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GCA OFFICER NOMINATIONS

By Willian Gatling

Nominations for the term November 2013 to October 2014:

Todd McGinnis – President

Todd has been an extremely active GCA Vice President for the past two years. He has been managed the GCA raffles of kayaks that we won during the Canoe Club Challenge for the past two years. He has gone above and beyond by soliciting more prizes to be added to the raffle. He is both a kayak and swift water rescue instructor. His efforts also resulted in a donated kayak that was raffled of to raise money for Team River Runner Atlanta. He is active on Facebook, Yahoo list and GCA website.

Jana Walker – Vice President

Jana realized the need for a roll practice on the North East side of Atlanta and started a roll practice in Buford. She has been an active supporter of efforts to keep the Stegall Mill access point on the Cartecay River open. To help promote paddling and the GCA to new boaters, she manages our GCA Meetup group advertising efforts.

Ed Schultz- Treasurer

Ed was first elected GCA treasurer in 1989. Ed handles the membership database, Prepares and mails annual renewal notices, deposits renewal checks, pays suppliers, files taxes, prepares financial statements every month, and much more.

Tyler Southern- Secretary

Tyler is currently GCA secretary, filling the position since July. He an accounting student at SPSU and is president of the SPSU accounting club. While at SPSU, he worked to establish a school-paddling club, but his efforts to date have been derailed by the faculty.

GCA officer elections will be held at our October 9th meeting at the Garden Hills Community center. The meeting will start at 7PM.

CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVERKEEPER CALENDAR

9/7/13Rain Barrel Workshop in LaGrange Learn about rainwater harvesting by using rain barrels in this informative workshop hosted by CRK Regional Outreach Coordinator Henry Jacobs at the LaGrange Office in downtown LaGrange. (Map.) $25 fee includes rain barrel and installation kit and a one-year CRK membership. Email hjacobs@chattahoochee.org or call (706) 882-3701. 9 a.m.-10 a.m. 35 S. Lafayette Square, LaGrange, GA 30240.
9/7/13Rain Barrel Workshop in HeadwatersCRK, in partnership with the Sautee Nacoochee Community Association Environmental Group, will present a rain barrel workshop at the SNCA Community Hall (283 Highway 255 North, Sautee-Nacoochee, GA) on Saturday, Sept. 7. The one-hour workshop begins at 10:30 a.m. Registration $25; price includes a rain barrel and diverter kit. For more information or to register, call Duncan Hughes at (770) 531-1064, or email at dhughes@chattahoochee.org.
9/7/13End of Summer BBQ at Canoe Save the date for the End of Summer BBQ as we celebrate the end of SweetWater Brewery's Save Our Water Campaign! $30 advance ticket ($40 at the door) includes beer from SweetWater, a massive buffet from Canoe's menu, a commemorative Save Our Water pint glass for the first 200 registered guests, live music from Gareth Asher and the Earthlings, and a one-year membership to CRK. Kids ages 12-under get in free. 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.
9/10/13Rain Barrel WorkshopCRK partners with Piedmont Park Conservancy (PPC) to show how to make your own rain barrel in this hands-on workshop. Participants will be instructed on rain barrel set-up and maintenance and water conservation and learn about why rain harvesting is especially important in times of drought. All supplies included! Location: PPC Community Center building, 1071 Piedmont Ave. NE Atlanta, GA 30309. 7 p.m.-8 p.m. $30 PPC members, $40 non-members (includes one-year memberships to CRK & PPC). Registration deadline: Sept. 3.
9/11/13Rain Barrel Workshop Wylde Center partners with CRK to present a rain barrel workshop that explains the value of rainwater harvesting. Rain barrel and installation kit included. Limited to first 25 registrants. 7 p.m.-8 p.m. $35 Wylde Center members, $40 non-members.
9/14/13-15/13Headwaters Water Trail Camp and Paddle Trip*The Upper Chattahoochee River Water Trail is a pristine section of the waterway in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. We're pleased to add this trip for experienced paddlers to enjoy Sections 1 through 4 -- with camping at Buck Shoals State Park. Paddling experience is recommended for this trip, and helmets are required on Section 3. $75 fee includes dinner and breakfast on the trip as well as a one-year membership with CRK! (* Rescheduled from July.) NOTE: Registration is full; email Tammy Bates at tbates@chattahoochee.org to be put on a wait list.
9/24/13Rain Barrel WorkshopCRK partners with Piedmont Park Conservancy (PPC) to show how to make your own rain barrel in this hands-on workshop. Participants will be instructed on rain barrel set-up and maintenance and water conservation and learn about why rain harvesting is especially important in times of drought. All supplies included! Location: PPC Community Center building, 1071 Piedmont Ave. NE Atlanta, GA 30309. 7 p.m.-8 p.m. $30 PPC members, $40 non-members (includes one-year memberships to CRK & PPC). Registration deadline: Sept. 17.
9/28/1323rd Annual Shore Sweep Volunteers will pick up trash at 13 shoreline locations around Lake Lanier. Advance registration not required, but does help in scheduling shoreline coverage. To participate, email lakeinfo@lakelanier.org. 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.MORE INFO**9/28/13West Point Lake Cleanup**CRK will join the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other volunteers to help pick up trash around West Point Lake in this annual event. Lunch and beverages will be provided at the end of the cleanup. Cleanup 8:30 a.m.-noon; lunch at 12:30 p.m. Download the flyer at right for more details.
9/28/13Watershed Outing: Hike to the Chattahoochee Headwaters Part of our new Watershed Outings Program! Join CRK's Sally Bethea on a 4.5-mile hike to see the spring that gives birth to the mighty Chattahoochee River, located just a few hundred yards from the Appalachian Trail. Chattahoochee National Forest, Georgia 180 Spur, Blairsville. (Map.) Meet at 10:30 a.m., finish at 2:30 p.m. Limited to the first 20 registrants; fee includes one-year CRK membership. $15 for non-members, $10 for members, $5 kids ages 8-18.

See www.chattahoochee.org for additional activities and information.

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NANTAHALA FALLS CLINIC

by Knox Worde

On Saturday, September 14th, of the GCA Fall Gala I will be offering a **"Nantahala Falls - How many Eddies Can You Catch"** class. As the name implies we will be working/playing the Nantahala Falls rapid with an emphasis on improving your river reading, eddy hopping and attainment skills. We will work/play on the Falls rapid multiple times. The Nantahala Falls rapid is a great place to work on your boating skills in preparation to run more difficult rapids. Catching Micro and Macro eddies are not as difficult as you may think ! Let me show you how.

You should have a good solid roll for this class and be prepared to challenge yourself a little.
If you're interested give me a call:

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playboatr@earthlink.net

FALL GALA

by Cheryl and Rich Beverly

Make Your Plans Today!

Friday September 13 - Sunday September 15

Terry with Smokey Mountain Meadows is now accepting camping reservations. The online registration is up and running.

Come join us for another great weekend of paddling, bar -b-que and camping at Smokey Mountain Meadows. Saturday evening's bar-b-que will be catered. So, no need to worry about bringing anything. Bar-b-que is $5 for members that sign up and pay online, $12 for non members and $10 at the door for members. Tent and Rv sites are available as well as a few cabins.

Contact info:

Terry, Smoky Mountain Meadows
Campground 755 East Alarka RdBryson City NC
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smokymtnmeadows.com

We'll have paddling trips scheduled for all three days for all skill levels. Trip Coordinators are needed - so please volunteer!!

Thanks and hope to see everyone there!

Keeping In Touch

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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.

HIGHTOWER CREEK EXPLORATION TRIP, JANUARY 19, 2013

by Roger Nott

The watershed of Hightower Creek of northeastern Towns County, Georgia, lies due west of that of the upper Tallulah River. Hightower drains land immediately west of the northernmost 13 miles of the Blue Ridge in Georgia, north of Kelly Knob on the Appalachian Trial, and south from the ridge between Hightower Bald and Eagle Mountain along the Georgia/North Carolina line. It flows generally west south west and joins the Hiawassee River at the headwaters of Lake Chatuge just southwest of the city of Hiawassee, GA.

Most of the watershed is within the Chattahoochee National Forest, but there are also many farms along the upper portions of the creek, so that it often runs muddy immediately after heavy rainfall. It had rained six inches at the nearby USGS Hiawassee River gauge in the previous week but not at all for 36 hours prior to our launch, enough time for the water to completely clear.

The Hiawassee gauge, about a mile upstream of the Hightower confluence, read 4.78 (440 cfs.) when we took out at 2 p.m. We estimated that we had about 300 to 350 cfs. in the lower portions of Hightower Creek and could have probably gotten down the creek with about half this flow.

Our explorers were Kevin McInturff, Liph Johnson and I, each in solo open Canadian canoes. We had had great high water trips on Boggs Creek and Dicks Creek and the uppermost Chestatee three days earlier, were anxious to enjoy more high water runs and so got an early start this mild, cloudless Saturday. Kevin was on this head to finally get on Fires Creek near Hayesville NC, but I was able to persuade him to do a quick run on Hightower Creek on our way there. I had been interested in this stream for over 35 years and was itching to finally paddle it. The just over six miles we paddled has an average gradient of about 25 feet per mile, so we expected frequent class I and II rapids and were not disappointed.

We put in on Little Hightower Creek just upstream of its confluence with Hightower Creek at the US Hwy. 76 bridge over the creek, about five and a half road miles east of GA Hwy. 17. We first road scouted a couple of miles further upstream but found the creek there mostly bordered by completely cleared fields and having poor access. Downstream of Hwy. 76 the banks were mostly wooded, though there often were old fields and some recently built homes near the creek. We got permission to park next to a small private bridge over Little Hightower Creek, as there was scant roadside parking at the Hwy. 76 bridge.

After negotiating a few tight drops on about 50 yards of Little Hightower Creek, we reached the main stream flowing clear, full and fast, with very little slack water. No rapids exceeded a moderate class II, but they were frequent and kept us busy and exhilarated. The streamside environment was not remote but was pleasant and sped by quickly.

We took out at the SE corner of the Hwy. 76 bridge over the Hiawassee about a mile east of Hwy. 17. This access point also makes a good take-out for the Georgia portion of the Hiawassee. It is also a fun run, particularly the very busy 3+ miles upstream of the first Hwy. 17 bridge over the river. To enjoy this uppermost section of the Hiawassee one can put-in on Soapstone

Creek, which joins the Hiawassee from the west near the junction of GA highways 17 and 66 and more than doubles its flow. (If you paddle the Hiawassee, watch out for a strands of barbed wire strung tightly across a swift section of the river at a farm about a mile downstream of the first Hwy. 17 bridge and again about a quarter of a mile further downstream. I got under them two years ago but had to raise the first one carefully to do so.)

We encountered 11 bridges along our Hightower run. The narrow slot on the seventh one and the sliding drop just downstream was particularly exciting and got us moving very fast. We had also to dodge and duck under several downed trees but never had to exit our canoes. At the generous level we had, Hightower was like a small Nantahala. We encountered a few play spots near the end of the run but did not linger and took off after a delightful two hours. Since the creek was small and closely passed about 30 homes, we did not want to linger.

That afternoon we also enjoyed a quick run down lower Fires Creek. Unfortunately we found the road upstream of the Leatherwood Falls washed out and gated and so could not access the most challenging upper portions of that wonderful stream. For further information on Fires Creek see the AW River Database and my exploration report on pages 14 and 15 of *The Eddy Line* for 2/95: http://www.gapaddle.com/media/The_Eddy_Line-Archives/el199502.pdf .

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COOSAWATTEE RIVER TRIP REPORT

by Allen Pogue

July 20, 2013
Level ~800 cfs

The author James Dickey constructed the novel *Deliverance* from his experiences canoeing whitewater around the Southeast, but the particular story of meeting up with violent moonshiners is said to have occurred on the Coosawattee River in Georgia. If you've read the novel or seen the movie, you know the trip ends when the river flows into an area where a new reservoir is being constructed, soon to flood out the free flowing stream. This part of the story also refers to the Coosawattee and the construction of Carters Lake, although is applicable to any number of other rivers in the region. Dickey changed the name of the river to the fictional "Cahoolawassee" so he could take creative license as he saw fit, but you can still experience a float on the real Coosawattee above the lake when there is enough flow.

We've had an unusually wet and cool summer in the Southern Appalachians this year but strangely I haven't gotten out much on free flowing whitewater. Some of this was due to various commitments, and some was due to a *lack of commitment* to paddling on my part. About the only float trips that really interest me lately are those where I get to run a river completely new to me, or get to meet and paddle with people that are new to me. Such an opportunity was presented to me through some friends for Saturday, July 20. With the levels up, I would be able to explore the remaining parts of the Coosawattee that I had never run before.

Previously I'd enjoyed a trip down a lower tributary of the Coosawattee, Mountaintown Creek in 2006. It was a delightful, small, swift stream, only then being encroached upon by development. Mountaintown flows into the river only shortly before the lake, so there remained an approximately 8 or 9 mile section of the river upstream that I had not paddled before, from a public park in Ellijay, Georgia down to the Mountaintown confluence. I was fairly excited and a little nervous to get on the new run.

I had not realized the trip was going to be a club trip, but I ended up signing a waiver for the Georgia Canoeing Association. This was accompanied by the usual mob on a large canoe club trip! The very patient organizer of the trip was Vincent Payne, someone I'd heard of from listservs but had never met. Friendly guy and I'm grateful for the opportunity to join his trip!

Half the Georgia Canoeing Association showed up for the trip, friendly as usual.

The level was approaching 800 cfs, apparently considered to be slightly higher than optimal, but perfectly safe due to the light gradient of the river. The water was a muddy brown and looked like a pastoral flatland stream in the middle of Ellijay where we launched. The Coosawattee actually forms just a short distance upstream of the put-in by the confluence of the Cartecay River and the Ellijay River so we launched nearly at the beginning of the free flowing section of the river.

At this slightly elevated water level, there are not many rapids in the first couple of miles, and those rapids that we did see were just riffles, nothing beyond class I or I+. We also saw a couple of campgrounds which looked like comfortable places in moderate weather, along with many houses, cabins, and small mansions along the river. It's apparent that the Coosawattee suffers from proximity to the population and wealth of Atlanta and is doomed to be lined with development at some point. We've seen the same thing on so many other streams of the Georgia Mountains: the Cartecay and Toccoa, Mountaintown Creek and Talking Rock Creek, and many other streams.

We continued stroking downstream, at first at a furious pace but I soon realized that Vincent was hanging back and maintaining a more moderate pace and I decided that I was not going to make it for the full 13 miles of the trip, including a 3 to 4 mile lake paddle at the end, if I did not also slow down a little. Soon I was back into my more casual mode of paddle, taking time to converse and check out the homes and wildlife of the riverbanks.

Eventually I saw a more significant horizon line and heard the roar of a rapid, and wandered up closer to the front of the group. A couple of paddlers had already dropped the first proper class II, a nice rapid with multiple lines and some boulders. I eddy hopped right to left and pulled in to take some pics of the rest of the group.

Jamie Higgins in the first class II of the day.

After this, the rapids came with increasing frequency, although I still characterized the river not as pool-and-drop, but as pool-and-pool-and-pool-and-drop. It's a flatter river than I expected, though Vincent said this was somewhat due to the water level washing out some of the rapids.

We stopped at one point at a small park in one of the many gated communities along the river for a break and snacks. It seemed to be a public place and was not marked with "No Trespassing" signs and it was next to a takeout that was being used for commercial inner tubing. I had not realized there were any outfitters on the Coosawattee but we saw a couple.

Pretty cool looking private bridge just downstream of the outfitter takeout. It appears to be located in a private community but I saw some guys that looked like "civilian" fishermen to me that definitely did not look like they belonged in a gated community, but perhaps I should not judge a book by the cover. Also the outfitter buses surprised me. I'm not sure of the access issues there. I still assume it is private property.

The rest and food improved my energy level and we eventually came upon some more class II, the largest of which was possibly a II+ ledge that drops 4 to 6 feet all told, with a single drop of 3 or 4 feet on the right. I did not like the blindness of the horizon line so I opted to maneuver around the visible left line, which was fast and technical. Having scouted the rapid from the bottom, I would run it on the big drop next time. Several chose to run that line, including those who had run the river before and no one had trouble with it. Kelly Harbac informed me that it is called "Fluffy Bunny."

The closer you get to the confluence with Mountaintown Creek, the more the action picks up, until it reaches almost continuous class II. Even though it had been several years since I had been there, I immediately recognized it and a smile came across my face as I remembered that wonderful trip from back when I was younger, fitter, and filled with enthusiasm for whitewater. I crossed the eddy line and made sure to paddle up into the waters of the creek to reminisce. It's been a while since I've felt so much pleasure at the simple sight of a flowing creek. It was a good feeling.

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The Coosawattee had been considerably higher when I ran Mountaintown so many years ago and I did not entirely recognize the run. First of all, there were many more rapids, and the rapids were certainly more technical. I remember the entire thing being a big wave train for some undefined distance. I know it was over quickly the first time, but the more moderate water level meant that the paddle down to the lake was prolonged, and in some ways was more fun. Again I looked on the towering pines along the banks of the river with admiration. Finally we splashed down into Carters Lake with disappointment. We knew we had a very long lake paddle ahead of us.

Looking back upstream at the last rapid. Note the teenagers sunning themselves on the right. I have no idea how they got there. There are no trails visible. The only thing I can think of is that they were dropped off from a motorboat.

I brought a longer kayak this time than before, but nonetheless the paddle wore me down to the nub. Age and the sport have taken their toll. I'm also suffering from a lack of cross training. I was 30 pounds lighter and much, much fitter the first time. I recall I paddled a "spud" playboat back in 2006 yet I remember being tired but untroubled by the lake paddle. We had frolicked, practiced our rolls, and played Frisbee all the way down the lake. This time it seemed like an eternity of epic exertion, with only the diversion of a side falls early in the paddle, and a beaver slapping its tail on the water a couple of times. At one point I said, "I think I just got my second wind - unfortunately it's a headwind." Finally we pulled around a point and into the Ridgeway Park area where the vehicles were parked. I took a swim to cool off and get rid of the sweat and then dragged my boat up the very steepboat ramp.

Another new run crossed off my list. It is one of just a few remaining in the Southeast that I am capable of running and interested in running. I do not have much interest in class IV-V so I've done most things within a 200 mile radius of my home that I'm interested in. Soon I will have to branch out much farther if I want to keep knocking off new runs. I always enjoy a new run, and this was a good one, if long. It was a very good choice to hit the Coosawattee given the rare chance in the summer when the days are long. It's a very, very long paddle, with few good options to pull off the river if something goes wrong so I'm glad I got the opportunity, and I'm glad I took it.

Dear GCA Member:

Please take to heart the mission statement of the American Whitewater: "To conserve and restore America's whitewater resources and to enhance opportunities to enjoy them safely." Many rivers we paddle today are navigable because of American Whitewater and its grass roots efforts, but it takes money.

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In the July/August AW Journal (can be viewed on line) was the 2012 Annual Report. The numbers are quite good. Our Club, GCA donated $100+ in 2012.
As individuals you can donate over $100 and see your name in the 2013 Honor Roll. That money will enable the professional staff supported by the volunteer Board and volunteers across the country to continue to work for more access to rivers to paddle. Your donation of any amount can make a huge difference in maintaining and saving our rivers. Please give generously at:
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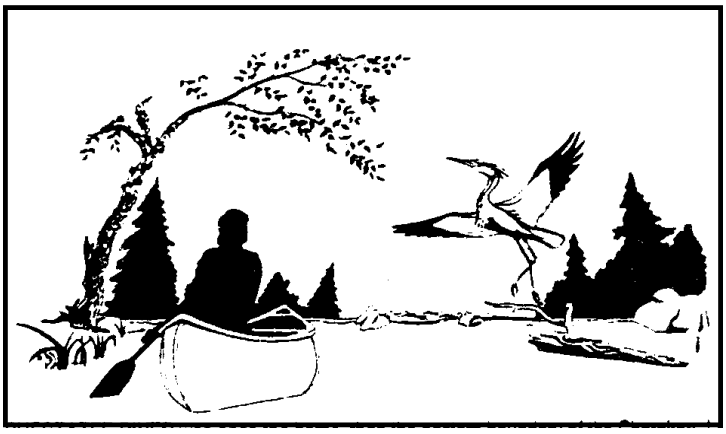
Edward Stockman



BEST INTERMEDIATE RUN

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The Nolichucky
by Charlie Wilcox

There comes a time in every boater's paddling career when he or she decides it's time to suit up and move up to Class III whitewater. This intermediate level of paddling can be the most fun part of developing into a better kayaker because at this point you are in adventure mode. You're going places you've never been and doing things you've never done before. I have spent (and am still spending) most of my time as an adventurous intermediate paddler on the Nolichucky Gorge in eastern Tennessee.

In the southeast, running Nantahala falls successfully is a well-known rite of passage from Class II to III rapids. After that, you're left wondering where to go next, how to get there, and what to expect once your spray-skirt is sealed. Luckily American Whitewater's website and members have contributed greatly to answering many of those questions in their online river database. As a matter of fact, I got my first look at the Nolichucky through the computer screen and set it high on the short-term hit list.

A few weeks later I saw that it was running and decided it was time to step up my game. Myself and a few other beginner/ intermediate paddlers ran this gorge for the first time one early spring Sunday last year and were hooked. For us it was the first river we had run by ourselves so were hyped up regardless of what lay ahead. We scouted the lines and kept the research we had done the evening prior fresh in our heads as we descended alongside the train tracks. We navigated our way down, eddy hopping every section of whitewater, and successfully making it through rapid after rapid. That in and of itself provided us with a confidence boost like no other.

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At camp that night we recalled the day's events but as I shoveled through my brain for real images of the river and its surroundings, I realized I had very little. Sometimes as intermediate boaters we tend to focus on getting to the next rapid, getting through it, finding the eddy at the bottom, and repeating the process until we reach the take-out. This causes us to recall only up close and personal images of rapids.. In this case I remembered that the Nolichucky is packed full of small play holes, a few really good surfing waves, a couple slot moves, and numerous ledge drops that can be run with a variety of lines. But ask me what else I saw that first run and I couldn't tell you a thing. I sought to change that and as spring turned to summer I spent five or six consecutive weekends sleeping in a tent at the take-out of this particular run.

One of the great things about the Nolichucky is that although it's not a dam release river, its watershed is huge and the level is up almost every time it rains. During one of the earlier summer weekends in the gorge I experienced an awakening on why I had returned. The sun was shining and the temperature was perfect as I rolled into "On the Rocks" and watched as my bow disappeared into the white hole below me. As it resurfaced I noticed the water shed off my skirt before I paddled across the eddy line where I waited for the rest of the crew. For the first time I actually felt comfortable sitting in the eddy. I looked up at the huge walls of the gorge and realized I was in one of the most elaborate wildernesses I had ever experienced.

I would tell you the Nolichucky Gorge is beautiful and fill your head with clichés but I'm not going to. Instead I'm going to tell you that this place is astonishing in its depth. The canyon-like walls hug a rather wide and deep body of water perfectly against the boulders alongside the main flow. Not only are the mountains that make up this place high in elevation, but they are suitably steep. The angle of the Nolichucky Gorge allows you to really see the rock formations and wildlife that would otherwise be masked by forest and vegetation. The overall geography of the place is exceptionally pleasing to the eyes and grants those who experience it with a sense of solitude and carefree intensity what whitewater boaters tend to hunt for. The wildlife viewing there is better at times than anything in the Southeast. I have seen bear, deer, or turkey on every descent through this place and there's never a lack of eddies to sit in and absorb the scenery.

As I peeled out of the eddy I had been waiting in, I realized that not only had the Nolichucky allowed me to really progress in my skills as a whitewater enthusiast, but it had also taught me that boating isn't only about running harder rapids and making it down alive. It's really more or less a strange and less traveled road to unknown places.

Yes, our sport needs commercialized rivers, there is no doubt that it is a necessity, but it also needs places like the Nolichucky that allow intermediate boaters to feel disconnected from civilization and marketing just long enough to take in some scenery, run some great water, and become better paddlers.

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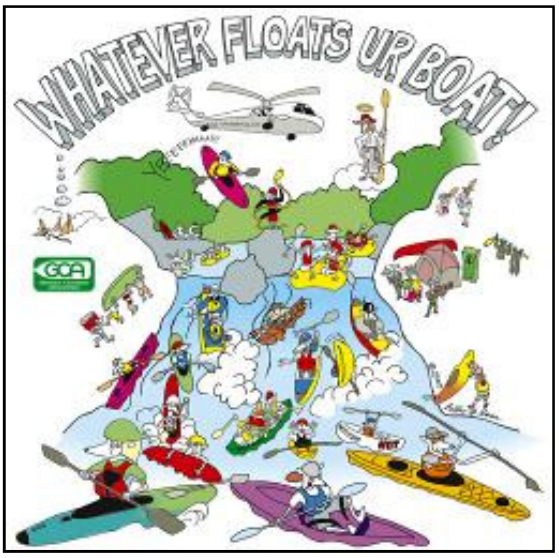
WANTED: NEW EDDY LINE EDITOR

by Mark Holmberg

Serving as the GCA Eddy Line editor over the past three years has been a very cool experience. It has kept me on the lookout for canoeing and kayaking related material from a variety of sources. By far, the most valuable source of articles are contributions from GCA members. However, due to two personal situations, I must resign as editor following this September/October edition.

If you are interested in serving as the GCA Eddy Line editor, please let me, William Gatling, or Todd McGinnis know. The main qualification is a passion for paddling! I will be available to help the new editor make the transition and pass on what I have learned. Please call me at 678-234-5681 with questions about the Eddy Line editor position.



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