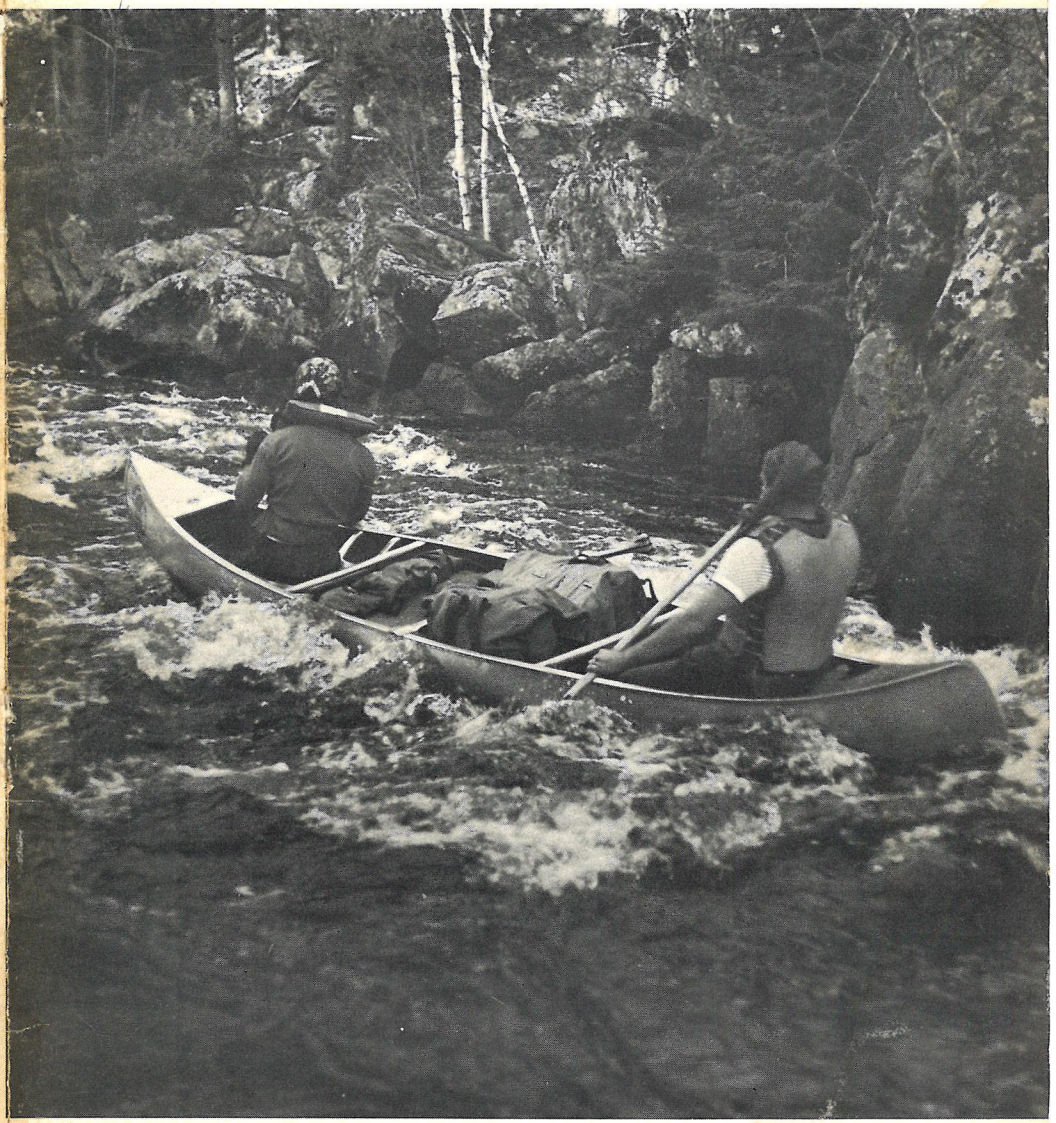
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Running rapids in Superior National Forest Canoe Area
PHOTO BY Ron Tam

CALENDAR

1969 MCA CALENDAR

Jan	15	Activities Meeting-Adventure
Jan	22	Board Meeting - O'Hara
Feb	8	Cohasset Canoe Race - Polar Bear Race
Feb	19	Activities Meeting - Building and Canoe Expo
Feb	26	Board Meeting - Longtin
March	19	Activities Meeting, Whitewater, University of Minnesota
March	26	Board Meeting - Conrad
April	16	Activities Meeting - Canoeing film
April	23	Board Meeting - Ketters
April	?	Rice Creek Cruise (date to be announced) Leaders: Abner Jones and Robidoux Twins
May	3	Kettle River Whitewater Race and Slalom
May	4	Lower Kettle River Cruise
May	21	Activities Meeting, Movie: Waters of the St. Croix
May	25	Jensen Handicap, Mississippi River, Ketters
May	28	Board Meeting - Button
June	8	Grand Rapids - Minnesota State Championship Canoe Race
June	18	Activities Meeting: Paddling style and technique; cruising, racing, and whitewater
June	25	Board Meeting - Ketters
June	28,29	Crow Wing River Cruise Leader: Bill Marcouiller
July	13	Lockwatennial Cruise through the Mississippi river boat locks
July	16	Activities Meeting: Traditional Treasure Hunt with fun and games
July	19	Board Meeting and Saturday evening float Terry McGaughey, Pine River, Minnesota
July	26	Glenwood Waterama
Aug	1-3	Au Sable Marathon, Au Sable River (Michigan)

OF EVENTS

Aug 20 Activities Meeting: Evening Cruise

Aug 27 Board Meeting - Wisniak NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Aug ? Paddle power demonstration on the Mississippi

Sept 17 Activities Meeting: Season review featuring movies and slides of summer cruises, races and activities.

Sept 20 St. Croix Cruise: Annual event from Taylors Falls to William O'Brien State Park. Features the canoe judging contest

Sept 24 Board Meeting - Longtin

Sept 27,28 St. Croix Slalom Races, Taylors Falls,Mn

Oct 15 Annual Business Meeting: Ketters; Election of Officers

Oct 22 Board Meeting - Marcouiller

Oct 25 ANNUAL BANQUET

Nov 12 Activities Meeting: featuring special groups films and slides

Nov 19 Meeting of the New Board of Directors

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Whitetail Deer: One of the 100,000 harvested by Minnesota hunters this past season.

Photo by Bob O'Hara, Jr.

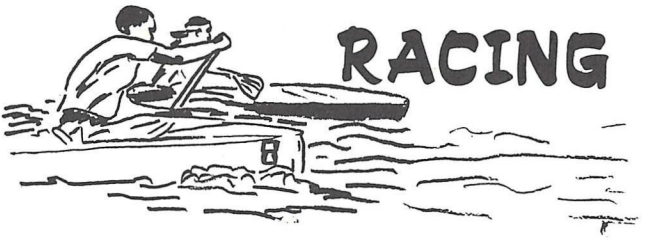
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JANUARY 15th

ACTIVITIES MEETING

Canoeing adventure is the theme for the January meeting and to create the feeling of adventure the MCA is presenting a film featuring canoeing at its wild, wild best.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 pm at the Prudential Insurance Company, 3701 Wayzata Blvd., Mpls. There is plenty of free parking by the door.



FEBRUARY 8th

GRAND RAPIDS *** POLAR POW WOW

Three-mile race from Cohasset to Pokegma Lake Dam and back. Route may be shortened if ice prevails.

Specifications:

Length	18½ ft maximum
Bottom	3 and 27 maximum

- $100 total prize money
- PROFESSIONAL AND AMATEUR RACE
- Showers for warming up after

For information or overnight accommodations, write:
Robin Baker, Cohasset, Minnesota

WHAT IS A CANOE RACER!

Reprinted by permission of James C. Leighty, Michigan Canoe Racing Association, with apologies to Alan Beck, author of "What is a Boy?" and "What is a Girl?"

BETWEEN the innocence of boyhood and the dignity of man, we find a sturdy creature called a canoe racer. Canoe racers come in assorted weights, heights, widths and sneaker sizes, but all racers have the same creed; to paddle every second of every minute of every race to the best of their ability.

CANOE racers are found everywhere - underneath, on top of, running around, jumping over, passing by, twisting under or driving down a river or portage. Race mates rib them, officials penalize them, and wives tolerate them. A canoe racer is Courage in a canoe, Hope in a headband, Pride in a blister and the best of young manhood in sneakers.

WHEN YOUR team is behind, a canoe racer is incompetent, careless, indecisive, lazy, uncoordinated and stupid. Just when your team threatens to turn the tide of battle, he misses a stroke, breaks his paddle, slips on a rock, falls overboard, loses his jug, is swamped by a big wave, or just plain forgets the right cut.

A CANOE racer is a composite -- to his opponent, he eats like a horse, has the strength of an ox, the size of an elephant, the speed of a gazelle, the cunningness of a fox, the agility of an adagio dancer, the quickness of a cat and the ability of Mike Fremont, Bob Demoret, Howie La Brant, Warner Brown and Lynn Tuttle.

TO HIS WIFE he has, for propaganda purposes, the stability of mush, the fleetness of a snail, the mentality of a mule, is held together by aspirin tablets, adhesive tape, honey, soap and sponge rubber and has about as much chance of winning on Sunday as would his own grandfather.

NO ONE ELSE looks forward so much to April or so little to October. Nobody gets so much pleasure out of getting down, hauling out, or just plain dusting off a canoe. Nobody else can cram into one pocket a piece of rubber tubing, a roll of twine, one smashed orange, two bananas, one roll of masking tape, a section of vis-queen, extra staples, a jack-knife, one life preserver, a

roll of electrical wire and spare tools for emergency use.

A CANOE RACER is a wonderful creature -- you can criticize him, but you can't discourage him. You can defeat his team, but you can't make him quit. You can get him out of a race, but you can't get him out of racing. Might as well admit it -- be you ex-racer, wife or fan -- he is your personal representative on the river, your symbol of fair and hard play. He may not be an International Champion, but he is an example of the American way.

HE IS A HARD working, untiring, determined guy doing the best he can. And when you come away from a race, grousing and feeling upset that your team has lost, he can make you feel mighty ashamed with just two sincerely spoken words... "We Tried!"

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THE ORACLE

Q. What is the largest crowd known to ever watch a canoe race in the United States?

A. On July 4th, 1966, over half a million people stood at the waterfront on the Mississippi in St. Louis during the annual water show. Verified by the St. Louis Post Dispatch. Over 500,000 spectators viewed the event.

T.O.

Q. Sir: I have started to build by first canoe. Nowhere in the instructions is there any reference to a keel. I have two 18' guide model Old Town canoes and these along with all other canoes I have seen have keels!

A. The wood strip - glass canoe featured in the MCA How to Build A CANOE booklet does not include a keel. This type of construction goes back to racing when a canoe keel was considered detrimental. Also, some rib canoes use a keel to attach the ribs; the MCA canoes also have no ribs.

T.O.

NEWS 'N' NOTES

MORE CROSS COUNTRY CANOEING

by Joe Conrad

Following the great Western Whitewater tour, your traveling president returned to the land of mules and "show-me" people for the Meramec River Canoe Club's annual races on the river of that name.

Being minus a paddling partner, I scraped together a team of two kids, one girl,and myself for a race of 4-man teams. We managed a second place and I almost keeled over from heat exhaustion.

The big event of the weekend was the National Poling Championships, in which canoes are maneuvered in fast water around bouys, up and downstream. The standard form is to stand in the middle of the canoe grasping a 12 foot long pole and proceed by ramming the pole into the bottom of the river. You are penalized if your knee touches the bottom of the canoe or if you grab for the gunwales.

It looked nice and easy (the way things should be in Missouri) when Syl Belety guided his canoe through the course. However, one fellow lost his pole in a tree and another canoe tipped to attest to the difficulties involved. It is actually quite demanding and a worthy form of competition. From the Minnesota viewpoint, I'd like to see a one-mile up or downstream race for time alone.

Time was short so I had to pass up a float on the beautiful Current River in southern Missouri. Thanks to the MRCC for a fine show and great hospitality.

Top Five in the National Poling Championships

1. Joe Mitchell
2. Jack Held
3. Jim Voight
4. Joe Conrad
5. Mike Guenther



ACA REPORT

by Joe Conrad

Your president attended the annual meeting of the American Canoe Association held in conjunction with the Olympic Canoe Trials, Labor Day weekend.

The ACA is a somewhat crusty old organization which is in the throes of change. Many ACA'ers want to diversify the organization and gain strength through an appeal to the family canoeist. They are in the middle of a major attempt at reorganizing.

One of the principle changes was a move to reorganize new types of canoe-related competition (e.g. canoe poling, kayak surfing, Hawaiian outrigger racing).

The primary goal of my trip was recognition of Long Distance Canoe racing in cruising or cruising type canoes. An old proposal by Howie LaBrant of Indiana (tabled in 1967) was brought up again, modified, and passed unanimously.

With this step a landmark has been reached and if the ACA plans (put forth by many dedicated and very capable people) for reorganization are effected, we will have a revitalized and truly national body dedicated to promoting all phases of canoeing in all parts of the country. It is this writers great hope that the ACA can recombine with its two principle splinter groups the U.S. Canoe Association (formed recently to promote long distance and marathon racing) and the American Whitewater Association (which is oriented to whitewater competition and conservation issues).

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear MCA Friends,

Am having a fine time in Munich! (This is my Sabbatical year - "On the seventh year he rested") I have joined Club Munchner Kajafahrer (the Munich Kayak Club) which is a great organization! In 1956 at Geneva Switzerland, one of their members won the World Kayak Slalom Championship. Walter Kirschbaum and Eric Seidel, both former world champions who now live in the U.S.A., were also members. Today the club has two young fellows who took first and second in the German Slalom Championships. Bernard Huensch, who surprised Will Provine by winning last year's Midwest Downriver Championship, was a member before he came to the States.

Best to all of you,

Ian Richards

SNOWSHOEING

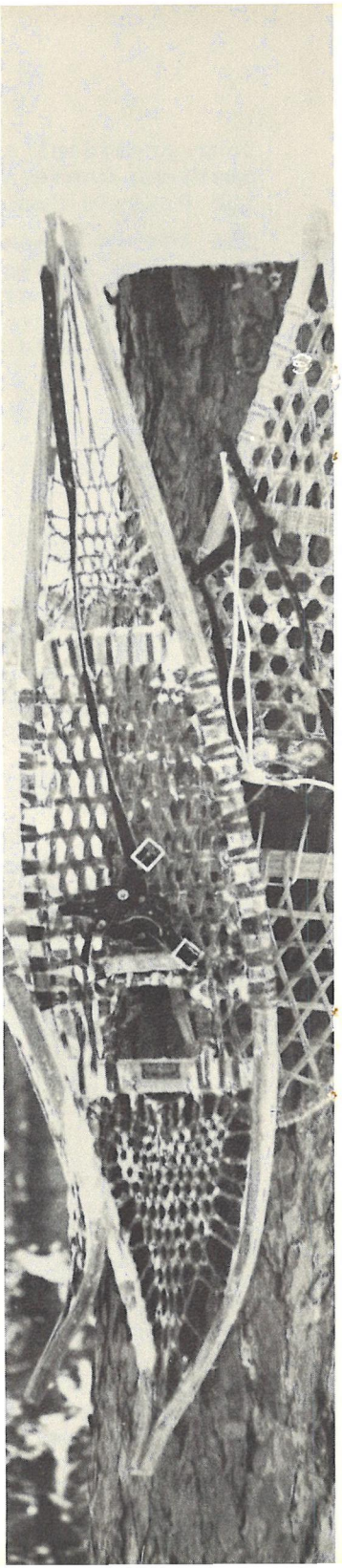
by Mickey Faircloth

The difficulty of snowshoeing is one of the worst overstatements that you have ever heard. Beg, borrow, rent or buy a pair of shoes--find a piece of open land--a park, a golf course, river bank or railroad right-of-way and take off. After about 40 feet, you are an intermediate and after 60 feet you can call yourself an expert.

My wife, son, and I have been snowshoeing for about four years and find it a very pleasant way to spend Sunday afternoons. We are not a 'gung-ho' 30°below zero and 30-mile hike type of family but just like the fresh air which we get plenty of at 20° above and a 5-mile walk.

As for the different styles of snowshoes, I have heard so many different names that just listing them would take the whole 'Hut!', so I will stay away from it. I use a pair of 12" x 60" and my wife and son both use 13" x 38". We all use the commercial style of binding called Sandel's, as they are the easiest to put on and adjust. Any kind of footwear is fine with the exception of soft sole moccasins as they will make the balls of your feet sore. As for clothing, don't overdress as you will work up a sweat walking. We wear medium-weight clothing and carry extra jackets with us to put on when we stop for any length of time.

Have you ever seen the St. Croix with its mantle of snow and ice or the trees flittering with hoar frost, or a cock pheasant taking a snow bath on a sunny hillside? You won't unless you shut off the TV or put down your book on a nice Sunday afternoon and go snowshoeing.



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CHANT DE VOYAGEUR CANADIEN

The song given below is one that the voyageurs were known to have sung. In it, a young lady relates that in the garden of her aunt a nightingale sings of the women who have no husbands. It doesn't sing for her, however, because she has a husband even though he is far away in Holland in a prison. She says that she would give Quebec, Sorel, and Saint Denis to have him back again.

Aurelius L. Robidoux

LE ROSIER DE MAI

Par derrier' chez ma tante
Il y a un bois joli;
Le rossignol y chante
Et le jour et la nuit.
Gai, lon la, gai le rosier
Du joli mois de mai!

Le rossignol y chante
Et le jour et la nuit;
Il chante pour ces dames
Qui n'ont point de mari.
Gai, lon la, etc.

Il chante pour ces dames
Qui n'ont point de mari;
Il ne chant' par pour moi,
Car j'en ai un joli.
Gai, lon la, etc.

Il ne chant' pas pour moi,
Car j'en ai un joli;
Il n'est pas dans la danse
Il est bien loin d'ici.
Gai, lon la, etc.

Il n'est pas dans la danse,
Il est bien loin d'ici;
Il est dans la Hollande,
Les Hollandais l'ont pris.
Gai, lon la, etc.

Il est dans la Hollande,
Les Hollandais l'ont pris.
Que donneriez-vous, belle,
Qui l'amen'rait ici?
Gai, lon la, etc.

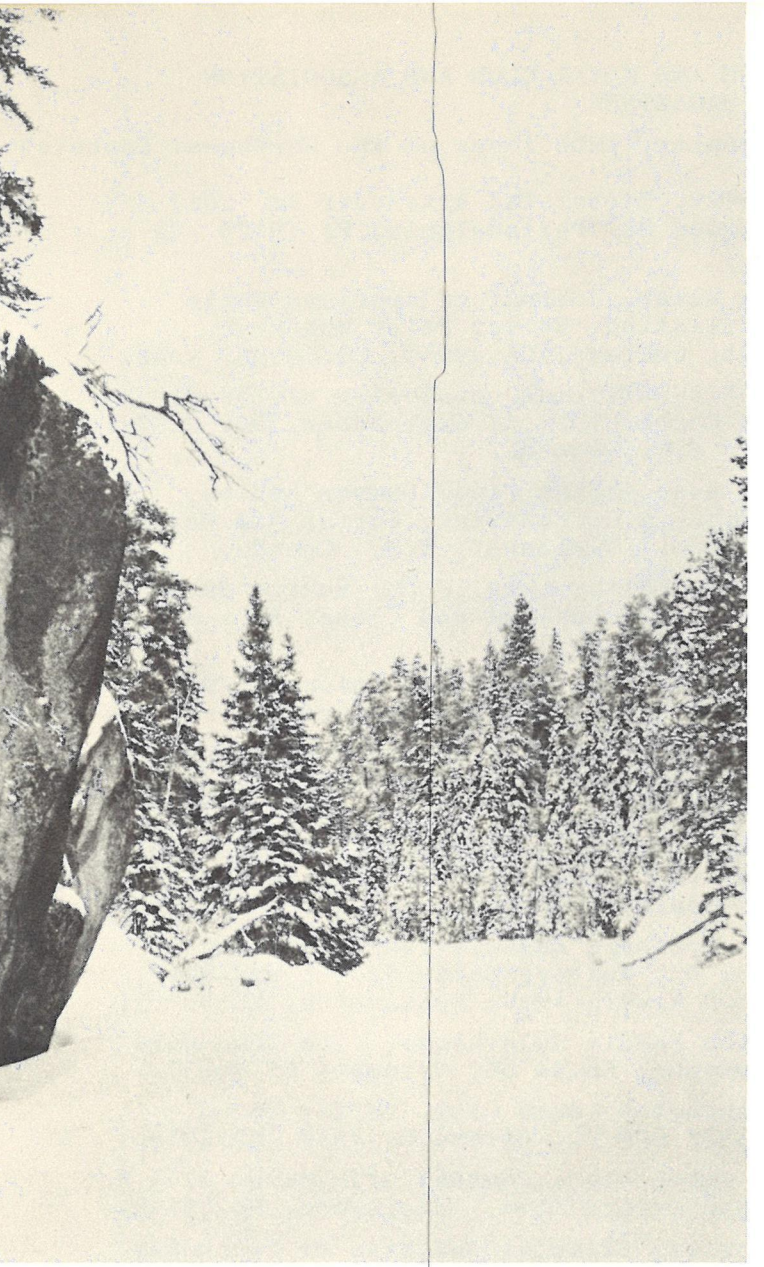
Que donneriez-vous, belle,
Qui l'amen'rait ici?
--Je donnerais Quebec,
Sorel et Saint-Denis:
Gai, lon la, etc.

Je donnerais Quebec,
Sorel et Saint-Denis,
Et la belle fontaine
De mon jardin joli:
Gai, lon la, etc.



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WILDERNESS

Photo by
Bob O'Hara, Jr.

CANOE COUNTRY

ROSTER OF CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB AND ASSOCIATION BULLETINS AND MAGAZINES

from the December, 1968 issue of the Northwest Canoeist

American Canoeist, Editor Ted Alteneder Jr. 1217 Spring Garden St. Philadelphia, PA 19123, $2 per year.

American White Water, Journal of American White Water Affiliation, Editor Peter Whitney 459 66th St. Oakland, CA 94609, $3.50 per year.

B.C. Water Bubble, official newsletter of the B.C. Kayak and Canoe Club, Al Gaensbauer, Box 2237 Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

Canadian Canoe Association, 1968 Summer Review, Western Div., B.C. District, Editor Jim Marke 3257 E 23 Ave., Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

Canoe Newsletter, Editor (Mrs. John) Eunice June Vander Meer, c/o Oakland Red Cross, P.O. Box 1257, Oakland, CA 94604.

Canoeing in Britain, British Canoe Union, 26/29 Park Crescent, London W.1., England.

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Eastern Division Paddle Splashings, Vice Commodore L. E. Levescue, Route 66, Columbia CT 06237.

Log of the Washington Canoe Club, Editor Wm. J. Rhodes, 8522 60th Pl, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740.

Meramec River Canoe Club, Journal of, Editor Al Beletz 3636 Oxford Blvd., Maplewood, MO 63143.

Northwest Canoeist, Official Bulletin of Northwest Division ACA, Editor, Ted Houk, 6019 51 Ave. NE Seattle, WA 98115, $1.25 per year.

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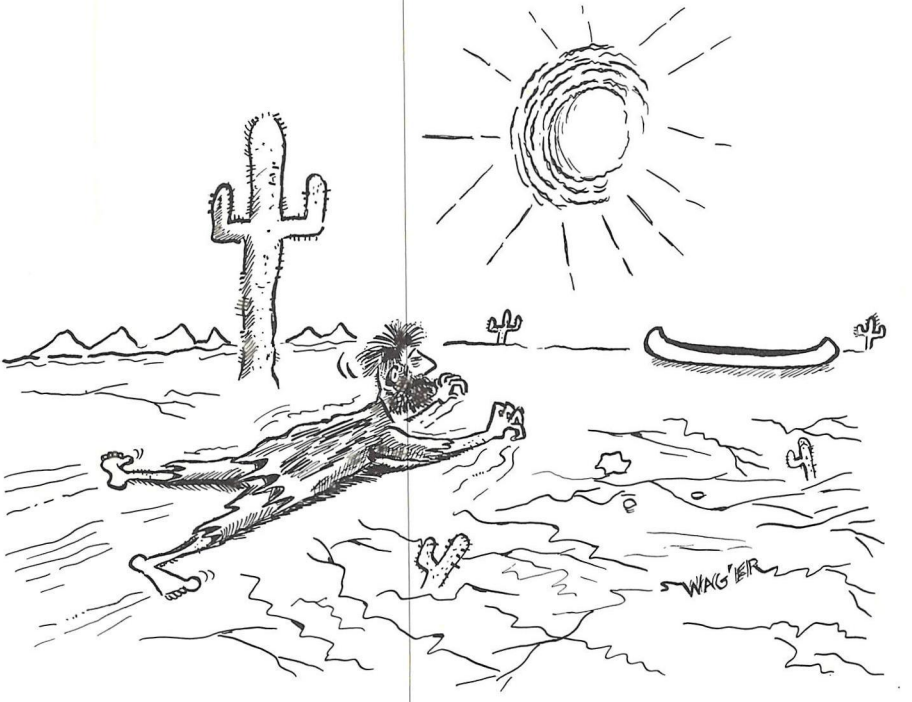
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Valley Canoe Club (bulletin) c/o Mrs. Donald A. Schafer, Jr., 22406 De Kalb Dr., Woodland Hills, CA, 91364.

Washington Kayak Club Belletin, Publications Chairman Jo Yount, 1031 13 Ave. So., Edmonds, WA 98020.

The white-fronted goose, known as specklebelly, is so named because of the black and white splotch marks on the breast and underparts. The rest of the bird is brownish mottled with gray.



Cartoon courtesy of Jerry Wagner, Michigan

WOLF RIVER ADVENTURE
August, 1968

by Larry F. Abrams
Chippewa Falls, Wis.

With the dawn came my first real look at Wisconsin's Wolf River. All night I had slept within the sound of its faint but insistent murmur; now the half-light revealed the river itself, shrouded in heavy mist. Like a dozing giant the river flowed lazily past, yet unmistakeable muscle rippled under the gentle current, a subtle hint of the immense power lying in wait only a few miles upstream. I freed myself from the river's spell and returned to camp.

Back at camp my campanion was already making preparations for departure. For this trip my companion was to be Mike Boman, also from Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. Mike's experience in white water was very limited, but he had enjoyed his past trips and was as eager as I was to see the Wolf. Mike had decided to make the trip solo in his 17 foot Grumman, to which we added polyethylene sheeting to help keep out large waves. I planned to lead in my kayak and show him the best route.

An hour later found us at the starting point, the Highway 55 bridge just below Markton. After carefully consulting every available source we had finally decided upon the section from Markton to the bridge where Highway M crosses the river below Big Smoky Falls. The distance seemed to suggest a trip of one long day, which was all the time available to us.

The put-in provided quiet water and numerous rocks. The first few rapids were simple; our confidence soured. Then came the first section of real white water. After a quick look from shore, I cautioned Mike to follow my course exactly and shoved off. The current quickly bounced me over a set of large waves and around a small bend into calmer water. I looked back--Mike was nowhere in sight!

I reached shore as quickly as possible and raced back to find Mike. As I rounded the bend I saw him --'parked' completely out of the water on a boulder, as neatly as if he had been dropped from a sky hook. His face wore a most perplexed look.

After I helped him off the rock (with verbal encouragement!) we continued. The fine white water kept us excited and busy until noon, when we stopped for lunch. Right below our lunch spot was a small state

park. Some people saw us as we looked over the next rapids and, by the time we were ready to leave, a small crowd had assembled to watch.

Immediately across from the crowd was a sharp bend with an extensive log jam piled up by the current on the outer side. The current proved stronger than I had anticipated and I found myself forced into the jam and locked into place by the current. As I looked up I saw, to my alarm, that Mike was heading straight for me! He spun the canoe sideways to lessen the impact, but the force was enough to push my craft higher on the set of logs, forcing the left side down and underwater. The pressure of the water washing over my deck placed me in great danger of being pressed under the jam, with disastrous results. Several long, strained minutes passed before we were both safely freed. My only damage was a bent paddle shaft. Although I was too busy to look, I imagine the crowd greatly enjoyed the spectacle.

By 2:00 pm we had portaged Sullivan Falls (a really impressive sheer drop of about 15 feet) and were taking apprehensive looks at Ducknest Falls. Ducknest is a two-part rapids, both halves of which contain tricky currents and large standing waves. Mike decided to take pictures from the cliff above while I ran the upper section.

I took a deep breath and eased into the main flow. The current was unbelievably fast. I had the momentary illusion of being on a runaway roller-coaster; then a giant fist slammed me and I was upside down. I scrambled out onto a shoal about fifty yards below.

Mike carefully lined his canoe down the opposite shore. (Somehow he lacked courage after seeing my performance.) Again Mike waited while I tried the lower section. Lower Ducknest has some very unusual standing waves. Everything was fine until the last wave and then -- another swim!

By this time it was getting late in the day. We met some other people at Ducknest, who informed us that just below us was water of even greater difficulty. Since it was so late and we were still several miles from our lower vehicle, I hitched a ride back with the people we met; and so our trip ended.

On that day last summer I was cold and wet, but far from discouraged. I now wait impatiently for Spring. With more practice and better equipment I shall return to the Wolf River for a longer trip with even more excitement.



● CANOEING WITH THE CREE
by Eric Sevaried, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minn. Reprint Edition, 1968. 206 pages with illustrations. Hardcover $4.50

Originally written in 1935, this outstanding saga of youthful adventure was out of print for many years. Although found in the childrens' section of libraries for some unknown reason, the 2250 mile journey from Minneapolis to York Factory, Hudson Bay, is certainly not juvenile! The trip itself was made in 1930 in a canvas canoe up the Minnesota River, down the Red River to Lake Winnipeg, from there down to the Echimanish, God's and Hayes Rivers to York Factory.

The account provides a very fine description of what these ancient waterways were like not having seen the invasion of the modern canoe trend. At a time when trips of this nature were unheard of and with none of the modern technology, this is surely a remarkable trip, one of the few in the first half of the twentieth century. Sevaried in his youthful writing is as honest, candid and human as he is today with his professional comments of world affairs. Certainly any canoeist who enjoys wilderness travel and adventure wants this book in his collection.

● THE BEAVER

Magazine of the North, published by the Hudson's Bay Company. This quarterly is one of the most down-to-earth approaches to the great past and present of the Canadian North. Containing articles of canoe trips in the barrens, the peoples of the Tundra and way of life in Indian areas today. Done in a very plain style, yet with the most captivating cover shots I have ever seen. Offered to the reader free of advertising, these issues are truly a compendium of the real north.

Available for $2 per year or $5 for three years, this quarterly is one of the finest publications on the continent.

WRITE: The Beaver, Hudson's Bay House, Winnipeg, 1 Manitoba, Canada

REVIEWS

● THE GHOST TREE SPEAKS

by Richard J. Doer, illustrations by Walter Breckenridge. Ross and Haines, Inc., Minneapolis, 1964 at $2.50, 73 pages Hardcover.

This is a delightful little book that encompasses the entire history of our area into a neat set of verse along with illustrations.

The main theme is of a majestic white pine tree and the course of events that occur during its life. Each two-page spread contains one page of verse about a particular era, such as the Voyageurs, the Indians, the coming of the missionaries or a particular feeling like reverence, survival, the lone trapper. The other part of the two-page format is a pen-line illustration pertaining to the verse. The price of the book is more than a bargain for the illustrations alone.

For the family or individual, here is a compact review of the beauty, magic and splendor to be found in the pine forest of the precambrian shield. This is certainly a collector's item.

All reviews by The Editor

MCA TRADING POST

FOR SALE

White Stage Tent, 6' x 7' x 3½'. Weight: 6 lbs. Screen floor, blue, side wall pullout, sets up with two poles (included). Like new, used once. Call or write Chuck Wagner 729-4011, 3205 33rd Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn.

FOR SALE

18½ ft Racing Canoe. 3 & 27 bottom. Price: $125 Call Clinton Waddell, 561-5769.



The mushroon, one of the natural plants of any community, acts as a decomposer, returning the nutrients of decaying matter to the soil.

Photo by Bob O'Hara, Jr.

EDITOR COMMENTS

This issue brings us to a new printer. After many hours of hard work by the staff, we have been repeatedly disappointed by the quality of the printing, especially of photographs. For example, the cover photo for the December issue was originally one of the finest and sharpest prints I have ever seen.

We are very encouraged by the response of feature articles presented to us. It is hoped that those of you who have had experiences while canoeing will share them with all of us. We are looking for information concerning river cruises, especially on rivers such the Cannon, Cloquet, Upper Mississippi, Pine, Crow Wing, Sauk, Minnesota, St. Louis, Rum, or any other you have been on.

If you have read any good canoeing-camping books and wish to review them, please do so. It has been a number of years since a book list has been compiled. We wish to do this again in a future issue. If you can help us with any titles, please do so now. Thanks!

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Locke Lake froze fairly late this winter. While it was still open, we had five sea gulls visit for a week or so. Seeing the sea gulls reminded us of our first trip to canoe country some years ago, and our first experience with sea gulls.

Being novices, both to camping and to canoe trips, we had taken the advice of friends and had taken the tow and truck portage to Hoist Bay on Basswood Lake, where we started our adventure. From there we paddled up to the North Bay of Basswood Lake, stopping at the ranger station and at Canadian Customs. We set up a day camp for a week on the "ash" of Cigar Island and took day trips.

It was on one of these day trips, exploring Basswood Lake and environs, that we came across a flock of sea gulls that appeared to be harrassing a large dumpy grey bird in the water. Now this grey bird, which we were unable to identify, seemed to be unable to fly and was defenceless from its adversaries. Its awkwardness was a marked contrast to the gracefulness of the beautiful sea gulls circling above. Taking pity on it, we paddled to the rescue and dispersed the sea gulls. Naturally, we couldn't leave the poor thing to be destroyed by the gulls, so we paddled over, lifted it out of the water, wrapped it in an extra sweat shirt, and placed in in the bottom of our canoe.

The rescue operation complete, we paddled the hapless victim back to Cigar Island and our campsite, a distance of about two miles. All the way back, a pair of sea gulls that were particularly upset about our snatching their victim, flew about us, making raucous noises, and dive bombing us. But, we were determined that they would not have their way.

Nearing our campsite, we passed a group of boy scouts, told them our story, and asked them to identify our passenger. They took one look, and when they could get their breaths from laughing, informed us that we had just kidnapped a baby sea gull.

Feeling somewhat chagrined, we released the baby to its parents, who were still circling above us and watched them herd their charge back to the bay in which we found them, a valuable lesson learned about hastify judging situations from appearances alone.

by Janet and Janice Robidoux

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