership registrations and trip waivers that are obtained online. Dan MacIntyre assured that such a process is valid and legal.

The assemblage again held a renewed discussion regarding personal contact with new and potential members. While a number of ideas were discussed, the issue remains without solid resolution.

#### Recreation (Chairmanship Remains Open)

Chair not present. No report submitted.

#### Training (Chair Gina Johnson)

Chair reinitiated a discussion of the procedures required

to establish a system for holding virtual Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings.

As a result of this discussion, President Bishop proposed the forthcoming November 6 Executive Committee meeting be conducted as a trial via a telephone conference system through FreeConferenceCall.com. Participation and calling protocols are being developed and will be distributed to members.

**Resource Development (Chair William Gatling)**

Chair not present. No report submitted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Certified Instructor Trainer**

The proposal to obtain a certified kayak instructor trainer with the objective of enabling GCA to certify instructors within GCA remains tabled.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**GCA Website**

Gina Johnson moved that in consideration of previous discussions concerning such ongoing issues as new member contact, the newly developed training calendar, annual event calendars, etc., Matthew Crawford be appointed to serve as the Association's webmaster and to create a new GCA



website. Motion seconded and carried.

**Executive Committee Officers**

Matthew Crawford nominated to fill the vacant position of Vice President. Nomination approved for consideration by the general membership.

President Bishop appointed Mark Holmberg to serve as chair of the Recreation Committee. Appointment seconded and approved

**MEETING ADJOURNED**



**January 17-19**

**MLK Weekend in Florida**

**by Lamar Phillips**

Come join us for a fun weekend of car camping and paddling in beautiful, sunny, warm Florida the weekend of January 17 through 19. We'll be car camping at Juniper Springs Recreation Area, outside Ocala, and paddling several rivers in that area including Juniper Springs, Silver Springs and the Ocklawaha River. There are also a couple of other rivers nearby that you might like to paddle.

We usually see a lot of birds, gators, and other animals on this trip. On our last trip down the Ocklawaha, Buddy

Goolsby and Bill Markert scared the heck out of a black bear and caused it to fall out of the tree!

This will be a great opportunity for some of our new members to take advantage of a great trip and break the winter blues.

Reservation can be made for Juniper Springs Recreation Area campground on the internet at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or by phone at 1.877.444.6777. My camp sites are #61 and #62 in the Fern Loop. Make your reservation early because this campground fills up on holidays.

Call Lmar Phillips at 404.229.2939 or email to [lamarph@bellsouth.net](mailto:lamarph@bellsouth.net) if you are interested in joining us.

**Georgia Environmental Action Network  
Paddlers Be Heard**

**by Dan MacIntyre**

Fellow Paddlers: We have an opportunity for the paddling community to obtain a seat at a very important table. We need your help to do that.

A principal communication mechanism for the environmental community in Georgia is the Georgia Environmental Action Network (GEAN). GEAN has developed and utilizes very effectively a powerful communications tool. They will send to anyone who subscribes to their service an email alert when an important environmental issue is being decided and your input is needed.

The email will include a briefing on the issue and the decision that is about to be made. The email will also include

a template of an email you can send to support the pro-environment side of the issue.

The magic of this communications mechanism is two-fold. First, you can edit the proposed communication in any manner you wish, or delete it entirely and compose your own email from scratch.

Secondly and uniquely, GEAN will deliver your email to exactly the person or persons who need to receive it. Since the receiving person will often be your state Senator or Representative, you will need to give GEAN your home address so they can identify who your Senator and Representative are. Obvi-

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**CONSERVATION**

ously GEAN must also have your email address.

GEAN is managed by a steering committee made up of one representative from each member organization. It is this steering committee that determines what issues will be the subject of emails and prepares the briefing on the issue and the proposed communication to the decision maker(s).

The Georgia Canoeing Association has been selected to become a member of GEAN and provide a representative to the steering committee. To qualify for this membership, at least 50 individuals must sign up to receive the environmental alert emails and identify themselves as members or friends of GCA.

If you are not currently a GEAN subscriber, you need to go to [www.protectgeorgia.net](http://www.protectgeorgia.net). Click on the "sign up" tab and fill in the blanks in accordance with the easy to follow instructions. When you get to the second page of the form, you will find a section titled "I am a member or friend of" with a list of organizations below. Scroll down and check GCA. (You can also check other organizations if you wish.)

Having done that, continue to follow the directions. You will then become a recipient of the GEAN email alerts and will have this communication mechanism through which to make your views known to the critical decision maker(s) on the issue at hand. You will also have helped GCA be one person closer to having a seat at the table where it is decided what issues are



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to be the subject of alerts, how those issues will be briefed and what initial proposed message will be prepared.

If you are already receiving GEAN alerts, you need to go to [www.protectgeorgia.net](http://www.protectgeorgia.net), log in and click the link that says "update profile." Then go to the second page and click on GCA in the "I am a member or friend" list. GCA will now get credit for you in its drive toward the 50 participants needed for full voting membership.

Please help our club and the environment of our state by joining the GEAN alert system. If you have any questions or concerns, I would be glad to discuss them with you by email or telephone. ✂

## Editor's Note

by Rick Bellows

This issue of *The Eddy Line* is being distributed a bit later than usual. Due to a non-paddling-related injury, I had surgery on October 30 and was not cleared to return to work until November 10.

I hope the delay will not keep anyone from receiving their newsletter late. If it does, I apologize for any inconvenience.

This is also the shortest *Eddy Line* since I've been a member of GCA. That's because very little in the way of articles, trip reports, etc. was received for this issue. That will hopefully change. ✂

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

Non-business ads are free to dues-paid GCA members. Business and non-member ads are \$5 for up to 50 words, \$10 for larger. **Ads must be received by the fifth of the month to be published in the following month's issue.** Mail ads to *The Eddy Line*, P.O. Box 441, Gainesville, GA 30503-0441 or email to [the\\_eddyline@yahoo.com](mailto:the_eddyline@yahoo.com). Please, no phone-in or hand-written ads. Ads run for two issues unless otherwise requested.

**For Sale:** Red WRSI helmet with face guard - excellent head/face protection - used three times - size small - \$60. Christine, 404.375.3993.

**For Sale:** 2008 WaveSport Fuse 58. WaveSport's latest playboat/river runner - replaces the EZG. One month old - bought new and used only once. Citrus (light orange with full outfitting. Accommodates 140-210 lbs. Retail for \$925 - will sell for \$775 OBO. Kirk, 404.680.1933.

**For Sale:** Mohawk XL 13 WW Canoe - red. Good canoe for larger/beginner paddler. Has some abuse and been patched, but watertight and still has some years left in it. \$250 OBO. Karen, 678.372.2849.

**For Sale:** 4x8 trailer, good for hauling kayaks. Includes spare tire, light kit, trailer hitch tilt bed, tie downs. Stores easily against garage wall. Leon, 678.665.9752.

**For Sale:** Dagger Honcho whitewater boat with spray skirt to fit (XL tunnel). \$350 for both. Lisa, 678.858.2012, [bkhaskell@earthlink.net](mailto:bkhaskell@earthlink.net)

**For Sale:** roller loader for loading kayak or canoe on top of car - \$75. Christine, 404.375.3993.

**For Sale:** Current Designs Kevlar Gulfstream Sea Kayak, Derek Hutchinson British design - white w. black trim, 16' 10" long, 23" wide, weight 46 lbs., retractable skeg, factory-installed Richie deck compass - almost new. \$3,500 list, will sell for \$2,500 OBO. Jay, 770.924.1944.

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