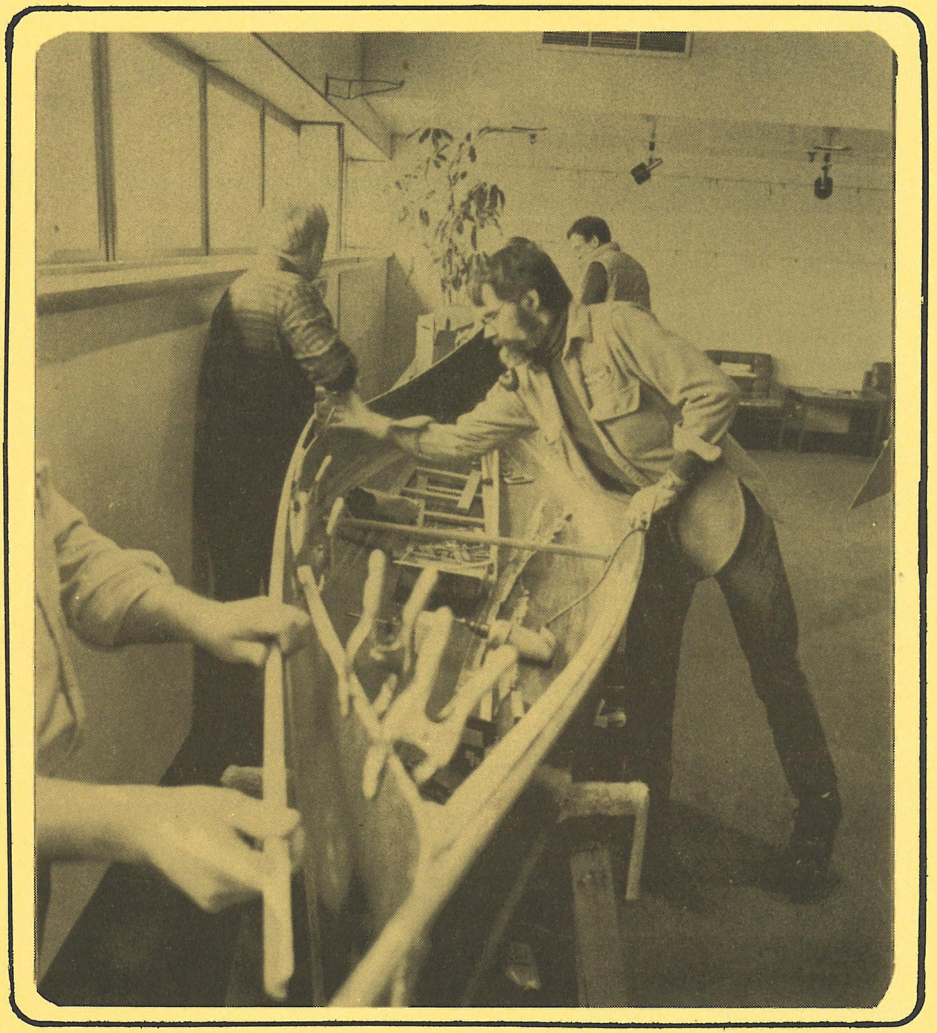
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Bruce Kunz checks the detail on a canoe under construction at the 1985 Builders Show. (Photo courtesy of Wayne Martin.)

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FROM THE BOW

October is the month we are required by our incorporation papers to conduct our annual meeting. This year our meeting will be held at the Brooklyn Center Community Center at the junction of Shingle Creek Parkway and Highway 694. The meeting starts at 7 p.m., and there will be an election of officers for 1986. You should have received notice of all this in your mail by the time you read these notes, along with a slate of candidates for your consideration and a proxy for you to assign should you not be able to attend the meeting in person.

I urge you to attend, or assign your proxy. You should know that you can use your proxy in two ways. First, you may assign your proxy to a member who will be in attendance with instructions on how to cast your votes, or second, you may assign your proxy to our secretary who will cast your votes according to your instructions. Either way your votes are a valid way of voicing your wishes in the selection of a new slate of officers to direct your club for 1986.

October is also the month of our traditional color cruise on the St. Croix. This two day affair, coupled with the builders contest on Sunday morning, is always a delightful outing where old friends meet and re-hash the passing season amidst the smoke of evening fires and the mists of Minnesota's first wild and scenic river. Again we will camp Friday and Saturday nights at Taylor's Falls Interstate Park in the group camp area. This is often our best attended on-the-water event, with arrivals from all over the state and outstate too. If, by some chance, you have missed out in the past, plan on being there this year. Come paddle with us! — **Al Gustaveson, President**



FROM THE STERN

In the May HUT!, Andrea Vargo of Annandale, MN, wrote an interesting article ("Being a Good Sport, or Not Coming Unglued") about assisting and supporting her husband's first-time building efforts. At the time of publication we did not know who wrote it, but we felt that it was a well written story about strip building and how the Vargos did it. I recently found out that it was Andrea, so if you liked and if you see her, ask her for more.

I urge you to vote affirmatively for the question that will appear in this year's ballot which has recently been mailed to you. The vote or survey that will appear on the ballot asks if you wish to have a membership list published. I think it is important to have this list, as I joined and I am sure others have joined for the purpose of obtaining a mailing list which shows the other canoers in my neighborhood or in the areas where I will be paddling. I hope you agree that we need this valuable information in every member's hands. PLEASE vote Yes. Most other sports and special interest groups publish a list to be used solely by their members.

Hope to see you all out at the Fall Color Cruise. I will be there and I hope you will, too. Is anybody going to paddle the big canoes?

If you have not been to a meeting this year, attend the annual MCA meeting, meet past directors, and find out what is happening around the MCA first hand. If you think the MCA could do it better, here is your chance to become active. Call a director now and get active on a dozen different committees of the MCA. Impact canoeing—get active!

Again, photo quality reproduction will get better as soon as I get some help with advertising. We have a good product, but we need to get the $$$ to pay for better reproduction. Every month we run HUT! at a deficit. My goal is to turn that around. First we need to get those ad $$$ up. If more people would participate in other areas of HUT! responsibilities, we could reach that goal of better photograph reproduction sooner. — **John Wexler, Editor**



Frank and Burke paddle down river. (Photo courtesy of Barb Hancock.)

ANNUAL FALL COLOR CRUISE

The annual fall color cruise will be here before we know it. It is planned for October 12th and 13th. As done in past years, we will camp both Friday and Saturday nights at Interstate State Park in the group camp.

The cruise on Saturday will be from Wild River State Park to St. Croix Falls (Wisconsin side of the river.) If you are unable to come up Friday night, you can meet us Saturday morning at the boat launch area by 9:00 a.m. at Interstate State Park.

On Sunday, there will be a canoe building contest by the boat launch at Interstate before we launch the canoes. So, if you have built a canoe this year, you can enter this contest. The judges will be the people participating in the cruise. We hope to launch the canoes by about 9:30 a.m. We will canoe on Sunday from Interstate State Park to William O'Brien State Park. Plan on bringing along a picnic lunch for both trips.

FMI: Jim Robinson for the cruises, 588-5402; Bob Brown for the building contest, 432-7557.

"Out in the wide lake we found emptiness still more vast—the canoe seemed about to fall or rise into infinite space. It was a relief to take up the paddle and plunge it into something as tangible as water. As the shores grew blacker, the moon in the sky grew brighter, the ore in the lake more nebulous, and a flight of ducks went over us, calling through the night." — From Snowshoe Country by Florence Page Jaques

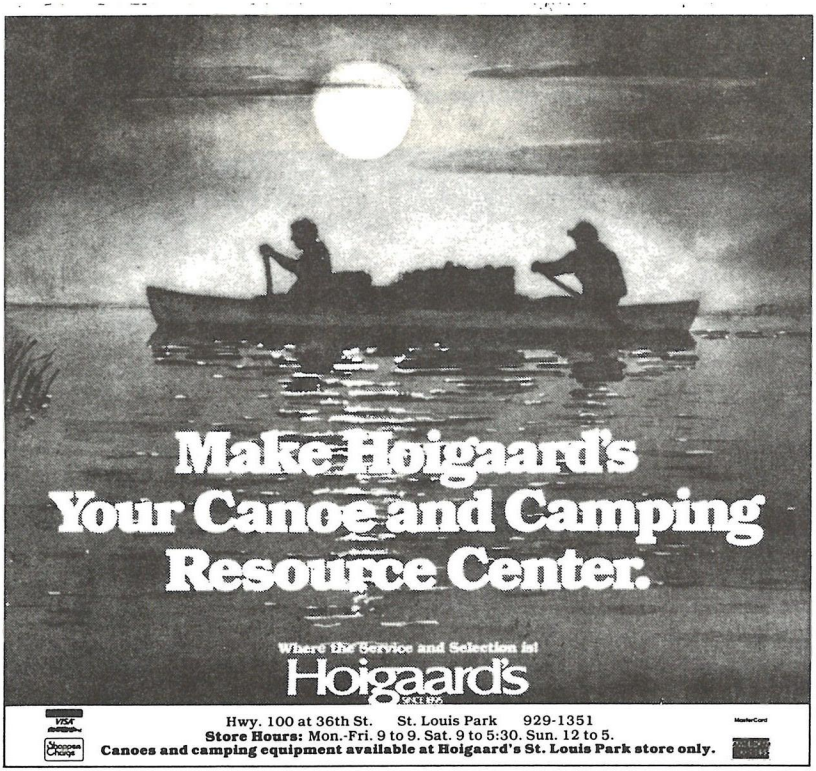


PHOTO TIPS

With the fall season upon us, many of us will be trying to capture the beautiful changing colors. We may be disappointed, however, if we aren't using a polarizing filter.

A polarizing filter removes glare and reflections from nonmetallic surfaces, deepens the color of the sky, minimizes haze, and can be used as a neutral density filter. A polarizer may be the only filter you need.

A polarizer helps bring out the full glory of fall colors by taking reflections off the leaves. At any time of the year you can have a much more dramatic picture by deepening the blue of the sky and water and making clouds stand out. Rotating the filter within its mount lets you determine the amount of reflection and how deep the colors will be.

Be prepared to pay approximately $15 for a linear polarizing filter which most cameras can use. For accurate meter reading some cameras need a considerably more expensive circular polarizer. Buy a high quality polarizer with a brand name that you recognize. Cheap polarizers can adversely affect the focus on telephoto lenses. Also, buy a polarizer large enough to fit the largest diameter lens you own. You can buy a step down ring to use the filter on smaller diameter lenses.

For more information, read the special section on polarizing filters in the July 1985 issue of Modern Photography which has a chart telling which cameras need linear or circular polarizers. Also, there are excellent books on filters available from publishers such as Kodak, H.P. Books and Petersen. **— Betty Jo Ambler**

MCA BUILDING SUPPLIES

For Sale: MCA resin and fiberglass cloth. Polyester resin with catalyst and wax (if required) is $13.00 per gallon. Four ounce cloth, 50 inches wide, is $2.90 per yard; 7½ ounce cheesecloth, 60 inches wide, is $4.10 per yard.

Rules for Purchase: Call ahead and schedule pick-up time. Payment must be by check or money order to Minnesota Canoe Association. **No cash. Bring a valid membership card.**

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REPORT ON EFFICIENT CANOEING CLASS—JULY 1985

Twenty-seven people gathered at Lake Phalen on a hot, muggy July Saturday to learn the Minnesota canoeing techniques. The popularity of this course is growing. The focus of the course remains how to travel easily by canoe. Instructors were Karl Ketter, Chris Berne, and Jim Pomroy. Later in the day the class was visited by Al Gustaveson and a group of woodstrip canoes. Al gave lessons in breaking twine and buoy setting.

The only difficulties encountered were a set of lost keys, a couple of refreshing tipovers, and a leftover pair of blue running shoes which can be reclaimed from Karl (636-8116). **— Karl Ketter**

FIVE CUPS OF WATER

A solo canoe is a very seaworthy craft, but I don't think the National Park Service and U.S. Coast Guard share my respect for boats under paddle power.

I was looking forward to an eventful and solitary weekend. A solo paddling trip in my newly finished 18½ foot woodstrip, exploring sections of the Apostle Islands seemed like a perfect way to rejuvenate the spirit. The park ranger who made out my camping permit was less enthusiastic. She was concerned about my ambitious travel plans, convinced that wind and waves would make my solo canoe unmanageable, resulting in swamping or damage to my fragile craft.

My safety was a vital consideration in my trip planning. Because of my respect for the cold and violent moods of Lake Superior, I always paddled in a wetsuit and lifejacket. I've traveled many miles in wind and waves, but I planned on doing the bulk of my paddling in the morning and evening when the lake is usually more subdued.

I departed from Little Sand Bay on a foggy, still Friday morning. Destination: Raspberry Lighthouse. Two hours later I was greeted at Raspberry with, "Welcome, the ranger from Little Sand Bay told us you were coming, so we've been looking for you."

Next, I headed north to Bear Island. After two hours a motor boat pulled up behind me and the ranger aboard asked about my evening camping plan. When I said that I was considering traveling to Devil's Island he remarked how little freeboard my canoe had, told me the next day's windy forecast, and recommended that I stay put rather than travel farther north.

I was in the mood for a break, so rather than venture out into the midafternoon wind and waves I stopped for an early supper. By 6 p.m. the lake had calmed and I gladly repacked my canoe to go explore Devil's Island.

The island didn't disappoint me. I quickly pitched my tent so I could investigate the Devil's Island lighthouse, see the catacomb-like sea caves at the northern end of the island, and watch the sun set over Lake Superior. When I met the ranger at the lighthouse he gave me a surprised greeting; he had heard the many radio reports of my travels but hadn't expected me to get as far as Devil's. After a beautiful sunset and receiving another short lecture on the hazards of canoeing on Lake Superior, I said my goodbyes and remarked that I expected to leave the island early the next morning before the winds became too strong.

At dawn the next morning the skies were clear, but the rustling trees meant that wind and waves could be expected that day. I broke camp as quickly as possible to make the crossing from Devil's to Rocky Island. Already the northeasterly wind had started stirring up whitecaps in the channel. At first I paddled up the shoreline to test my boat's trim and handling. By shifting my weight to the center of the canoe I was able to paddle without losing steerage in the wind and the unweighted bow and stern bobbed easily over the waves. The crossing went without problems. In the midst of 3-4 foot rollers my boat had only taken on about five cups of water.

Because of my early morning start I pulled into my intended campsite about noon. As I approached Raspberry, a sailboat came alongside and asked if I was in trouble because the Coast Guard was looking for me. I found out later that a ranger checked the Devil's Island campsite and became concerned when he found that I had left the island. The Rocky Island ranger decided to patrol the area in his motor boat to see if I could be located, and

he later reported that he was maneuvering with some difficulty in six foot waves off of Devil's Island. The Coast Guard listening to the radio communications between the rangers added their boats to the search and broadcast over the radio that any other boats in the vicinity of Devil's Island should look for a woman in a canoe. A pilot on nearby Madeline Island heard the Coast Guard announcement and offered to initiate an air search. Shortly after the search plane took off the sailboat Argo reported that I was "found" approaching my destination of Raspberry Island. I had a restful afternoon in the sun and sand of Raspberry Island, except for the frequest boaters who would come by and ask if I was that crazy woman canoeist the Coast Guard was looking for.

The next day as I loaded my canoe onto my car back at Little Sand Bay the ranger there told me how concerned they were that my canoe would have swamped off of Devil's Island. It felt like a vote of confidence, though, when he added, "But I guess we overreacted." — **Bek Kragh**

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OCTOBER

2 MCA DIRECTORS meeting at Lare & Gail Strom's, 7:30pm 993 Como Place in St. Paul. All members invited, please call if comming at 488-3903.

4-6 RAPID RIDERS Cruise lead by John Wexler to Taylors Falls and other Rivers. Class II & III. This will be an easy cruise of no more than 9 miles a day. Call Tom Hill at 338-4600 or John at 827-6693. See Article.

12-13 MCA ANNUAL COLOR CRUISE AND BUILDERS CONTEST. Saturday and Sunday. St. Croix River. Wild River State Park to St. Croix Falls. Second day Taylors Falls to William O'Brien State Park. See article. FMI Jim Robinson 588-5402.

13 SNAKE RIVER CANOE TRIP - North West Company, Pine City. Voyageur guide Jacques Deseve will lead a canoe brigade along the winding Snake River and present an interpretation program en route. Pre-registration is required. FYI MN Hist. Soc. 296-6126.

16 MCA ANNUAL MEETING, "The People Speak". Help select a whole new crew for 1986.

18-20 DULUTH TRAVELER Weekend Cruise on local river depending weather and river levels. Day trip optional if no interest. Call David Spencer at 624-3413.

25-27 RAPID RIDERS CRUISE on the Montreal and others. Three full days of class III & IV. Kayaks & OPen canoes invited. Call John Wexler at 827-6693.

29 HUT WRITING MEETING, Come and contribute your ideas for HUT. Everyone and all input wanted!! 7:00 p.m. at John Wexler's house, 5341 South Harriet Avenue, Minneapolis. FMI call John at 827-6693.

NOVEMBER

6 MCA DIRECTOR meeting at Chris Berne's at 4931 South 18th Avenue in Minneapolis. Joint meeting of old and new board. All members invited. Call Chris at 729-0419.

26 HUT WRITING MEETING, Come and contribute your ideas for HUT. Everyone and all input wanted!! Thursdasy,7:00 p.m. at John Wexler's house, 5341 South Harriet Avenue, Minneapolis. FMI call John at 827-6693.

THE DULUTH TRAVELER



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Each year the Twin Ports chapter offers a traditional cruise on Lake Superior in 36 foot Montreal canoes. This year's trip was the weekend of August 23-25 and started at Red Cliff, just north of Bayfield, Wisconsin. Here is the trip report as written by Sue Spencer:

The Apostle Islands trip this year was a huge success. The weather looked doubtful as 26 hearty souls departed from Red Cliff Marina Saturday morning in a light mist. The swells on Lake Superior were large enough to make the canoes seemingly disappear in the troughs. At times only the tops of paddlers' heads were visible from the other canoe. Despite taking longer than usual to make the crossing to Oak Island, no one felt the need to kiss the ground when the boats hit the beach (occasionally done in years past).

The afternoon was spent eating smoked salmon and gorp, hiking and, for certain individuals over 30, taking naps. Dinner wasn't quite in the style of last year, but no one went hungry. Byron Selbude's culinary skills with the reflector oven impressed all with bread and cake.

Sunday dawned clear and bright with calm seas, a voyageur's delight. The day was spent rigging a sail and cruising around Oak to Raspberry Island. After a tour of the lighthouse renovation, a few proper Sunday gentlemen played an entertaining game of croquet.

The trip ended at Sand Bay with tired muscles, sunburned faces, and a happy crew. — **Sue Spencer**

Another trip in August that needs reporting is Tim Sundquist's Superior National Forest trip. Three intrepid adventurers paddled, portaged and pushed their way against head winds on the first Superior National Forest trip in late August. Led by forest ranger Tim Sundquist, Gardner Ellis and Fred Freeman loyally followed the trip leader on the upper reaches of the St. Louis River and Seven Beavers Lake.

Two days after their return to civilization, Ranger Sundquist was flown in on routine patrol to the same area as the trip they had just completed. By pure chance the ranger stumbled across a small stuff sack left by some careless canoeist. And there, lo and behold, was Fred Freeman's high tech rain suit. Some people need the U.S. government to look after them.

Enough of long winded trip reports. The paddling season is slowing down now, but late fall is always good for a few cruises on local streams. The Twin Ports Chapter will host a Fall End of the Season weekend trip on some river somewhere October 18-20. If no one is interested in a weekend trip, a day trip is an option. FMI call David Spencer at 624-3413.

Good paddling, and call someone else in the club if you need a partner.
— **David Spencer**

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Ray and Tom pound their stakes in. (Photo courtesy of Tom Hill.)



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There's still plenty of whitewater paddling in November, but remember that wetsuit.

The Rapid Riders chapter will have their October meeting at the NCR Comten training facility in Roseville on Tuesday, October 8, at 7:00 p.m. The address is 2700 North Snelling. Take the Snelling Avenue exit north from Highway 36. At County Road C, turn right (east). Go one block to Snelling Drive and turn left (north). Drive past the parking ramp and turn right on the drive just past the parking ramp. Follow the drive around the main building until entering the parking lot for the school (training facility). Enter the door and ask the guard which room the meeting is in. — **Bek Kragh**

GITCHEGUME SURVIVOR PADDLES AGAIN!

I will be running whitewater for the first time since I tore my ligaments in June at Duluth's Gitchegume Canoe Classic while portaging over an old railroad tressel stretching across the Duluth Harbor next to the old high bridge. I hope to have my new Wenonah Spirit ready to paddle. I think I will enjoy this canoe, because I expect it to be a vast improvement in performance over my previous two whitewater canoes.

We will leave my house Friday evening, October 4, at 8:00 p.m. sharp and head to one of several parks in the Taylor's Falls area. I prefer people who are going along to leave with me Friday evening as it will make coordination much simpler for me as trip leader. We will probably head to the Snake, the St. Louis or possibly the Kettle, depending on water levels on Sunday.

Tom Hill, Timothy Vargo, Marlene Tatman, Bek Kragh and other good paddlers will be along, so there will be lots of experience out there. And some new whitewater paddlers will also be with us. We will not paddle over nine miles. Join me by calling me before this cruise. You can expect Class III rapids. And if you were on a "smell the roses cruise" you would probably have to wait for us to catch up to you. Call me at 827-6693. — **John Wexler**

Mississippi Mud

NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG DISTANCE CANOE RACERS

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MISSISSIPPI RIVER CANOE CLASSIC

Already at 6:00 a.m. the day promised to be hot. As the radio announcer advised against strenuous exercise, my wife and I were preparing for our first Mississippi Classic. After filling drinking bottles, checking paddles and going over strategy, we tried forcing pancakes into stomachs still full of spaghetti from the night before. (It's rumored that one team's breakfast consisted of six bowls of oatmeal and a quart of Karo syrup each.)

We arrived at the Coon Rapids Dam along with 30 other teams, spectators, and race assistants. The field consisted of 24 mens, 6 mixed and 1 womans team. Nebraska, Illinois, Wisconsin, South Dakota and Winnipeg, Canada, were represented along with the strong Minnesota contingent.

From the starting horn the race for top positions was hotly contested—at least so I hear; my position did not offer the best vantage point. There were three teams that went swimming, and another was attacked by a dock. Finishing times were close, with Steve Peterson and Scott Ankeny edging out Mike Bohanon and Dave Zink for first place. Steve and Scott managed this with straight shaft paddles!

Other highlights of the race day included raffling off a new Jensen design canoe, canoe paddles from several manufacturers, and a dry bag, as well as an awards banquet, and lots of kidding and talking about the race itself. All in all, a great time. The race was well organized and run, with lots of support and encouragement, both on the water and on the portage.

Thanks to Ketters for all the preparation that made this race possible. And thank yous also to all who donated time, money and products for the race. My wife and I are looking forward to next year's Classic! — **Chuck Hoppe**

"Our canoe lies below us on the rocky shore. We have been out in it every day, exploring Gunflint Lake. No matter how promising the morning as we start out now we are sure to have to fight black swells and plunging whitecaps coming home. When we came across the bay today a squall suddenly hit us, spinning us completely around, although we purposely sat low in the canoe. We had no more weight than an acorn cup. It made me realize how fortunate we have been not to encounter a real gale at any time." — From Snowshoe Country by Florence Page Jaques

USCA NATIONALS—19 mile course, 4.5 mile upstream finish

C2 CRUISING—MEN

1.	Rudquist/Fries	2:03:56
2.	Barton/Bauer	2:08:03
3.	Merriman/Crozier	2:09:45
4.	Raub/Bennet	2:09:55
5.	C. Hassel/Bauer	2:10:09
6.	Drake/McNett	2:11:01
7.	Drebold/Doberstein	2:11:40
8.	Hansen/David	2:12:06
?.	Thunstrom/Thunstrom	2:??:??
?.	Pasma/Canny	2:??:??

C2 CRUISING—MASTERS

1.	Johnson/Jensen	2:09:19
2.	Muhlen/Bauer	2:11:07
3.	Hansen/Brazelton	2:11:23
4.	Alberta/Zaveral	2:12:34
5.	Rankinen/Aprea	2:12:46

C2 CRUISING—WOMEN

1.	Fries/Eaton	2:14:20
2.	Rudquist/Rudquist	2:17:44
3.	Russel/Samples	2:18:54
4.	Shelhorse/Gardner	2:21:22

C2 CRUISING—JUNIORS

1.	Burysak/Nesvold	2:14:18
2.	Finell/Jacobson	2:16:33
3.	Canny/Pasma	2:16:44

C2 CRUISING—MIXED

1.	A. Rudquist/J. Rudquist
2.	Barton/Barton
3.	M. Fries/S. Eaton
4.	Bauer/Capen
7.	A. Rudquist/Bush

C1 CRUISING—MEN

1.	Rudquist	2:12:26
2.	Landick	2:14:38
3.	Herbert	2:15:36
4.	McNamee	2:16:24
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22.	Mundahl	2:25:30
26.	Kruger	2:27:59
40.	Hirschey	2:32:58
41.	B. Thunstrom	2:34:03

C1 CRUISING—MASTERS

1.	Johnson	2:16:22
2.	Rankinen	2:21:03
3.	Alberta	2:23:04
4.	Jensen	2:23:17
5.	Geizer	2:23:22
6.	Aprea	2:23:56

C1 CRUISING—WOMEN (15 Mi.)

1.	Barton	1:44:42
2.	J. Rudquist	1:45:23
3.	Popadic	1:48:55
4.	Spencer	1:49:43
5.	Drake	1:50:10
6.	A. Rudquist	2:50:36
9.	A. Cichanowski	1:51:32

C2 STANDARD

1.	McNamee/Renner	2:14:05

RESULTS OF MISSISSIPPI CLASSIC—September 7, Minneapolis

1.	Ankeny/S. Peterson	2:49:16
2.	Bohanon/Zink	2:49:34
3.	Clark/Bush	2:49:36
4.	Alberta/M. Cichanowski	2:53:39
5.	Buryska/Gene Jensen	2:54:01
6.	Olson/I. Peterson	2:55:27
7.	G. & C. Hassel	2:55:33
8.	Sipe/Nesvold	2:57:15
9.	W. & B. Thunstrom	2:57:39
10.	Bertrand/Porn	2:58:45
11.	Mundahl/B. Wright	2:59:33
12.	Hendricks/Neddermeyer	2:59:34
13.	Walters/G. Cichanowski	3:00:18
14.	Florin/Ray	3:02:35
15.	Holle/Willard	3:03:00
16.	Hirschey/Berne	3:03:17
17.	Cotton/M. Wright	3:06:48
18.	D. & L. White	3:06:48
19.	B. & S. Bastian	3:08:50
20.	Canny/Pasma	3:10:17
21.	Gary Jensen/Kenow	3:10:46
22.	P. & C. Colas	3:16:27
23.	N. & C. Hoppe	3:17:28
24.	Bennett/Degernes	3:17:52
25.	Gacke/Greenlee	3:18:28
26.	Kristianson/McCleod	3:19:52
27.	A. Hendrick/Bauer	3:20:33
28.	Theisen/Fridstrom	3:23:29
29.	Wexler/Tatman	3:24:37
30.	Simpson/McAndrew	3:27:08
31.	Pasion/Hunstiger	3:29:32

USCA NATIONALS
Lafayette, Indiana — August 16-18

If Lansing, Michigan's Flint River is to be remembered as the home of the Barton Nationals in 1984, then we should all drop a thank you note to the Lafayette Canoe Club for hosting the Minnesota Nationals on the Wabash this year! Minnesota paddlers, with more than a little help from New York and Montana, stole the show. Had it not been for outstanding performances by Michigan's Roxanne Barton in Women's Solo Cruising and the New York team of Shari Eaton and Tanna Fries in Women's Tandem Cruising, Minnesota could have swept all but one of the cruising class titles.

Thursday, the day before the first races, was mostly spent practicing, visiting with old friends and adversaries, and talking a lot. Most of the talk centered around two subjects: water level and (of course) canoe design. Gene Jensen, who was later to be named "Canoeist of the Year" by the USCA, had brought along three newly designed tandem cruisers, had built three new solo canoes that would be used by Minnesota paddlers, and to top things off had brought yet another new solo canoe for his own use—and this one had a RUDDER! And, as if the crowd didn't have enough to talk about already, what about the canoe Ev Crozier brought to Nationals? This one used to be a Corbin-designed pro boat, but now had (I'll keep it "G" rated) "bumps" epoxied to the four inch waterline to be able to meet specs—which it managed to do quite comfortably, thank you.

With respect to water level, the Wabash was coming up. Shallows were becoming that three foot depth that we all have learned to love so much. Greg David (WI), who excels at poling, certainly was going to be one of the most disappointed.

Friday morning started with a river up about two feet from normal, a touch of fog, and the Masters paddling C2 (tandem) Cruising. Not too much excitement here, at least as far as the closeness of the race. Mike Johnson (MT) and Gene, however, got revenge. After last year's one-second defeat, they stormed ahead at the start and won by almost two minutes. The defending champions, Rankinen and Aprea, had to settle for fifth place. Meanwhile the Non-Masters, uh, Mens C2 Cruisers race was under way. At the ten mile mark it was obvious that the team of Nick Bauer (OH) and Bruce Barton (MI), both cream-of-the-crop paddlers, just didn't click. Al Rudquist (MN) and Mike Fries (NY), on the other hand, hummed. Nick and Bruce brought home second, and the team of Ev Crozier and Doug Merriman (WI) squeaked out a third place with the pro boat. Gene's ruddered solo boat also made its debut on Friday in the capable hands of another Rudquist—Anne. Unfortunately the rudder had been ruled illegal and was taped for the Women's C1 race. Anne paddled the canoe strongly to a sixth place finish, but I'm getting ahead of myself. Yet another Rudquist, the one we've known longer as Jenny Graham, outdid her sister-in-law by several minutes but was unable to fend off Roxanne Barton at the end. Ninth place went to a younger woman out of Winona, none other than Amy Cichanowski, who looks to be well on the way to many, many titles in the non-too-distant future. The '83-'84 champion, Sheila Johnson, watched from the bank due to injury.

Saturday morning brought more fog (read: humidity), more degrees (read: starting to get warm, folks), and a few more inches of water. Roles were reversed with the women in tandem boats and the men and masters in C1's. I think Gene was still grinning from ear to ear from the C2 race the day before. Unfortunately, he capsized early in the race and dropped back

to 19th or 20th place before making his move. By the time it was all over, Gene got back to fourth, edged out of third by Don Alberta (IL). Second place went easily to Rankinen and a never-was-there-any-doubt victory was taken by Mike Johnson.

The mens solo event was somewhat more closely contested. Going downstream, the race broke into three significant packs. The first consisted of Mark Herbert (AR), Steve Landick (of Ultimate Canoe Challenge fame, MI), Bret Stockton (fresh off his latest Au Sable victory), and Al Rudquist. The next group was led by Mike Bohanon and Dave Zink. The fight to break into the top ten seemed to be between Reggie Clarke and Mike Cichanowski at the front of the third pack. At the turn at the bottom of the course, Bret Stockton tipped and was washed downstream. Al was edged out into the current and momentarily dropped a few lengths behind. For a short time the race seemed to be between Landick and the only top-four repeater from last year—Herbert. But this was a course that seemed to be designed for Minnesota paddlers, with the last 4.5 miles being upstream, and Al was even able to readily pass the man that paddled up the Grand Canyon just a couple of years ago. First again.

The Women's C2 race brought out most of the best; a few held out to save their energy for the Mixed race the following day. From horn to horn the race belonged to Shari Eaton and Tanna Fries, who paddled C3 (mixed? or womens? we'll have to wait a couple months to hear what gender the next Fries shall be). Jenny and Anne pulled in a second prize, and ex-Minnesotan Marge Gardner teamed with Nancy Shelhorse to take fourth overall.

Another race on Saturday that was important to Minnesotans was the Junior event. The money was mostly on the two teams from the local scouting programs. Kent Buryska and Scott Nesvold had recently been half of the championship team at the Scout Nationals, while Tony Pasma and Eric Canny had just taken top prize at the Junior Mississippi Classic. In the end, Kent and Scott won comfortably. Eric and Tony fell off in the last several miles and surrendered second place to the defending champions.

Come Sunday morning, the river was on the way back down. The Mixed race had taken on such an importance that, for some, the rest of the weekend had only been practice. Nick Bauer and Lynne Capen had come up with another funny-boat; this one was a new Jensen designed pro boat that had miraculously grown Crozier-like bumps overnight. The Bartons were there after both taking Saturday off. Tanna and Mike had decided some time in advance to split, and each paddled with an Eaton for the last big race. The veteran team of Anne Rudquist and Cary Bush seemed well honed and, oh yeah, Al and Jenny were there too. The race was pure textbook material. Al and Jenny paddled comfortably at or near the front of the lead pack and waited for the correct time to make a move. When the race finished, as the temperature was coming up fast, Al had his third first place and Jenny had added to her two silvers with a gold. Bruce and Roxanne took second, followed by Mike and Shari, with Nick and Lynne powering the pro boat to fourth. Anne and Cary brought home Minnesota points with their seventh place finish.

Sunday was also the day for the Over/Under race that pits the old/young teams against each other. I left the finish line before this event was over, but I think the name Cichanowski dominated this race with Mike and Amy in first while Jerry and Heather were third or second. Sorry I missed this. Also, times for the Mixed race were not posted by the time I had left. — **Tom Nolz**

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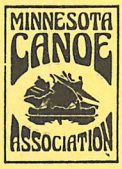
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