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HUT! is the signal on which paddlers change sides. It was first used by Tom Estes and Eugene Jensen in the 1940s as they won four Aquatennial canoe races. It was adopted as the title of the MCA magazine because it symbolizes the teamwork and coordination necessary for effective canoeing.

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ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 11-1-85 THROUGH 10-31-86

Income:

Resin depots	$11,104.38	
Building plans and books	984.00	
Product sales	895.40	
TOTAL SALES TO MEMBERS		$12,983.78
Miscellaneous Income	$ 325.82	
Advertising	2,399.00	
Classes	3,800.00	
Interest	324.86	
Banquet	850.00	
TOTAL OTHER INCOME		7,699.68
MEMBERSHIP DUES		11,482.50
Gross Income		$32,165.96

Expenses:

HUT!	$ 8,358.61	
Printing	938.21	
Postage	1,072.44	
Activities	1,444.34	
Classes	1,408.42	
Banquet	974.85	
Miscellaneous	990.97	
Total Expenses		$15,187.84

Cost of goods sold to members:

TOTAL 1985 INVENTORY		$ 4,671.02
1986 Inventory --		
Resin	$ 3,897.02	
Building Books and Plans	260.00	
T-Shirts and patches	1269.00	
TOTAL 1986 INVENTORY		5,426.02
NET INCREASE IN INVENTORY		$ 755.00
1986 Inventory Purchases		
Resin	$10,597.54	
Books and Plans	23.65	
T-Shirts and Patches	818.60	
TOTAL 1986 PURCHASES		$11,439.79
Total Cost of Goods Sold		$10,684.79

Income Summary:

Sales to members	$12,983.78	
Cost of Goods Sold	10,684.79	
NET SALES INCOME		$ 2,298.99
Membership Dues	$11,482.50	
Other Income	7,699.68	
TOTAL DUES AND OTHER INCOME		19,182.18
Total Income		$21,481.17
Total Expenses		15,187.84
NET INCOME		$ 6,293.33
1985 Chapter Rebates		950.00

Assets:

Checking Account	$ 5,317.85	
Savings Account	7,367.86	
Inventory	5,198.43	
Total Assets		$17,884.14

FROM THE BOW

This is the month for our Builders Show and Annual Banquet, and I certainly hope you've made your reservations by now! If you have not, I would suggest that doing so post-haste would be in your own best interest, otherwise you are going to miss out on great MCA traditional event....

As I write this (early January) it's only been a few weeks since it was announced that Dorothy Moulter had passed away at her home in northern Minnesota. As the Root Beer Lady of the BWCA she was familiar to many canoeists and I am sure to a great many of our members. It was, of course, only fitting that her last days were spent exactly where she wanted them to be; at her home, on the island, in the northwoods.

Some say "the end of an era" has taken place with her passing, and that may be so... but we have always been fertile ground for people like Ms. Moulter, Sig Olson, Bill McGee and their genre. Blessed comes to mind as an apt word when I think of their contributions over the years...Blessed is what we've been. But the end of an era...no, I don't think so. This area has always produced people who hear different drummers, and continues to do so today. It's part of our mystique that we continue to send forth Schurke's and Steiger's and Bancroft's into the larger American melee. A good many years from now, with their passing someone will declare an "era over," but by then we will have produced another generation. It's one of the things we do best. It just may be that people like these are our most important contribution.--**Al Gustaveson, President**

MINNESOTA CANOE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 3, 1986

The meeting was called to order by President, Al Gustaveson, at 7:43 pm.

In attendance were: Al Gustaveson, Debbie Murphy, Jim and Verna Robinson, Steven Franklin, John Tuttle, Bill Simpson, Don Mitchell, Bob O'Grady, George Skinner, Earl and Janice Liberko, and Caryl Duke.

A motion was made by Bob O'Grady, seconded by Steve Franklin and unanimously carried to approve the November minutes as read.

Publications: The December **HUT!** will be out late. Jim needs material for **HUT!** and encourages everyone to submit articles, cruise reports, etc.

Education and Safety: Kayak rolling classes will be starting soon. George is also setting up a permanent reference file to be passed on to future Education and Safety directors.

Cruising: Bill reported that cruising was a little slow this month. Mention was made to the rating system that Cliff Jacobson wrote about in his article. Bill said that such a system was in place, but that most cruise leaders were not using it. He encouraged the board to use it whenever they lead cruises.

Public Relations: After getting to know the system, Bob O'Grady is anxious to get the MCA as much publicity as possible. He encouraged everyone to let him know of any events we wish to have publicized. There was also discussion on whether or not to publish major cruises, such as the Fall Color Cruise, due to the insurance issue.

Conservation: Don Mitchell, Vice President, presented a letter from the Illinois Sierra Club regarding a proposed lock and dam and the effect of this lock on the Mississippi River. Don felt that the lock and dam could affect Minnesota environmentally as well as increase the barge traffic. He will look into this issue further and let the board know of his findings.

There was discussion regarding a previously tabled motion to give money/sponsorship to worthy conservation groups.

Some of the groups mentioned as possible recipients were: Northguard, American Rivers Conservation Council, the Audubon Society, The Sierra Club, Ontario Naturalists, the National Wildlife Federation, and the Friends of the Boundary Waters.

A motion was made by Don Mitchell, and seconded by Jim Robinson to give $50 to Northguard, but to postpone the vote until the financial reports were completed.

A motion was made by Jim Robinson and seconded by George Skinner to wait until the financial reports were completed to determine what amounts should be spent on conservation concerns. This motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: The MCA received $375 from the Fall Triathalon which was co-sponsored by the MCA, REI, and Hennepin County Parks. Some MCA members participated in the event and other MCA members helped out on the course. It was a fun afternoon for everyone.

The Rice Lake, Wisconsin group has postponed forming their chapter until after the first of the year.

Plans for the annual banquet are going well. We have found a new caterer. The meal will cost $8.00 per person and will include turkey, beef, potatoes, relish trays and a vegetable. A registration form will be put in **HUT!**

New Business: John Tuttle, Rapids Riders Chapter President, is working on developing a new membership list for their chapter.

Whitewater Expo plans are going well. The Expo will again be held at the Edgewood Community Center in Moundsview, and Jeff Grigsby will be the coordinator.

A motion was made by Jim Robinson, seconded by George Skinner, and unanimously carried to advance a $300 line of credit to the Rapids Riders Chapter for Whitewater Expo expenses.

Discussion took place regarding the Idaho portaging law, how a lack of this type of law affects Minnesota canoeists, and the MCA's position and ability to do something regarding this issue. The general opinion of the board was that it was too late to do anything significant for the 1987 session of the legislature. Also, due to the many aspects of this issue, further consideration and discussion will need to take place.

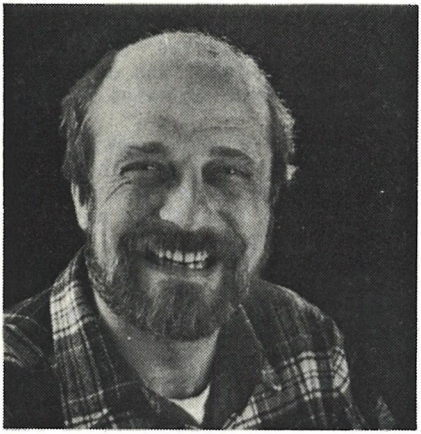
The steering committee decided that the best way to aid MCA members was to send out a questionnaire. Since many questionnaires in the past have not had a high level of response, they felt that offering prizes would help boost responses for this one. The questionnaire will appear in the December **HUT!**

A motion was made by Bob O'Grady, seconded by Steve Franklin and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm.

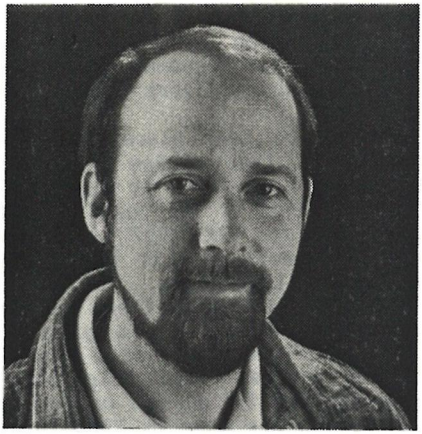
Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Murphy, Secretary



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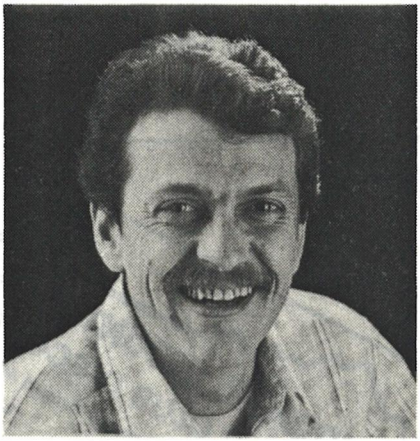
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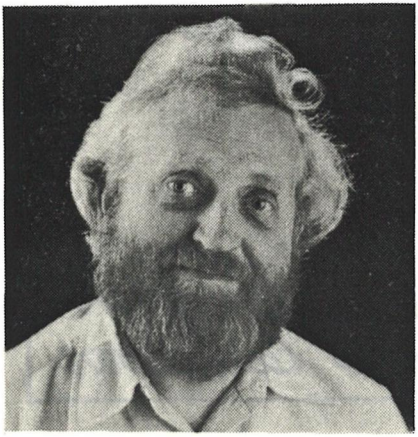
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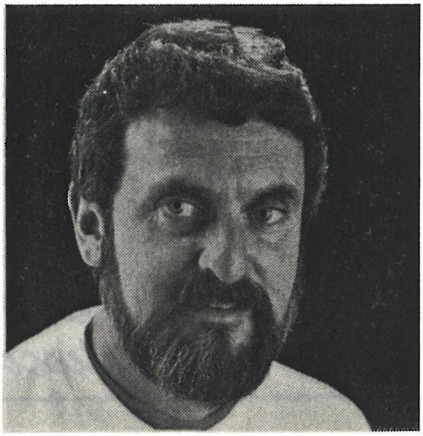
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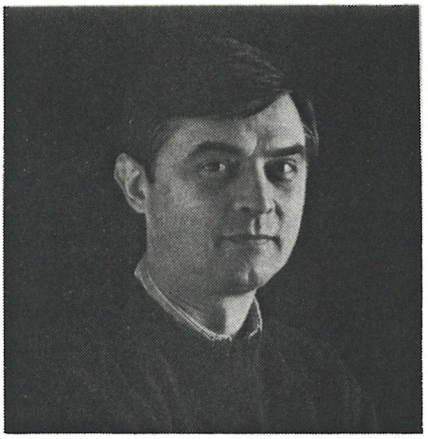
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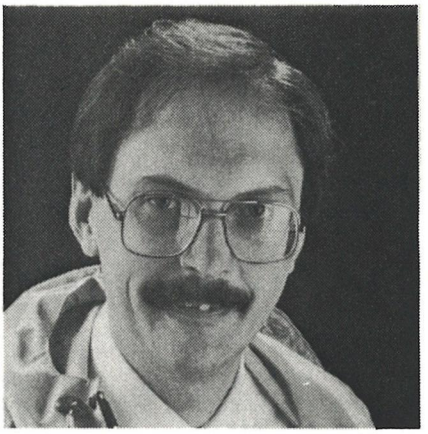
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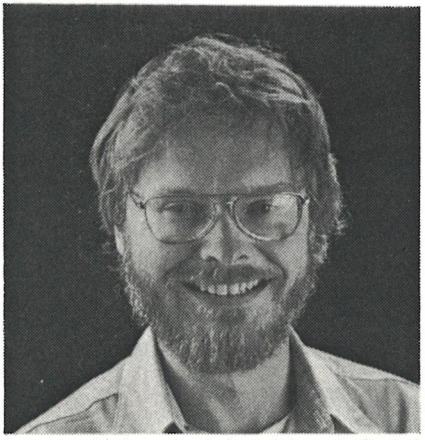
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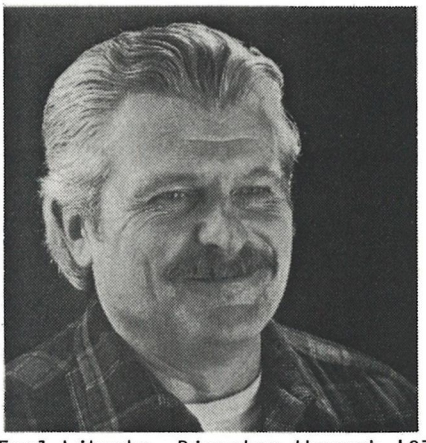
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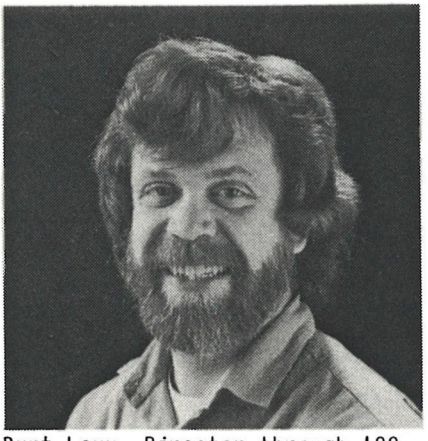
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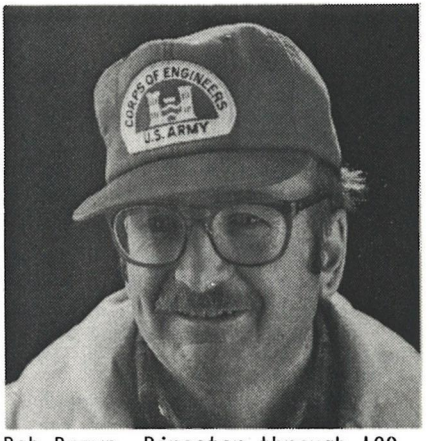
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Earl Liberko, Director through '87



Burt Levy, Director through '88



Bob Brown, Director through '89

Not pictured: Debbie Murphy, Secretary; Greg Lais, Conservation
Photos by Burt Levy

BEST "ALL AROUND CANOE" - A NEW COMERS PERSPECTIVE

As a new comer (3 summers) to the sport of canoeing, I would like to give my choice for a good, safe, all weather, easy, and fun to paddle canoe.

First of all a little history:

My first summer in Minnesota ('84) I bought the first canoe I saw, a 14' bathtub of a canoe (a Dolphin - Princess). Well, it floated great, and as I hadn't done any serious canoeing previously, it seemed like it paddled well.

I had a lot of fun my first summer - doing mostly weekend trips - some of the rivers in my area: Zumbro, Straight, and some in the Northwoods: Little Forks, St. Louis, Bois Brule, etc. I was really getting hooked on paddling, but the craft didn't feel right. (Especially lugging the 74 pounder over the 230 rod uphill portage between Pine & Canoe Lakes (BWCA).

That winter, after listening to Cliff Jacobson talk about the joys of solo canoeing, I decided tp get something a little more maneuverable, faster, more comfortable, and lighter.

From the barge I paddled all summer of '84, in the Spring of '85 I overshot in the other direction - a kevlar Wenonah Advantage. WOW - did it feel great, and fast. But after I'd wrapped it around a rock in Snake Tail rapids (Pine River, NE Wisconsin), I realized I wasn't going to do well in very rough water with a "racing" canoe. (Karl Ketter did an excellent job in putting it back together - while adding a strip of wood on the gunwale for extra support.) Also, I noticed it was susceptible to winds on open water. It was a light beast, though. I portaged around the rapids of the Vermillion (St. Louis county) faster than it could have been paddled (- some exaggeration), but I did miss the ride.

During the layover of the following winter, an advertisement in CANOE magazine caught my eye. It was a picture of a paddler going along the shores of Lake Superior in a sea kayak. I had seen "Pictured Rocks" by one of those "tour" boats, but now I imagined myself paddling right next to those magnificent sandstone cliffs.

Well, along came the Spring of '86 and I was buying another "canoe" (note the British accent).

Having decided on a sea kayak, for the reasons of price and durability, I bought an Aquaterra Chinook. It did what I bought it for and more.

One of my first trips out was on the spring-time high waters of the Lower Tamarack River. The first several miles were somewhat tame (and interesting scenery), But the last few miles, before emptying into the St. Croix, were quite spirited. I had expected to camp out somewhere on the St. Croix but the water was flowing at such a good rate I made it down to where the Snake dumps in to the St. Croix by about 3:30 P.M.

Well, I don't want to write a book, so to get to the point, I used this "sea kayak" all summer: paddling around the Isle Royale - Lake Superior gets pretty mean sometimes; a trip down the South fork of the Flambeau (nearly running over an Unfortunate Grumman being winched out of Slough Gundy - good thing I scouted this one); the Clouqet, etc. (Yep - the etc. does include good old Pictured Rocks.)

You aren't going to be able to pack the moose you just bagged near Sawbill Lake (though I've seen pictures of Eskimos with seal drooped across their craft) but it will hold plenty for at least a 2-3 week trip.

It is maneuverable enough (you won't be able to play in the rapids like a white-water kayak, but you won't have any trouble going straight through them), it bounces off rocks (I've had a few rough landings on the rocky shores of the Lake Superior, Lake Michigan), it

holds the course well (I don't have the optional rudder), it's light enough (55 lbs.), not so affected by the wind, quick enough (I'm not a racer - But on flat water I would do 50 mile days - no portages), and an enjoyable substitute for a canoe.

Well, (so far) that's my choice for an "all arounder." I don't plan to buy another 'canoe' in '87 (but I haven't been to any talks by Cliff Jacobson yet this year either).--**Andy Mitchell**

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I'D RATHER BE CANOEING

First thing is a Thank You to Jan Amberson and Commitee for their work on the Survey. Jan has given of her professional expertise to help the MCA Board of Directors improve your organization. If you haven't sent in your completed form yet, do it right away.

This month's **HUT!** has been a real bear to put together. Jan felt that the Survey form should be printed again. The Builders Show/ Banquet insert MUST go in. February is the month we print the Membership List. There is a two-page photo spread of the Board of Directors. All these and the regular **HUT!** material produced the equivalent of 55 pages. Too big!!

What can we leave out? Cliff? Builders Corner? Letters to **HUT!**? How about that photo spread? Aha! Let's postpone the Membership List to March.

Now we're down to 41 pages. Oh, oh. We have to go in four page increments. How about that photo spread? No, we've put that off twice already waiting for everyone to get their picture taken by Burt Levy. Looks like everyone will have to wait 'til March to read Bob Brown's comments concerning the USCA and their "Cruiser."

Now we've got 39 pages. Oops. We forgot the "New Members." Well, that reduces the space to fill.

The last time we needed a big filler, "Paddling with Dad" appeared. Let's ask Alexandra to write something. "No way, dad. I spent too much time typing **HUT!** I've got tons of homework to do." Oh well, you can't argue with a teen-ager when she uses that excuse.

Now what? An Ole and Lena joke? No, we caught enough flak with our "What Kind of Man Reads **HUT!**" We don't need the Scandanavians mad at us too. Nobody has a sense of humor anymore.

Why don't we just tell everyone what a job it was to put **HUT!** together?--**James Robinson, Publications Director and HUT! Editor**

CRUISE NOTES

Some possible cruise suggestions for 1987.

A. Repeated Offerings:

The Namekagan	The Mississippi through Winona
The Flambeau North Fork	Minnehaha Creek
The St. Croix	The Upper Iowa
The Crow Wing	

B. A couple more extended wilderness travel trips:

The BWCA/Quetico	The Big Fork River
Ontario "de facto" wilderness paddling	

C. Smaller, western Wisconsin rivers, such as:

The Apple	The Clam
The Red Cedar	The Yellow
The East Fork of the Black	

D. Some easier to moderate Spring whitewater runs:

The White	The lower Snake
The Nemadji	The lower Kettle

(Heavier duty runs are probably best left up to the Rapids Riders Chapter-- Enrollment in the Whitewater training course, or a comparable program, is strongly recommended before setting out for such places as Hell's Gate, the lower St. Louis, South Fork of the Flambeau, the whitewater of the north eastern Wisconsin, etc.)

E. Some smaller Minnesota rivers:

The Root	The Rum
The Sunrise	The Crow

The rivers of the Coteau Prairie- Lac Qui Parle, Yellow Medicine, etc.

F. "Big water" paddling on Lake Superior

The above areas really just scratch the surface of what the midwest has to offer. I'm just trying to stimulate some enthusiasm. If any of these pique your interest, perhaps you might like to organize and lead a cruise. If you're not ready for that, then how about becoming a participant on one? The cruise program is but one part of a healthy organization, but it serves as a vital link between the dreams and reality of exploring our liquid world.
--Bill Simpson, Cruising Director

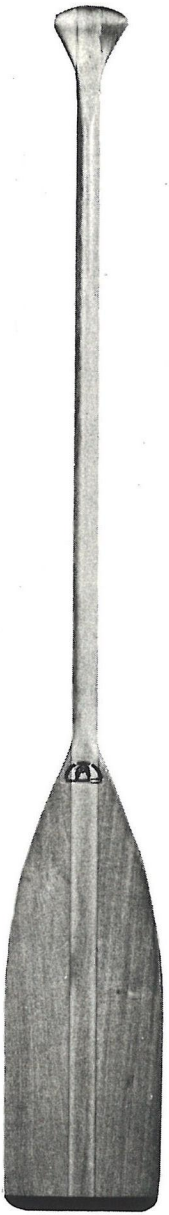
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I've developed a system that helps to keep the weight managable. My decks are labor intensive (they take time), but any klutz can put them together.

These decks are attached after the inner gunnel is in place, but before the outer rub rail is installed.

You must first decide how long they should be and how much crown you wish to have. Having made these decisions, you can build a cross member (deck beam) that will go from gunnel to gunnel at the inner ends of each deck. The strip deck will be supported by this beam and the edges of the hull.

Fair up the edges so the strips have a reasonably flat surface to lay on and start stripping.

I lay up all strips on a dry run first. I let the ends over hang the edges of the boat. I also bevel the bottom edges of tje strips to assure a good fill on the outside.

When both ends are filled with strips, I label all parts and disassemble the parts.

I next prime the bottoms and edges of all parts trying to keep the outside free of resin. When this primer is cured, I lightly sand all the primed surfaces.

I use West System Resin as a primer. I also use it as the glue that holds this deck together. I coat the top edges of the hull and recoat my strips as I reassemble all the parts. Be sure to use enough staples to hold the strips flat and smooth.

Once this resin has cured, trim off the surplus and start sanding. I sand the outer surface with 36 grit paper, then when it is clean and smooth, I graduate to 50 or 60 grit. I round off all edges and sand a couple inches down on the top of the hull. Now you are ready to glass.

Only the outside of the decks is glassed. One layer of glass over the top and an inch down the sides will do the job. When cured, sand again with 50-60 grit and paint on a finish coat of epoxy.

Install the outer gunnels and any other trim, and enjoy.

--Bob Brown

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Whitewater Canoe and Kayak Expo - 87
March 14, 1987
Edgewood Community Center
Moundsview, MN

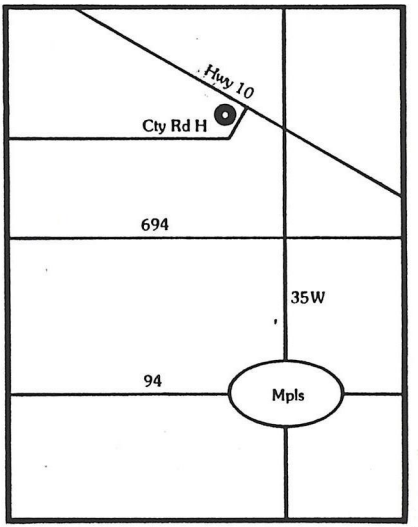
If you are interested in learning more about whitewater canoeing and kayaking, then come to the fourth annual Whitewater Canoe and Kayak Expo presented by the Rapids Riders chapter of the Minnesota Canoe Association and co-sponsored by the Moundsview Parks and Recreation and Midwest Mountaineering.

Planned Schedule:

10:00 a.m.	**Presentation** - Midwestern Whitewater Rivers **Films** - Song of the Paddle
11:00 a.m.	**Presentation** - Personal Whitewater Equipment Kayak Outfitting **Films** - Whitewater Primer & Margin for error
12:00 noon	**Presentation** - Canoe Outfitting **Films** - Survival
1:00 p.m.	**Presentation** - Technical River Rescue **Films** - To Kayak
2:00 p.m.	**Presentation** - Reading Whitewater **Films** - Fast & Clean and a First Aid Presentation
3:00 p.m.	**Presentation** - Advanced Paddling Topic **Films** - Whitewater Primer & Margin for error **Pool Demonstration** - Introduction to Whitewater Canoeing and Kayaking
4:00 p.m.	**Presentation** - Open Discussion **Pool Demonstration** - Advanced Demonstration and Paddling in the Pool

During the entire day there will be Kayak videos and exhibits of equipment in the gymnasium. Also register for door prizes and talk to Rapids Riders Chapter members about classes and trips. Bring your swimsuit and try your skills during the pool demonstration sessions.

Workers are needed for the Expo. Call John Tuttle at 933-6603 if you can and want to help.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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SPECIAL EVENT:
BUILDING SHOW--ANNUAL BANQUET
Saturday the 21st.

4 WED — MCA BOARD MEETING. 7:30 p.m. Bob Brown's, 12936 Galaxie Ave, Apple Valley. 432-7557.

6-8 — BOUNDARY WATERS SKI WEEKEND at Borderland Lodge. Twin Ports Chapter. Call Dale Stanek (218) 525-4056

10 TUE — RAPID RIDERS MEETING. ****NOTE LOCATION CHANGE**** At John Tuttle's, 4041 Merriam Rd, Minnetonka. Call 933-6603 for directions.

18 WED — CANOEING THE FAR NORTH. Slide show series sponsored by Wilderness Inquiry Association and MCA. Session #2: Winisk River/Hudson Bay--Ontario. Leigh Williams. See page 12 for directions to site and more details.

21 SAT — BUILDING SHOW AND ANNUAL BANQUET. Brooklyn Center Civic Center, Shingle Creek Parkway and I-694. Builders show, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Banquet at 7:00 p.m. See insert for details of building show and banquet.

21-22 — DOGSLED/WINTER CAMPING on Wolf Lake. Details under Duluth Traveler, or call Tim Sundquist (218) 724-4143

27 FRI — RAPIDS RIDERS ROLLING CLASSES at Oxford pool, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

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SPECIAL EVENT:
WHITEWATER EXPO
Saturday the 14th

1 — Registration opens for MCA Rapids Riders Whitewater Canoe/Kayak class.

4 WED — MCA BOARD MEETING. 7:30 p.m. Location to be announced.

6 FRI — RAPIDS RIDERS ROLLING CLASS. At Oxford pool, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

10 TUE — RAPIDS RIDERS MEETING at the Ground Round in Roseville, Snelling Ave. just south of Co. Rd. B. Room reserved for 6:30 p.m. Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

14 SAT — WHITEWATER CANOE AND KAYAK EXPO. Edgewood Community Center, Moundsview. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Open to the public. See page 15 for details.

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PRIZE DRAWING ELIGIBILITY:

Mailed forms must be received by February 18, 1987.

Forms may be submitted at the Builders Show no later than 7:00 p.m., February 21, 1987.

Forms received after these deadlines will **not** be eligible for prize drawing.

Submit **one** form only. Submitting more than one form will cause ineligibility for prize drawing.

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The MCA is giving away a choice of:

A candle lantern;
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Straight-shaft paddle;
Day pack;
One space in an MCA class;
One year subscription to Canoe Magazine;
A free 2-year MCA membership.

Yes, you can have 8 chances to win. All you have to do is return the survey and your name will be automatically entered in our drawing to be held at our Annual Banquet in February.

The MCA is interested in finding out more about members' interests and needs--that means we must hear from YOU. You are vital to the health of our organization and the organization wants to be vital to you. We want to respond better to our members, and to do that, we need to know what is important to you.

Fill out and return your survey today! Tell us what you think and win a prize!

Survey results will be published in the March **HUT!**

MCA SURVEY
Name_____
Address_____
City_____ State_____ Zip_____
Phone_____
Age_____

1. Do you live:
   ____ Near an MCA Chapter?
   ____ Outstate--away from Chapters?
   ____ Out of state?

   If you feel you are out of our area, go to question 15.

2. Why did you join the MCA? Check all that apply.
   ____ to get **HUT!**
   ____ To take a Whitewater class
   ____ To take a Flatwater class
   ____ To take a Rescue class
   ____ To have organized trips
   ____ To get building plans
   ____ For social activities
   ____ Other (fill in) _____

3. I plan to:
   ____ Keep my membership.
   ____ Drop my membership.

4. Do you canoe:
   ____ Solo?
   ____ Tandem?
   ____ Both?

5. Is your paddling mostly family oriented?
   ____ Yes.
   ____ No.

MCA ANNUAL BANQUET
February 21, 1987 — 7 to 10 p.m.

Following the Builders Show at the Brooklyn Center Civic Center, the MCA will have our Annual Banquet. Make plans to attend now.... reservations will be required!

The banquet program will be a slide presentation by Leigh Williams of the YMCA group trip she took on the Winisk River/Hudson Bay/Polar Bear Provincial Park, Ontario.

We will have one the area's foremost caterer's for the annual event. Meet and greet those canoe buddies from around the state that the Builders Show brings together...then join with them for the feast.

Join us--reserve now! For only $8.00 per person.
RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 14, 1987!!!

Name_____

Address_____

Number in party_____@ $8.00 each = $_____

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Shingle Creek Parkway at I-94

MCA ANNUAL BUILDING SHOW
February 21, 1986 — 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Free admission. Everyone Welcome.

Starting at 12 noon, Bob Brown and Bruce Kunz will be demonstrating building with a chance to get your "hands on." From 1:00 to 2:00, Mike Zapf will be showing a series of slides showing building techniques. At 3:00, Martin Van of Eau Galle Boat Works will be speaking on the use of epoxy in canoe building. Bob Brown will speak on design and performance at 4:00. There will be many strip canoes on display showing various methods used by their builders.

6. How many canoes/kayaks do you own, and what kind? Put a number in the blanks. For example, if you own 2 cruising canoes and a sea kayak, put a "2" in the cruising blank and a "1" in the sea kayak blank.

____ Sea Kayak
____ Whitewater Kayak
____ Decked C1
____ Decked C2
____ Whitewater Open Canoe
____ Touring Canoe
____ Cruising Canoe
____ Racing Canoe
____ Expedition Canoe

7. How many days of each of the following kinds of canoeing do you do? Put the estimate in the blanks. If you don't do that kind, put a zero.

____ If none, check here
____ Quietwater cruising
____ Whitewater (Class I-II)
____ Whitewater (Class III)
____ Whitewater (Class IV-V)
____ Racing
____ Other _____
____ BWCA (weekend)
____ BWCA (extended)
____ Other Wilderness
____ Family Trip
____ Fishing trip
____ Urban canoeing

8. What trips would you take with the MCA if offered? Rank order by preference. "1" in front of most preferred to "8" in front of least preferred.

____ If not applicable, check here
____ Quietwater cruise
____ Whitewater (Class I-II)
____ Whitewater (Class III)
____ Whitewater (Class IV-V)
____ BWCA (weekend)
____ BWCA (extended)
____ Family float
____ Other _____

9. Would you go on Winter trips with the MCA if offered? Check all that apply.

____ Southern rivers (Quietwater)
____ Southern rivers (Whitewater)
____ Downhill skiing
____ Cross-country skiing
____ Winter camping
____ Other _____
____ Not applicable

10. I would like the MCA to: (Check all that apply)

____ Have monthly meetings with a program and trip sign-up.
____ Have more social activities.
____ Have Winter trips.
____ Have orientation meetings for new members.
____ Other _____
____ Nothing, I'm not interested.

11. What kinds of programs would you come to?
Rate each program 1 Would definitely attend
2 Might attend
3 Not interested

____ Urban canoeing	____ Environmental program
____ Canoe building	____ Tandem paddle nights
____ Introduction to whitewater	____ Canoe poling
____ Expedition canoeing	____ Canoe safety
____ Solo paddle nights	____ Canoe sailing
____ Lake Superior paddling	____ Racing
____ Sea kayaking	____ BWCA trip information
____ Photography for canoeists	____ Introduction to MCA

____ "Open projector" night (bring your own slides, films, etc.)

____ Other _____

12. Would you like the MCA to publish an annual membership directory?

____ Yes
____ No

13. Would you like to be called to do small jobs in the MCA?

____ Yes
____ No

14. Do you participate in an MCA Chapter in your area?

____ Yes	____ No chapter in my area
____ No	____ Would like help in starting a chapter.

15. For those who are out of our immediate area, we are delighted you're with us! How can the MCA help you?

_____

_____

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Would you like help starting a chapter in your area?

____ Yes
____ No.

Please mail this Survey Form to:
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Minneapolis, MN 55414

18 WED CANOEING THE FAR NORTH. Slide show series sponsored by Wilderness Inquiry Association and MCA. Session #3: Northwest Coastal Waters, British Columbia/Alaska. See page 12 for directions and details.

19 THU TWIN PORTS CHAPTER MEETING 7:00 p.m. Ski Hut, 1032 E. 4th St., Duluth. Good chance to look, dream and ask questions about the latest canoeing equipment.

APRIL

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15 WED CANOEING THE FAR NORTH. Slide show series sponsored by Wilderness Inquiry Association and MCA. Session #4: Victoria Island, Northwest Territories. With Tom Anderson. See page 12 for directions and details.

15 Registration for Whitewater Class closes.

16 - MAY 21 TRAVEL WRITING: WOMEN AND WILDERNESS. Non-credit class on books and articles by women canoeists, and mule or camel trekkers, both present and past. FMI Call Judith Niemi, (612) 227-2284. Register by April 1st at The Loft, 2301 Franklin Ave. East, Mpls, Mn. 55406. $65 Loft members, $75 non-members.

21 TUE Rapids Riders Whitewater class meeting number one; equipment & outfitting; 7-9 p.m. Lynnhurst Community Center (tentative location)

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12 TUE MOVIE NIGHT - Path of the Paddle; open to public, free admission. Also, Rapids Riders whitewater class meeting number two, St. Paul Student Center, U of M. 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. (tentative location)

16 SAT Rapids Riders Whitewater class meeting number three. Flatwater paddle session, Coon Rapids Dam 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (tentative location)

30-31 ST. CROIX CANOE WEEKEND - PARTY AND DANCE, at St. Croix State Park. MCA efficient paddling class, Rapids Riders Whitewater class meeting number four. Lower Kettle, and St. Croix Rivers.

June 6-7 Rapids Riders Whitewater class meeting number five. Brule and Kettle River. We will stay at North Country Canoe weekend--you must register with them separately (Sponsored by the Twin Ports Chapter).

CLIFF'S CORNER--THE BUCK STARTS HERE



In the December issue of **HUT!**, I shared with you my concern about MCA cruises. Here, I think, is a workable solution to the problem:

First, let's consider the fate of the trip leader(s). All is not roses out there, you know. The leader painstakingly checks routes, makes phone calls to ascertain water levels, then just patiently waits by the phone with high hopes that enough folks will register to make the trip possible. When the phone rings off, a dozen names are in the offing. Surely, it's a "go."

Then comes the big day. What was sunshine and roses Friday night is now persistent rain. Suddenly the venture has turned into a "solo" experience. No one but the leader shows up!

Granted, you are "supposed" to call the leader for reservations well in advance of the trip. But not everyone does. And those who do, often change their minds. In the end, the leader's left holding the bag.

Here's a better way--one that guarantees commitment from registrants, rewards the weary leader, ensures safety, and puts a few bucks in the MCA coffers. Here are the rules I propose:

1. Participants must call ahead and reserve space for all MCA cruises. A master list will be kept by the leader and checked off as paddlers arrive. It will be leader's responsibility to ascertain that every name on the list is present in body and spirit at the end of the run. This sort of check is even more important on loosely run ventures (like MCA cruises) than on tight-reined commercial operations.

2. A three dollar per canoe (maximum of five dollars per family) fee will be charged for each canoe in the party. The trip leader will receive ten dollars, or 50 percent of the take, whichever is larger. Leftover funds go into the MCA treasury, earmarked for cruise expenditures, leader payment, and the like.

In time, if sufficient funds accumulate, monies will be used to purchase essential cruise items: complete first-aid kits, throw-bags, rainfly for on-the-river lunch breaks, county map books, etc. etc. Hopefully, one or more "leader kits" will be assembled by this process and will be available for use by prospective trip leaders.

3. Those who don't pre-register for trips are welcome. However, the cost "at the door" is five dollars per canoe, not three.

4. Those who don't wish to register by phone, may use the mails instead. A form will be available (perhaps printed twice a year in **HUT!**) from the MCA for this purpose. A check may be mailed to the MCA for the amount owed, or it can be paid to the leader in cash on the river. If you register by phone, we expect you to pay, whether or not you show up. If you don't show, you'll be billed (plus postage and one dollar handling fee) later by the MCA.

5. Cancellations: Complete refunds will be given if you cancel no later than 24 hours in advance of the trip.

6. Registrants who call ahead for reservations will be screened by the trip leader before they arrive at the river. By pre-registration by phone, the leader can--indeed should--ascertain that those in his/her charge have the necessary skills.

RULES FOR THE LEADER

1. The leader is "ethically" (not legally) responsible for those

in the party. Before departing, the leader ascertains that everyone has the essential gear and clothing. At trips end, the leader checks to see that everone has arrived safely, that cars will start, etc. The exception here is the MCA color-cruise extravaganza, which traditionally attracts millions.

2. The leader comes prepared both in spirit and equipment. He/she carries a complete first aid kit, and when appropriate, river map, rescue gear, etc.

3. No one passes the leader.

If my suggestions appear too rigid for a come-as-you-are MCA cruise, consider the benefits of the "new plan."

Commitment: If you've paid to go on a cruise (even three bucks), you'll probably show up. And if you don't, the leader will have something to show for his/her efforts.

Prestige: Right now, MCA members don't value cruises very much, probably because things have largely been indefinite, sometimes even haphazard. A fee will encourage people to think more positively about the experience. And, it will encourage more prospective leaders to come forth and offer more cruises.

Responsibility: The leader will receive a small honorarium to pay for his time and effort. Along with payment comes felt moral responsibility. Paid leaders are apt to come better prepared and be more serious about their responsibilities than pure volunteers.

Safety: Actually, we should all be commended for our outstanding safety record. Nonetheless, there is always room for error. Pre-registration enables leaders to check the competencies of those in their charge and to discourage inept paddlers from participating. The small honorarium suggests commitment, which helps ensure a safe experience.

Additional monies for the MCA: As we all know, the MCA is always short of cash. If interest in cruises grow, enough funds could be fee generated to allow us to expand programs or offer existing programs at lower cost. Moreover, every cruise leader should carry some sort of tripping emergency kit, and it is unrealistic to expect leaders to furnish their own kits. The MCA can use monies earned to purchase essential leader-kit items.

And what of those who would not attend cruises if they had to pay a small paddling fee? I submit that this will not be a problem. On the contrary, cruise attendance should rise markedly once folks realize what they're getting for their money. After all, what most MCA cruisers want is good organization, safety, and fun. This plan, or a modification of it would guarantee "all of the above".

Now, it's your turn. DO write your feelings to **HUT!** editor Robinson.**--Cliff Jacobson**

FROM THE THWART

Simplicity is a virtue we too often ignore. In our work, our home life, our friendships--yes folks, even here in **HUT!**, at the center of the serious canoeist's wordstream. If we are not careful, high-tech gear and the lastest paddling techniques can become overnight ideologies which threaten to separate canoeists rather than bring us together and advance our sport. Canoe snobbery is a real danger to our organization. Yet I believe it is merely a symptom of a more troublesome malaise--a competitive rather than cooperative vision of paddling and of the entire range of canoeing subskills.

I should clarify that this is not a criticism of **HUT!**, or of the writers who generously contribute time and talent to these pages. Indeed, **HUT!** articles represent the very principle I am advocating: the cooperative presentation of ideas and techniques for the benefit of all who are willing to read and try something new.

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Rather, it is a criticism of the notion that there are "right" and "wrong" methodologies in the first place, and secondly, that it is the privilege of those who believe they do things "right" to put down those who do differently. This probably applies to all areas of canoeing knowledge--from the angle of the paddle shaft to the degree of tumblehome, from the diet of the racer to the strapping of the car-rack. If you took the time to talk canoeing with every single member of our organization (over one thousand people), you could probably learn something new from each and every one.

Simplicity is one of the principles we tend to overlook in this chasing of a canoe ideology. We tend to think the kind of gear (and especially the price tag) is more important than the understanding and appreciation of the paddlers. Here we are victimized by promotional literature and sales hype, and eventually learn to our dismay that Kevlar and Gore-Tex don't make us any "better" than aluminum and cotton. We sometimes think we have to get to Rose Falls or the Canadian bush, or that we have to break hull speed, or that the rapids have to be Class III, if we are to have a good time in a canoe. It simply isn't true. An anecdote, and I will cease my prating:

In midsummer of 1958, I was called from my play by my grandmother to come to a rock at the head of the island, to watch a canoe pass by. The wind was up and the river, a half-mile wide at that point, was kicking up big waves. In those days, the island was fifty miles from a road, deep in the Ontario wilderness.

Most of the detail of the memory is long gone, but how clearly I remember the copper-colored family that swung by us in that ten-minute passing! Mother and father were paddling, the three children and no-end of gear were piled high in the middle of the boat. Their clothes were rags (I can still see the father's torn shirt flapping in the wind.) The canoe was old and beat-up. I remember thinking it strange that my grandmother should call me to see this, when four or five big inboard cruisers went by some days, unheralded. But as I got to the rock and watched, the fascination in her eyes told me this was something special, that I must look closely and not speak.

The steady progress of that canoe in the wind was a dance of grace. It spoke of centuries of affinity between a people and their chosen vessel, an understanding of wind and current that ran deeper than language or logic. The man and woman did not speak, but the chatter of the children clearly displayed their familiarity and ease in the situation. We stood in silent respect as they approached, rounded the point, and passed on toward looming storm clouds which huddled in the west. The movement was so smooth and simple that we might have been watching gulls soar. When they had passed from view, my grandmother turned and told me I could go. That was all.

I cared nothing then, and care nothing now, for what that canoe had been made of. I cared nothing for the length or breadth of the paddles. I cared little about the manner of their movements (though the grace impressed even a very young and restless boy). And today I would rather again see those two humble paddlers than the best of today's North American racers. They were expressing not just their own skills, but a very old and nearly vanished way of life--a life tied up with that ragged canoe in a way that we will never appreciate, never understand.

All of which is to say that as canoeists (whether we race, tour, cruise, run rapids, travel, or simply lolligag) we should be looking to share something positive, something beautiful, perhaps something ancient and spiritual beyond our awareness, with everyone we meet on

the water. It may be an attitude of kindness and respect, a tactful expression of concern when we see something that doesn't look very safe. Or it may be as simple as the MCA invitation: COME PADDLE WITH US!!!--**Don Mitchell**

LETTERS TO HUT!

CANOEING DOWN UNDER

Dear Jim, Verna, Alex, Ana and any new Robinsons on **HUT!** staff:

Greetings from sunny New Zealand! Happy New Year to you and all the rest of the MCA. We miss you all, but not the cold and snow.

We (my wife, Lisa, and I) have been traveling since 11/10/86. After ten days in Fiji, we arrived in New Zealand and are leaving here New Years day for Australia. Back to Minnesota in time for the Basketball Blizzard in the middle of March. So we won't miss all the snow.

We have canoed in Fiji and New Zealand in what the locals call "Canadian Canoes." Normally (or often) using double bladed kayak paddles or double paddles cut in half with no grip. Not ideal, but beats shovelling snow. We have also been camping and tramping in most of N.Z's National Parks as well as kayaking and rafting in some good whitewater (rafting class 4 and 5 rapids)

We have invited many Kiwis (New Zealanders) to come to Minnesota for some real canoeing and BWCA/Quetico tripping. Hopefully, some will be able to afford to come. The idea of a HUT! or switching of sides while paddling with a single bladed paddle truly amazed people. Guides, tourists, kayakers, and anyone on the water could barely believe what we were doing. They still used the "J" stroke and stern rudder-pry. I don't know if we converted anyone, but at least we made them think about trying new techniques. At least now they don't think the "Minnesota Switch" is some sort of stick from "the state just below Canada."

We are looking forward to canoeing more in Australia (or OZ, as the locals call it.) Betty Ketter gave me Willie Morris' address in Melbourne, so he should be able to show us the good spots to paddle around in Australia.

The Ketters could get rich here. One of the N.O.L.S/Outward Bound type schools advertises a week of paddling instruction and camping on the largest lake in N.Z. (Lake Taupo) for $475.00 per person. The first day is simply "learning to have fun while finding out how to control these strange (Canadian canoe with real paddle) craft." I'd like to see a few MCAers with a proboat, USCA Cruiser, or a Jensen and some bent shaft paddles come down and show off some real "American Canoeing."

Anyhow, I hope your winter is not too cold and snowy. We'll be thinking of you guys and the rest of the MCA while we bask in the sun on the beaches of OZ. It's summer here. See you in March.

Karl and Lisa Simer.

SOME THOUGHTS WE WISH TO PASS ON TO THE MCA

I really like the **HUT!** because I'm finding out what other canoeists canoe; canoes, rivers, lakes and equipment. Their experiences, memories, and places they hold dear and not so dear. I especially enjoy finding out what other rivers are like. Reading about other canoeists broadens my canoeing horizon.

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I'm right now wondering if getting away from aluminum canoes into something more efficient could enhance my canoeing experience and further the growth of the canoeing sport. For some, canoeing has to have a low priority economically but with a high priority in spirit. There's something magic about canoeing. It touches the spirit, and I think the canoeing manufacturers would do well if they would offer those efficient canoes at low monthly payment plans. I say there's a lot of aluminum out there and the more the efficient canoes are seen on the rivers and lakes, the more people are going to buy them.

HUT! does a lot because it educates us and makes us aware of something possibly better in canoes and equipment. The manufacturers owe you a lot! Why don't they advertise in **HUT!** and offer special deals to MCA members?

Also, the contrasting articles by Cliff J. and Bob B. are extremely informative and entertaining.

Also, everytime I've written to you people in the MCA, you have written or called me back in response. That has impressed me very much, thanks.

Also, Alice, my wife asked me to pass on that she feels somewhat intimidated by some canoeing enthusiasts because her ability is graded. The freedom of getting away from criticism is one of the things she likes most about canoeing.

Keep up the good work,
Gary & Alice Tylor Ohlsen

HUT! reply:

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Thanks again, Gary, for your great cartoons.

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The January meeting of the RAPIDS RIDERS at the Ground Round in Roseville was well attended by 23 people. Many, many, many new ideas were brought forth and it was great to have all this input from our group! If you have any new ideas or comments bring them to the February 10th meeting. **THIS MEETING WILL BE AT THE HOME OF JOHN TUTTLE AT 7:00 P.M.!!!!** John's address is 4041 Merriam Rd., Minnetonka, phone 933-6603. Please call for directions.

The WHITEWATER EXPO will be held March 14th at Edgewood community Center, Moundsview. Much work and planning is being done, and we are looking forward to a fun and informative session. All RAPIDS RIDERS members wishing to help at the Expo, please call John at 933-6603. The Expo is open to the public. See insert for details.

Our WHITEWATER CONDITIONING PROGRAM, featuring Kerry Hochstein, will be presented Febuary 10th at our regular membership meeting. Due to the nature of this presentation the February meeting will be held at the home of John Tuttle, 4041 Merriam Rd. Minnetonka, MN For directions call John at 933-6603. Please bring your own beverages.

All RAPIDS RIDERS members interested in getting in some pool time in Febuary or March, call Gary Nagle at 487-2079. This is not an instructional offering, but a good chance to "get wet."

The RAPIDS RIDERS ROLLING CLASSES are scheduled for Febuary 27th and March 6th at the Oxford pool. The classes will be 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. each night and total cost will be approximately $20.00. A limited amount of equipment is available for persons who don't have boats. All persons interested, please call; Ed at 487-1811; Gregg at 633-0928; or Gary at 487-2079.

All RAPIDS RIDERS members interested in an out-of-state trip please call Barb Peterson (422-7158 W or 421-4888 H) with your suggestions or interests. The date for this trip is open at this time.

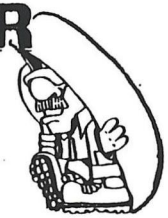
Any club members with photos suitable for a club scrap book please contact Kim at 934-2863 or bring them to one of the club functions.

The RAPIDS RIDERS club is interested in designing a new logo for use in the **HUT!** and for T-shirts, etc. All interested parties please bring your suitable-to-print art work to our monthly meetings in the near future.

Any RAPIDS RIDERS members who have changed address or phone, please call Jeff at 636-4373.

--John Tuttle (I'll be the one upside down.)

DULUTH TRAVELER



NEWSLETTER OF THE TWIN PORTS CHAPTER
President: Fred Freeman, (218) 525-6486
Cruising: Gardner Ellis, (218) 728-5304
Whitewater: Rick Luck, (218) 724-7992
Racing: David Spencer: (218) 624-3413
Membership & Treasurer: Greg Furtman, (218) 525-6027

From what I could learn, several members of the Twin Ports Chapter left the area for a holiday trip. Some went west to ski, some went south for the sun, and some went north. No bugs. All had a good time, and many new experiences. One party carried a canoe to the tip of Florida and back. (If I heard right, they never got it in the water.) Another party noted that a Bermuda tan fades quickly in Duluth. The group that went north joined Barb, Frank and Burke on a dog sled, skiing and winter camping trip in the BWCA. Those who spent New Years' Eve in a tent on Slim Lake enjoyed a selection of Frank's many stories. The tale of the Indian demon Windigo will cetainly be remembered when we go back to the BWCA in the summer when the mosquitos are out in force.

The date of the Boundary Waters Ski Weekend is fast approaching. For those undecided, $72.00 will get each person two nights lodging, three meals, plus more at the Borderland Lodge on the Gunflint Lake the weekend of February 6-8. Contact Dale Stanek, 1620 Lakewood Road, Duluth, Mn. 55804. Phone (218) 525-4056.

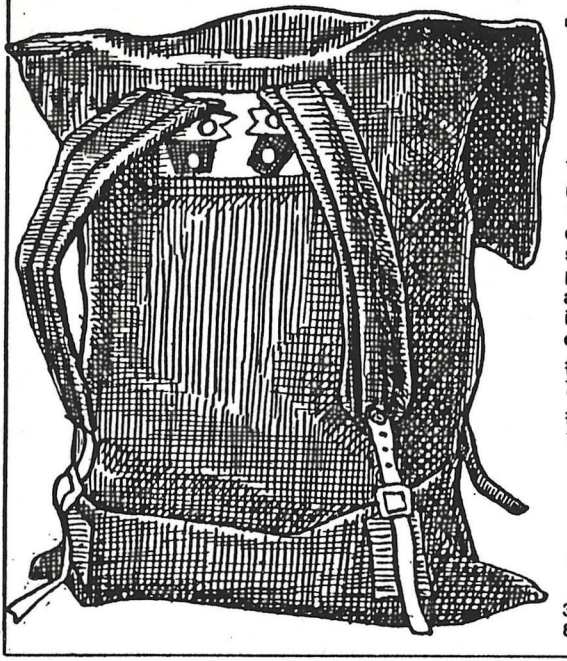
Our next meeting will be Feb. 19, 1987 at Godfather's Pizza, 1623 London Road at 7:00 pm. Everyone welcome, member or not.

A dog sled/winter camping trip is planned for the weekend of Feb. 21-22, 1987. Go along with Frank Hancock and Tim Sundquist on an over-night to the north end of Wolf Lake. Bring your own food, extra clothing, pack, skis or snow shoes, etc. What you bring is what you carry. Limited tent space will be provided. Cost will be approximately $10.00 each. For details, call Tim Sundquist (218) 724-4143.

Dave Spencer says if the warm weather continues, we will probably have an early trout scout trip on the Brule River. If you would like to paddle, give Dave a call (218) 624-3413. I don't think he has missed a week paddling on the Brule this winter. (Winter?)
--Fred B. Freeman

NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG DISTANCE CANOE RACERS
President: Karl Ketter, (612) 636-8116
Race Calendar: Tom Nolz, (612) 689-5719
Rt. 1, Box 202
Cambridge, MN 55008
Coordinator: Betty Ketter: (612) 561-2208

Tom Nolz, current Race Calendar Coordinator, has already put together a pretty complete schedule of next season's events. Be sure to call or write him if you have race information. The calendar will be published in **HUT!** before next spring arrives.**--Bill Simpson**



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EATING CROW

The whole month of December has passed, and we're already into a new year. I hadn't been canoeing for nearly six weeks.

January third proved to be a reasonable day, and I had to go to work in the evening, but I decided to do some canoeing before work.

I called my good friend, Cliff, to see if he'd care to join me. Cliff is one of these guys who looks down his nose at local canoeing, so I was pleasantly surprised when he was waiting at the landing with his gold Lady Slipper launched. He wore a smile from ear to ear. "You're right," he said. "It is open".

Lake Rebecca in Hastings has a bubbler system installed to help aerate the water. It left an open hole large enough for us to get in a few strokes.

Cliff and I played around in this opening, practicing our Free Style strokes and comparing notes on what worked best.

"Here, try this paddle," Cliff said. A few strokes brought me along side, and we swapped paddles. The paddle that he handed me was a long, straight shaft Waddell Paddle. Yes, Clint did build a few. I tried it out and it felt good. I went through some of my favorite show-off strokes and the paddle felt like a magic wand in my hand.

"Well?" said Cliff

"Well what?" I answered

"Well, do you like it?"

"Yah, it seems to work real well."

"That's a 60" paddle, you know."

"So?"

"So, how many years did it take me to convince you that there was a place for such things?" he asked. "How much guff did you give me, when we paddled on the Cannon, about my long paddles when you'd discovered a 50" bent?"

"I never bad-mouthed your paddles, did I?" I said.

"Think about it," he said. "I took a lot of flak over my long paddles."

"From me?" I said.

"Yes, from you," he replied. "I even ate a bit of Crow when I began to use a bent shaft, remember?"

Cliff was right, I had given him a hard time over his Traditional paddling style. The funny thing that I was discovering as I got into Free Style practicing is that some of the old traditional stuff seemed to work real well. Here I was paddling with a paddle that came up to my nose--standing. Seems like I learned that back in my scouting days.

Our canoeing on that Saturday afternoon was cut short by my job commitments, but Cliff had made his point.

"Do I have to eat the whole bird, Cliff?"**--Bob Brown**

Yes, the rumors are true. Karen Bergler and I are engaged. We will marry in May. That means I can not coordinate the Rapids Riders Whitewater class. But, never fear, others in the Rapids Riders are taking over and plans are well under way for '87.

Here are details for MCA classes so far:

Whitewater class, $70, new registration forms will appear in the **HUT!** Registration will open March 1st and close April 15th (no refunds after April 15th). The fee includes: St. Croix Canoe weekend. We will join the Canoe Convention June 6-7, you need to register with them separately. Watch the Calendar and Twin Ports Chapter news for more on the Canoe Convention.

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--George Skinner



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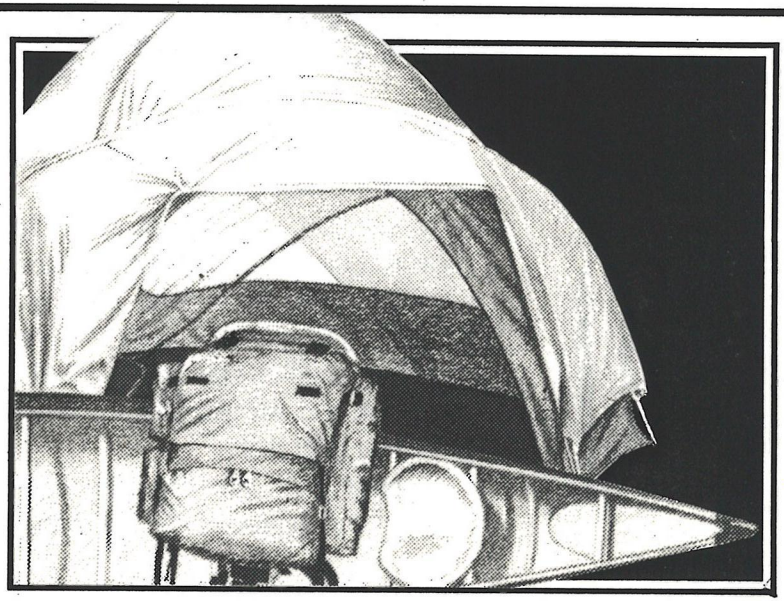
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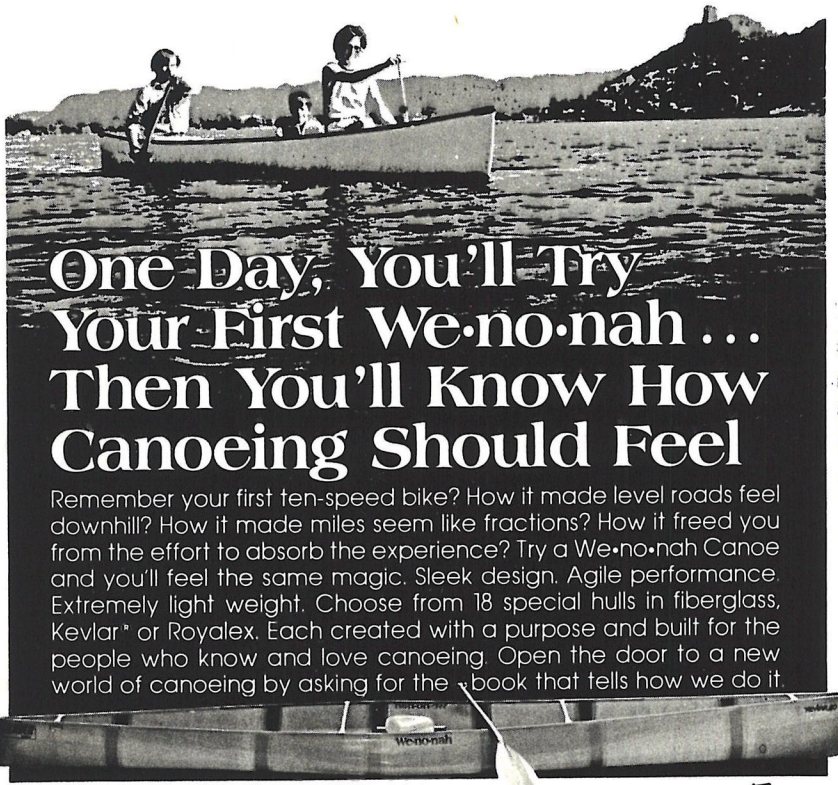
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