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CLEANUPS, PADDLE TRIPS, AND THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT

by Bonny Putney

Hey all, hope you are having a great, wet, winter! Spring and the paddle season will be here before we know it and this makes it a great time to pick a section of river and commit to keeping it clean. Using the river makes us responsible for stewardship, and doing a cleanup is fun! The massive flooding puts water in the rivers, but it also brings a lot of trash. We are all aware of the massive cuts in the state budget. Keeping our public places clean is not going to happen unless we all do our part. Rivers Alive, www.riversalive.org, has been talking to our state parks about matching clean up groups with needy areas. Many of them are rivers and streams that can only be accessed by kayak/canoe. They need experienced boaters to help with these areas. I am going to start listing the places that need help on the website and hopefully those of you who live near the areas, use the rivers, and are able will "get er' done". If you have a place in mind please go to the Rivers Alive website to schedule your event. To join a paddle cleanup check out Rivers Alive or local water groups like Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, www.chattahoochee.org, who have events scheduled. GCA has adopted river sections the for club clean up. It's not hard, and we have a blast,. you will feel good, and who knows you might even find some treasure.

There's an App for that. The upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper recently received generous grants, which has allowed purchase of in-house bacterial monitoring equipment. This gives UCR the capability to check out problems quickly and to get correction that much faster.

If you see something on the Chattahoochee River or a tributary that you suspect is a problem we need you to report it to Jason Ulseth , (404) 352-9828 ext. 16. If you are an iPhone user, UCR has its own application. Just type Chattahoochee at the App store and download. The App gives you information on events and programs, but the coolest thing is the report of a problem area. You can take a picture with your phone and the App sends the information including your location to Jason. Paddlers are the first line of defense for all the rivers. The App even plays the "river" if you get lonely for the sound of the water. You can find contact information for all the state's rivers at www.garivers.org . Be proactive, just like you know what to do if a paddler gets in trouble, know what to do if the river gets in trouble.

I welcome questions!
Bputney@ucriverkeeper.org,
or trashqueen Bonny on the GCA website.

If you are not sure how to get started,
www.riversalive.org is a great place to start.

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WEEKI WACHEE RIVER TRIP REPORT

by Dickie Tillman

On January 15, 2010 Allen Hedden and Dickie Tillman paddled the Weeki Wachee River. The put in is behind Weeki Wachee Springs attraction located on US 19 and FL50/US98. Turn in the parking lot, go to the left and back side of the paved parking lot. There is an entrance to Weeki Wachee Canoe and Kayak Rental, Go With The Flow (352-597-0360). Go through the gate. River access is \$5.00 and you can carry or use one of their carts to get your boat down to the water about 200 yards away. Weeki Wachee springs is about 200 yards upstream of the put in, but you cannot paddle all the way into the springs due to spring protection. The gate closes at 3 pm so leave your vehicle outside of the gate. Allen said he thought Weeki Wachee Springs and River put in area was all now state park. He/we were comfortable leaving our boat and gear unattended at the put in while we set shuttle. All people around were either paddlers or park officials.

Take out is Rogers Park and boat ramp just off Shoal Line Blvd/ Co Rd 597. Our trip was on Friday and there was plenty of parking at the take out. It may be different on weekends or busy seasons. There is no parking fee at the put in area or take out that I saw.

The shuttle route is left out of Weeki Wachee parking lot, left on Cortez Blvd., left on Shoal Line Blvd. to river bridge. Turn left just past the bridge for the entrance to the park. This is the first and only bridge between the put in and gulf.

Approximately 1.5 miles from take out river appears to fork. Stay left for main channel. Canals are to the right for housing developments. Tide begins to affect the river this far in. We saw several manatees in a large pool/spring down in this area.

Down stream current is good until 1.5-2 miles before take out due to tide. Water quality is also excellent until this area. Water is still clear but begins to darken a little.

River distance is appx 5 miles, shuttle is appx 8.

We did our own shuttle due to inflexibility of outfitter. They only picked up at 2 and 3 p.m.

We met at the put in at 10:30, paid fee, unloaded boats, carried to the put in, set shuttle, put on and made it to the take out about 4 pm. We probably would have been to the take out by 3 pm with leisurely paddling and a lunch stop, but we took a wrong turn at one of the forks and wasted appx 1 hour until we found the error of our ways out of the canals. Had we not made the mistake in route and been at the take out earlier we probably would have paddled below the take out towards the gulf. If you are unfamiliar with the area and you go below the bridge it would be a good idea to google up and print a map of this area or have a gps. There are forks and canals in the river before it gets to the gulf.

This is a beautiful run definitely worth doing again. We saw lots of fish, some bird life, turtles and manatees. All of this run is river like in that it is tree lined with widths 50 to 100 feet and had good down stream current for the most part. There were not a lot of good places to get out for a lunch stop. I only saw one small sandy beach area which was about 2.5 hours after we put on. Most of the banks are lined with trees, roots and grass.





UPPER HOOCH TRIP REPORT

by Mark Holmberg

Saturday, February 20, felt like a spring day with forecast highs in the upper 60's. The pleasant weather brought a crowd of twelve paddlers to the Upper Hooch for a day on the river. The paddlers were: Jay Davis, Steve Cramer, John Holley, Terry Irrgang, Brian Herbert, Billy Etheredge, Joseph Roberts, Doug Hoffman, Kelly Harbac, Robert Butera, Todd McGinnis, and me. Steve Cramer and I were in canoes, John Holley paddled a CI, and the others paddled a variety of kayaks.

We met at the SR 115 put-in at 10:30 AM. As we unloaded boats and dressed for the river, several members debated whether to wear a dry suit or lighter weight clothing. Most opted for dry wear because the water temperature was cold.

Shuttle was set and we set off downstream about 11:45 AM. The water level was about 2.7 on the Leif gage and about 1250 cfs on the Cornelia gage. The water quality was as clear as the sky above.

There were several opportunities to play in the waves. We stopped at Buck Shoals for lunch and surfing. Every-

one had fun and stayed in their boats. The air was warm, but the water was cold.

We completed the four mile reach about 4:00 PM. We took off at Wildwood Outfitter with the temperature near 70 degrees. Everyone agreed that we had a great day on the river and that we all look forward to spring and the upcoming paddling season.

That warm day seems like a dream now as February reminds us that winter is not yet done.





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CONSERVATION UPDATE

by Dan MacIntyre

Conservation at the Click of a Button –
www.protectgeorgia.net

The Georgia Environmental Action Network (GEAN) is the voice with which the environmental community in Georgia speaks to the Georgia General Assembly and other state level decision makers that impact Georgia's environment. GCA is a voting Member of the GEAN Steering Committee. As such, we have a seat at the table where the positions that GEAN takes are determined. That enables us to make sure that the concerns and desires of paddlers are part of the concerns and desires expressed by the entire environmental community.

GEAN makes it very easy for each of us individually to communicate with our state leaders in an effective and timely manner. The GEAN Steering Committee meets periodically and communicates often to determine what issues to take positions on and exactly what the position should be. GEAN then sends an email to everyone who is signed up to receive such emails. That email will contain background information on the issue, a draft of a letter that you can edit as you deem appropriate and a

mechanism for transmitting your message to the most appropriate persons. When you sign up to receive emails from the Georgia Environmental Action Network, you're helping make sure the environment we enjoy now is the same one your children and grandchildren will get to experience. Breathing clean air, exploring the outdoors, paddling in a healthy river, and keeping on a nightlight without adding pollution should all be part of growing up in our state.

If you have not signed up to receive these critical GEAN email alerts, please consider doing so today. Let your elected officials know that you support common sense solutions to the challenges facing Georgia's natural resources. Simply respond to a handful of environmental alerts per year by personalizing and forwarding a pre-addressed message to Georgia decision-makers. GEAN will deliver your letter to the right people - all you have to do is click a button. Visit www.protectgeorgia.net to sign up and help us create a better future.

When you sign up, please take a few seconds to indicate in the appropriate section of the application that you are part of GCA. The more GCA members we have signed up, the more clout we have and the more we can impact GEAN policy to reflect the interest of paddlers.

Keeping In Touch

To contact GCA, write Georgia Canoeing Association, Inc., P.O. Box 7023, Atlanta, GA 30357, leave a message at 770.421.9729 or call/email one of the folks listed above.

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

Website: Information about GCA, forms (including membership application and GCA waiver form), a link to the GCA Store and links to *Eddy Line* advertisers are all at <http://www.gapaddle.com>.

**TRIP SCHEDULE****March**

3/7	Upper Chattahoochee	Intermediate	Tom Bishop	404-542-1118
3/13	Chattahoochee - Sautee to GA 255	Trained Beginner	Dickie Tillman	770-601-6815
3/13	South Chickamauga Creek	Beginner	Lamar Phillips	404-229-2939
3/13	Chattooga Section 3	Intermediate	Mark Holmberg	678-234-5681
3/13	Nantahala	Intermediate	Pauline Thynne	678-641-2738
3/20	Etowah River - Falls Section	Trained Beginner	Don Parker	770-262-7245
3/27	Toccoa-TVC to below Party Rock	Trained Beginner	Gina Johnson	404-512-0832
3/27	Flint River - Note 1	Trained Beginner	Vincent Payne	678-343-5292
3/27	Flint River - Note 2	Intermediate	Vincent Payne	678-343-5292
3/28	<u>Spring Meeting & Metro Hooch</u>	Beginner	See Article , page 11	

April

4/2	Okefenokee Swamp -Overnight	Beginner	Matt Carroll	678-644-7870
4/3	Broad River	Trained Beginner	Dan MacIntyre	404-252-9513
4/10	Toccoa- TVC to below Party Rock	Trained Beginner	Jack Taylor	770-998-0350
4/17	Nantahala	Intermediate	Mark Holmberg	678-234-5681
4/18	Indian Springs Lake	Beginner	Marie Short	404-202-9546
4/18	Broad River	Trained Beginner	Jeff Engel	706-548-5015
4/18	Nantahala - Ferebee to Falls	Intermediate	Mark Holmberg	678-234-5681
4/24	Toccoa-TVC to below Party Rock	Trained Beginner	Jack Taylor	770-998-0350
4/24	Upper Chattahoochee	Intermediate	Dan MacIntyre	404-252-9513
4/25	High Falls State Park Lake	Beginner	Marie Short	404-202-9546

May

5/9	Sweetwater Creek State Park Lake	Beginner	Marie Short	404-202-9546
5/14	<u>Spring Extravaganza</u>	Beginner to Adv	See Article, page 11	
5/15	George L Smith St.Park	Beginner	Marie Short	404-202-9546
5/15	Pigeon River	Int/Adv 3+	Mark Holmberg	678-234-5681
5/29	Hiwassee River Weekend	Trained Beg. 1-2	Brannon Proctor	770-664-7384
5/30	Hiwassee River Weekend	Trained Beg. 1-2	Jack Taylor	770-998-0350

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Check the calendar on the GCA website at <http://www.gapaddle.com> for additional trips, social events, safety classes,

Your Trip Could Be Listed in This Space — Call Cruisemaster William Gatling at 770.529.7103!

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>.

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 Cruisemaster William Gatling at 770.529.7103. 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: see Page 6.



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Notes:

1- Sprewell Bluff to Highway 36

2- Highway 36 to PoBiddy (Yellow Jacket Shoals- Class III)

Check the GCA website for additional trips or changes to this list.

Trip coordinators needed! If you have never coordinated a trip and would like to give it a try, an assistant coordinator can help walk you through every step of the trip. It is not hard and can be very rewarding. If you want to post a trip, send an email to gca_trip@yahoo.com.

William Gatling, Cruisemaster

GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE

by Dan MacIntyre

The General Assembly is in session and no river is safe for 40 days and 40 nights. What can you do about this? Sign the Petition to Protect Georgia's Waterways.

Over 1100 people have now signed the No Water Grabs petition - can you? Go to www.nowatergrabs.com to let your elected leaders know you want all Georgia waterways protected.

Georgia is home to more than 70,000 miles of rivers and streams, but with a population of 9.8 million people, these water resources are being strained. This is especially true in Metro Atlanta, where half of the state's residents are located.

Some believe that the abundant water resources of Georgia's smaller cities (the rivers in which we paddle) should be piped to Metro Atlanta to support its continued growth. This process is usually referred to as "interbasin transfer" because water is moved from one river basin another and not returned. Such transfers could significantly impact the economic future of Georgia's smaller communities, threaten the natural heritage of our state and dry up the river that we love to paddle.

A better alternative is water conservation efficiency. Metro Atlanta could save between 130 and 210 million gallons of water per day by implementing efficiency conservation. Interbasin Transfers are costly, very contro-

versial, and would take a long time to provide water.

The cost of efficiency measures range from \$0.46 to \$250 per 1,000 gallons saved or new capacity. Water efficiency FIRST is the most cost-effective and timely solution.

Let your elected leaders know you want all Georgia communities and waterways protected - go to www.nowatergrabs.com today and tell your friends, particularly your paddling friends!



How did you master both writing and oral storytelling?

I didn't. There's no mastery to be had. You love the attempt. You don't master a story any more than you master a river. You feel lucky to canoe down it.

Garrison Keillor



HOW TO ENJOY A NEW BOAT

by Henry E. Dorfman - Cincinnati, OH

I was the giftee of a new kayak. The fact that I was also the giftor is irrelevant. As long as everyone in the transaction is happy, it's a beautiful thing.



To optimize the pleasure derived from this, one must begin with the proper ritual. That's where the enjoyment commences, not when you finally get it to the water.

The boat arrives ensconced in layers of protective wrapping and padding. Stuffed into the cockpit of the boat is a mesh bag containing all the pads to custom fit the kayak to your body, plus the owner's manual. Kind of like the giblets of a roasting turkey.

The first thing you do is tear apart the wrapping with gusto. You don't slit it carefully and gently remove the boat. This is a present. Go for it! Then, untie the bag and pitch it aside. Jump in and feel the boat. Inhale deeply of the toxic new plastic fumes. Ahhhhh. Run your hand over the glossy virgin curves for the tactile sensation (it's the last time it'll be this pristine).

Now you're ready to start the fitting. There are all kinds of mysterious adjusting devices with no apparent mode of operation. Do not succumb to consulting the manual. It'll only confuse you.

Initiate the process by twisting, unscrewing or loosening anything that appears to be moveable. Do that until parts

start falling into the bilge of the boat. These things are assembled by races who have hands the size of parakeet feet, so you're good for another hour or two of reattaching the components. But, it'll be a learning process and you'll bond with your new partner.

You now have a reasonably good fit. But, you'll need the other goodies to effect a form fit. Shake the pads out of the bag. Enjoy it - more presents.

The padding is pre-cut to precisely fit the contours of you and the kayak. Just not this kayak. It's as if the boat and the sculpted pads are pieces from different jigsaw puzzles. You can eyeball, squeeze and rotate the pads all you care to but you won't find a home for them within the bowels of the boat. Again, eschew the manual. The manufacturers have no idea where they go, either. They just throw in a bag of random foam blocks to keep you happy.

So, get out the hacksaw and some dragon skin. Carve out some slices to close the gaps between you and the boat. There, doesn't that feel better? Discard the manual. Now, you're ready to rock. Except, the phone rings.

"Are you playing with your new toy yet?"

I described the process to her, savoring the replay.

"I don't suppose you considered a more organized approach."

"That's the way it's done. That's the way a guy does it."

Whatever floats your boat.



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GCA JOINS THE TRI-STATE CONSERVATION COALITION

by Haynes Johnson, River Protection Chair

Several months ago, Laura Hartt, Water Policy Director for the Upper Chattahoochee River Keeper, contacted Dan MacIntyre and Haynes Johnson to see if the Georgia Canoeing Association (GCA) might be interested in joining the Tri-State Conservation Coalition (TSCC). Following discussion at our regularly scheduled Executive Board Meeting, the Board voted unanimously to join the Coalition.

You may well ask, what is the TSCC? First of all, everyone living in Georgia, Alabama, and Florida should have heard about the water wars among these three states; hence the Tri-State part of the name. Conservation can have intrusive connotations. In this case, however, conservation refers to balanced management of water resources in a way that is well thought out in terms of ecology, economy, aesthetics, and recreation. Coalition is a group of non-government organizations with common goals. More information about TSCC is available on the internet.

The following is taken entirely from the TSCC mission statement, "The TSCC is a regional network of non-governmental conservation organizations in Georgia, Alabama, and Florida with the mission to protect water quality, biodiversity, and recreation in the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) and Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa (ACT) River Basins. The TSCC advocates for the protection of water quality, biodiversity and recreation throughout the Basins through a variety of watershed protections including adequate instream flow regimes, monitoring programs, water conservation and adaptive management. The TSCC promotes sustainable and equitable management of these Basins, which provide drinking water for millions of people, habitat for a diverse community of aquatic organisms, and outstanding recreational opportunities." That's a pretty ambitious mission, but certainly one the Club can support. With all of the political flapdoodle that has gone on through the years over these Basins, it will require the concerted effort of a great many diverse groups to ensure that all interests in the Basins will receive equitable use of the water resources.

The TSCC supports five important principles to help maintain water resources in the tri-state area. These principles include: 1) maintenance of ecologically healthy instream flows, 2) adequate safeguards against any

adverse impacts of inter-basin transfers (IBTs), 3) adaptive management based on sound science and adequate monitoring and reporting, 4) maximize water conservation and efficiency first as the most economical and efficient means of meeting future water demand, and 5) transparent and accessible decision making to facilitate and diversify public participation.

That last principle is already suffering from some political and legal maneuvering. Currently, the negotiations among the three states are being held in secret sessions; no information is to be leaked to the public. This condition was requested by the states and approved by the federal court so there is not much that can be done about those conditions now. What can be done is to make sure that well reasoned public comments constantly flow to the decision makers to limit the possibility that at the end of the decision making process some fair, and equitable solution has been overlooked.

Recently, the TSCC hosted a conference in Montgomery, Alabama which was attended by representatives of at least 33 groups including the GCA River Protection Chair. During the conference, presentations were given to update the attendees on the various water resource driven aspects and activities which specifically apply to the ACF and ACT River Basins. It was an eye-opener to see how much has been done and how much more needs to be done to develop sound recommendations which will allow sustainable growth without sacrificing environmental quality.

In addition to the updates, there were break out sessions to refine the groups thoughts on such topics as instream flows, reservoirs, water conservation, coalition building and IBTs. The first two tasks for the Coalition to come out of the breakout sessions are deciding the basic governance of the group and sending a letter to the governors of the three states. Currently the TSCC is run by a steering committee made up of representatives from the Alabama Rivers Alliance, Southern Environmental Law Center, American Rivers, Lake Watch of Lake Martin and Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper. The letter to the three governors will request that they allow a representative from the coalition to sit in on the secret negotiations and that they consider incorporating the TSCC's five principles into any settlement that they reach. These are challenging tasks but it does not hurt to ask and get on the record.

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- Non-GCA members can join ACA for \$40 Individual or \$60 Family
- There is a one time introductory ACA membership, six months for \$10 available to people who have not taken advantage of this before.
- And there is the option to pay \$5.00 for an “ACA event membership” for each session.

GCA Membership is appreciated.
ACA membership is required for insurance.

To help encourage attendance instead of paying \$7 each week GCA/ACA members can pay the non refundable “season rate” of \$63.00 (like getting two sessions free) and not have scrounge up seven bucks each Monday night.

The “season rate” for Winter Roll Practice is not refundable and not available to people choosing the ACA event membership. Trying to keep it simple.



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Members of the club should stay up to date and informed about the more important aspects of this challenge of managing water resources in our area so they can discuss the issues with our less informed friends. As boaters, we see first hand the effects of good and bad water management. From this personal experience we can develop some strong opinions, but then you know what they say about opinions in general. Informed opinions are much better because they are based in fact and more difficult to refute. If you have questions or ideas specific to any of the water resource issues in these basins, please contact the GCA River Protection Chair through the list serve. If there is enough interest in having presentations and discussions on some of the topics which apply to the ACF or the ACT, we should be able to organize an evening session by bringing in outside talent to promote that exchange. Remember, the water resources are generally public resources, and we are the public. Protect your resources.

WINTER ROLL PRACTICE

Indoor pool roll sessions are Mondays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on January 4, 11 and 25; February 1, 8 and 22 and March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 at the Warren/Holyfield Boys' and Girls' Club at Berne and Marion Streets near Grant Park.

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 reentries, etc. The indoor heated pool is a great place to hone these skills during the cold winter months.

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 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.

Fees: \$7.00 per session to cover heated pool rental, plus some form of ACA insurance, this may be:

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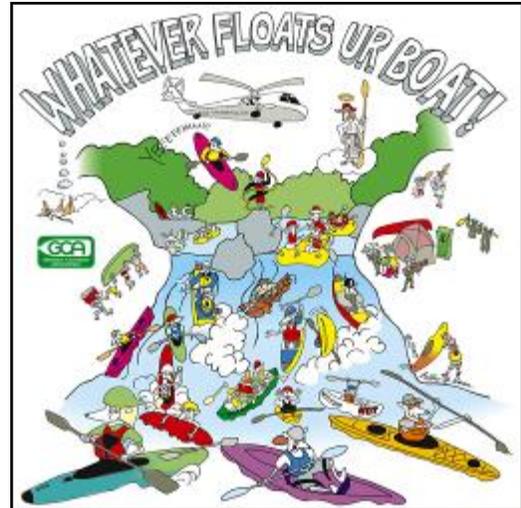


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Submissions/Advertising: All submissions and advertising should be sent to *The Eddy Line*, at: the_eddyline@yahoo.com.

Deadline: The deadline for all submissions, classified ads and commercial ads is the 5th of the previous month (e.g. August 5 for the September/October issue).

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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*, 458 Windsor Drive Marietta, GA 30064 or email to the_eddyline@yahoo.com. Please, no phone-in or hand-written ads.

Mad River Explorer 16'. Recently replaced seats and gunnels. Always kept inside. Looks like new, \$675. 706/824-9966 ask for Kenny or email me at wolfer.patrick@yahoo.com

Wanted: whitewater kayak, Diesel 65 or Pyranha Burn S or M, or Dagger Mamba 7.5. Contact Patty at 770-640-4020 or pdurand@bellsouth.net.

Kayaks For Sale: Perception SPARC (Small Person's All River Craft) \$300; outfitted; good condition; good river running boat with classic playing capacity. WaveSport EZ \$395; blue & black; outfitted; good condition, includes PFDs medium & large. Call Duncan at 404-289-6960 or duncancottrell@yahoo.com

For Sale: Pyranha H2 245 great downriver/creek boat with soft seat, ratcheting backband and airbags, \$400 Pyranha i3 222 playboat, \$400. Pyranha sub 7 great boat for a small person, includes paddle and skirt, \$300. Contact Revel Freeman at 404-261-8572 or revelfreeman@comcast.net

For Sale: 14ft Mohawk white water boat with saddle, thigh straps, and air bags. Two paddles included. She is a veteran boat but apart from the usual scratches still in excellent condition. White water setup was supervised by Allen Hedden, \$375



Spring Membership Meeting:

Our Spring membership meeting for 2010 is going to be on Sunday, March 28, 2010 at 1:00pm. We will meet at the Pavilion at the Paces Mill Parking area (the area where we usually park for the put in when running the Metro Hooch). We will have a members meeting and a covered dish meal, after which we will run the mighty Hooch (the Metro Hooch that is - suitable for all paddling levels!). Please bring a covered dish with you to share (we will need main dishes, side dishes and desserts). We will have paper products and drinks on hand. Be sure to bring your boat and paddling gear so you can join us for our run down the river after the meeting. If you have any questions you may contact me at bkhaskell@comcast.net or call me at (678) 858-2012.

Spring Extravaganza:

Our Spring Extravaganza is planned for the weekend of May 14-16, 2010. This event is still in the planning stages but the location is tentatively set as Smokey Mountain Meadows Campground. We anticipate being able to offer trips on the Tuckaseegee and the Nantahala both days and depending on water levels and volunteers we hope to be able to offer additional trips as well. Keep watching the Eddy Line and the website for more details!

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