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Canoeing in the Midwest



"HUT" is the signal said by one canoer to their partner in order that both paddlers may switch sides in unison. This practice was originated by canoe racers of Minnesota in the late 1940's with the word "HUT" first used by Eugene Jensen, who still builds and races canoes. This swift and distinctive style of paddling has since been recognized as the most effective way to move a canoe by both recreational and racing paddlers.

HUT Magazine is published bi-monthly by the Minnesota Canoe Association, Inc., a non-profit organization, and is distributed to more than 1500 members and numerous friends of the MCA across the nation. Our purpose is to distribute information about canoe sports and canoe camping, to preserve and promote wild rivers, to effect conservation of canoeable waterways, and to encourage canoeing as family recreation.

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On the cover

Merle Miller tries out a new Sylvester Pole on the St. Croix. That beautiful canoe is the new 18 foot cruiser.

Photo by Dean Miller

Activity Meetings 1977

~~February - Bob O'Hara's Artic Expedition~~
~~March - Builders' Show~~
~~April - Cascaders Whitewater Presentation~~
June - Marathon Jensen Handicap
July - Voyageur's
August - State Fair Display
September - Color Cruise and Builder's Contest
October -Banquet
November - Hobby and Craft Show



Office Hours

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Monday: First, third, fourth of each month. Dave White, Cruising.

Second - Lew Miller, Publications.

Tuesday: Walt Jones, Karl Ketter

Wednesday -Dan and Joyce Busch

Thursday:

Friday: Fourth - Chuck Alberg - Building

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THE EDITOR SAYS—

Now that the building shows are over and the creeks are rising we can get to doing what we've been dreaming about all winter. The shows were a great success this year -- lots of interest in our fine strippers and an unprecedented number of new members.

Two newly organized area chapters have been born this spring. The Minnesota Valley Chapter and the Dessert Chapter have some very enthusiastic members and they are doing lots of building and cruising.

Those of you who sent money for Wilderness Camping can begin looking for your first issue. We've received enough subscriptions so that the money and names have been sent in to Harry Roberts. Did you see his article on canoe construction? Gene Jensen had an article in the March-April issue too.

See you at a cruise?

L.M.

Calendar of Events

MAY 5, THURSDAY

Canoe Brigade of the North gala chapter meeting, picnic, and big long canoe launching at Jim Malek's, 9384 North Shore Trail, Forest Lake. Call Joyce Busch at 222-5760 for details.

MAY 11, WEDNESDAY

MCA Board Meeting at the office. Members welcome. 7:30.

MAY 14, SATURDAY

Builder's Clinic at Jim Malek's.

Mississippi River Cruise.

MAY 16, MONDAY

Outing Club sale at Lob Pine. Article this page.

MAY 22, SUNDAY

Canoe-In on Lake of the Isles. Article page 2

MAY 25. WEDNESDAY

Cascaders General Meeting at Logan Park

MAY 28. SATURDAY

Minnesota River Cruise. Article page 3.

JUNE 4, SATURDAY

County Line - Crow River Cruise. Article page 3.

JUNE 8, WEDNESDAY

MCA Board Meeting at the office. Members welcome 7:30.

JUNE 12, SUNDAY

Jensen Handicap and June Activities Meeting. Article page 4.

JUNE 19, SUNDAY

Rum River Cruise. Article page 3.

JUNE 25-26, SATURDAY. SUNDAY

Crow Wing Cruise. Article page 4.

JULY 9-10, SATURDAY. SUNDAY

Namekagon River Cruise. Article page 4.

JULY 9-10. SATURDAY. SUNDAY

Voyageur Days at Crane Lake, Orr, MN.

ST CROIX RIVER CRUISES -- JULY 23 & AUGUST 13

Enjoy a leisurely trip down the St. Croix River thru its back-bays and main channel. Will have a few swim stops, so be sure and wear swimwear. Bring picnic lunch and snacks, life preservers for each person, extra paddle and headwear so as not to get burned on top. Please call Grey Krieger 735-2666 so can plan and not leave anyone arriving a few minutes late.

JULY 23 -- put in at Interstate State Park at 8:00 a.m. take out at O'Brien State Park.

AUGUST 13 -- put in at Marine-on-the-St. Croix at 8:00 a.m. take out at Stillwater.

AUGUST 13, 14, SATURDAY. SUNDAY

Grand Portage Rendezvous.

Builder's Clinic

Saturday May 14

Last year's clinic for builders drew enough interest to try it again this year. The purpose of this clinic is twofold: First to cover sanding and fiberglassing since these aspects are not covered at the Builder's Show. And secondly, to learn by doing. There are three canoes to be worked on belonging to the MCA or members. Come for the day or any part of it. Come to work or just watch. Bring a bag lunch if you desire. The yard is large to work in and if it rains we'll move in the barn. Call me for directions and so I know who's coming.

Jim Malek
9384 N. Shore Trail
Forest Lake, MN
433-3089

U OF M TO FORT SNELLING MAY 14

Meet at 9:00 a.m. at U. of M. river flats. There will be a quick class on how to go thru the locks before the trip begins and the shuttle will be after this. The leader, Bob Brown, wishes to remind everyone that life jackets are a necessary item on this trip. This trip is sponsored by the Minnesota Valley Chapter. Call Bob at 432-7557 for any other questions.

LOB PINES' THIRD ANNUAL CLUB SALE

On May 16, from 9 to 12 PM, MCA members can get 20% off on almost everything at Lob Pine. The only exceptions are canoes, kayaks, and rock climbing equipment. You must have a membership card to get in the door.

New Resin - Fiberglass Depots

By Chuck Alberg

The MCA now has four new resin depots. Because we rely on volunteer workers and because the MCA is a non-profit organization, it is imperative that members note the following rules:

1. Supplies sold only to paid up regular members. Bring your membership card with you.

2. Call the depot and schedule a time for picking up supplies.

3. Materials must be paid for by check or money order for the exact amount of purchase. Make checks payable to the Minnesota Canoe Association.

SUPPLIES AND PRICES

Polyester resin with Catalyst	$7.50 per gallon
4oz. cloth, 50 inches wide	$1.50 per yard
7½ oz. cloth, 50 inches wide	$1.70 per yard
7½ oz. cloth 60 inches wide	$1.80 per yard

Three of our four depots will be dealing only in two, pre-packaged lots of fiberglass. These will be as follows:

13 yds. of 7½ oz. cloth, 60 inches wide, $23.40
6⅓ yds. of 7½ oz. cloth, 60 inches wide
6⅓ yds. of 4 oz. cloth, 60 inches wide $20.88

Betty Ketters depot will cut cloth to any length desired.

DEPOTS

APPLE VALLEY
Bob Brown
12936 Galaxie Ave.
432-7557

ST. PAUL
Dan Busch
876 Deleware Ave.
222-5760

ST. PAUL
Walt Jones
823 West Idaho
488-4570

NO. MPLS.
Betty Ketter
Ketter Canoeing
101 79th Ave. No.
561-2208

We would like to set up a few more depots in other locations. Anyone interested call Chuck Alberg, 529-0779.

We now have a new supply of MCA jacket patches. The price is just $1.50. You may order by mail from Membership Services Director Barb Babcook or buy at the next activity meeting.

Canoe May 22
Lake of the Isles

Here is your chance to support full wilderness status for the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA) and to enjoy an afternoon canoeing the Minneapolis lakes. We will gather "en mass" to celebrate the coming of Spring to the BWCA and to prepare backs and arms for the coming canoeing season.

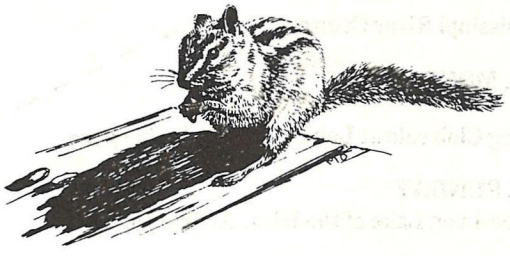
Congressman Donald M. Fraser will speak in support of his bill to give full wilderness status to the BWCA and eliminate the conflicting uses of motors, logging, and mining. To show our support we will sign petitions in favor of this important legislation.

There will be a raffle sale with a one dollar donation per ticket to raise money for the BWCA campaign. Prizes will be canoeing and camping accessories.

After the speaker and the raffle, we will parade around the lake chain in a mass of hundreds of canoes that will include 30 foot replicas of the Voyageurs canoes. We will give the Voyageurs a big send-off as they begin their symbolic portage to Lake Harriet.

We need you, your canoe, and all your neighbors and their canoes for this demonstration of support for full wilderness status for the BWCA.

Please have a personal flotation device for each person in your canoe. Assemble at 12:00 noon on the south shore of Lake of the Isles on Sunday, May 22, 1977. See you then!



PADDLE PARTNER COORDINATOR

If you are a lonely marathon paddler needing a partner there is help for you. Robert Ruter is willing to act as a go-between to help singles become doubles.

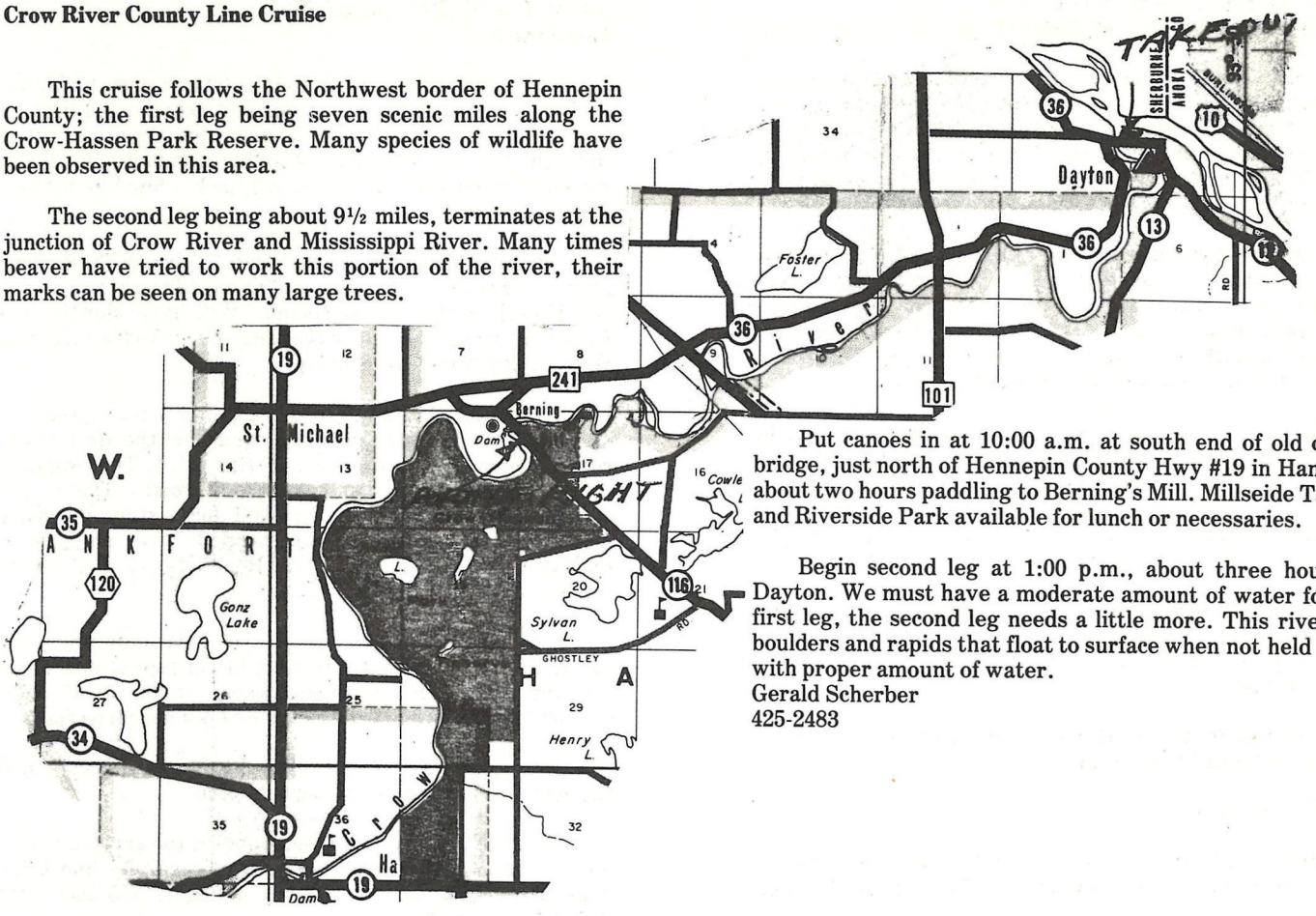
If you write Bob be sure to include some vital statistics like experience, age, weight, what class you are in and if you want a specific partner for the whole season or just one race. And include a self-addressed envelope.

Robert Ruter
3000 Winnetka
Apt. 207
Crystal, MN 55427
Phone 544-0893

Crow River County Line Cruise

This cruise follows the Northwest border of Hennepin County; the first leg being seven scenic miles along the Crow-Hassen Park Reserve. Many species of wildlife have been observed in this area.

The second leg being about 9½ miles, terminates at the junction of Crow River and Mississippi River. Many times beaver have tried to work this portion of the river, their marks can be seen on many large trees.



Put canoes in at 10:00 a.m. at south end of old closed bridge, just north of Hennepin County Hwy #19 in Hanover; about two hours paddling to Berning's Mill. Millseide Tavern and Riverside Park available for lunch or necessaries.

Begin second leg at 1:00 p.m., about three hours to Dayton. We must have a moderate amount of water for the first leg, the second leg needs a little more. This river has boulders and rapids that float to surface when not held down with proper amount of water.
Gerald Scherber
425-2483

JUNE 19 ST FRANCIS TO ANOKA

We'll meet at 8:30 at the entrance to the Anoka County fairgrounds. (North ½ mile on 47 from the junction of Hiways 10 and 47 in Anoka). This trip will be about 18 miles, approximately the same distance as the Taylors Falls to O'Brien St. Park trip on the St. Croix, so bring a lunch and we'll spend the day on the Rum.

There are some small rapids and some rock dodging, but nothing that should keep the paddler with a little experience away. Shuttle to be arranged by the trip leader John Timmers. 935-3829.

MINNESOTA RIVER ON MEMORIAL WEEKEND

We can meet at 9:30 A.M. May 28th at the Minnesota #25 bridge at Belle Plaine Minnesota. Belle Plaine is about 45 minutes drive south on #169 from the southwest corner of the #494 freeway.

We can then arrange shuttle to the Co. Rd. #7 bridge 2 miles west of Jordan, Minnesota.

We plan to picnic about 1:00 p.m. on State park land near the St. Lawrence wayside.

We should arrive at Jordan about 2 p.m. after a very easy four hours. No rapids, only birds, quite primitive river and we pray sunny skies.

David Probst. Sr.

The Visitor Distribution Program for the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA) will be in effect starting May 27 and ending September 5, 1977, according to the Superior National Forest Supervisor James F. Torrence.

Reservations for BWCA permits may be obtained under two reservation systems - Type A and Type B. Type A reservations may be applied for starting January 1, 1977 and until 14 days prior to the starting day of the BWCA trip. Type B reservations are made starting two days prior to the departure date.

Applications for Type A reservations should be sent to: Forest Supervisor, P.O. Box 338, Duluth, MN 55801.

The name of the party leader, the starting date, and entry point must be given in the application. Alternate entry points and starting dates may be given in the event those desired are filled.

Only 25% of the available permits will be given out under Type A reservations. The remaining permits are given under Type B reservations, which are made by calling a permit issuing station within 48 hours of the departure date.

The BWCA Visitor Distribution Program went into effect in 1976. The program is designed to provide better distribution of use throughout the BWCA during the summer. Daily limits are placed on the number of camping groups that may enter from each entry point.

(Additional information is available at the MCA office.)

JUNE ACTIVITIES MEETING AND JENSEN HANDICAP COMBINED

This year the June activities meeting and the Jensen Handicap race will be combined into one spectacular event put on by the Marathon Racing Chapter on Sunday, June 12. First on the agenda will be the Handicap in its 16th running. This is a lottery that matches a successful marathon racer with a hopeful beginner in a canoe assigned by the lottery.

Any MCA member may enter but it is best if you have at least been in a racing canoe, as we don't want anyone tipping over when they make the turn around the island. The race course starts at Riverside Park and goes downstream (the easy part) to the southern tip of Durhams Island, round the island and return to the start.

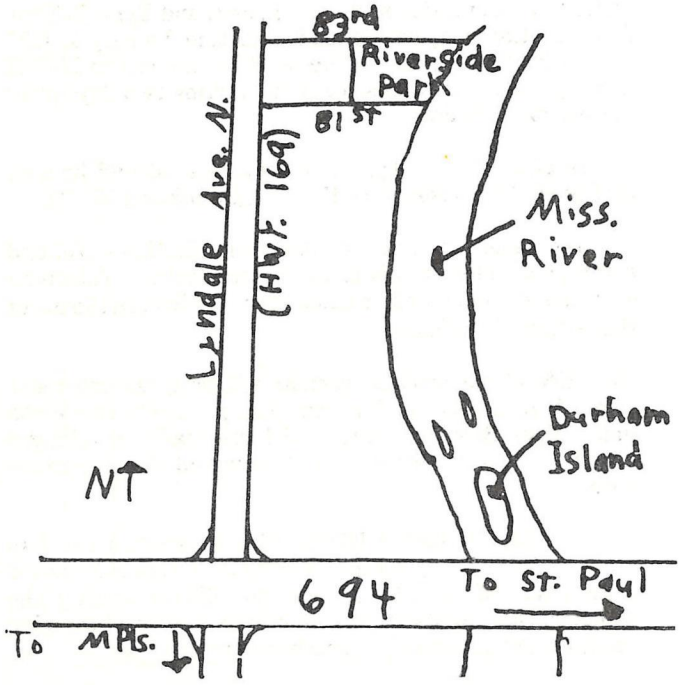
Everyone is welcome to watch and the best seats will be out in the river, so bring your canoes. You will be using them later in the Challenge Race anyway. Which brings us to the next item on the agenda. The racers who paddled in the Jensen Handicap challenge everyone else in a short little race. (After given some time to catch their breaths).

After that race there will be an informal session of gab, a chance to try a racing canoe, and get some helpful hints on how to paddle more efficiently. Bring food and drink and have a picnic.

Sunday, June 12 (please note the Activities Meeting is not on the normal Wednesday).

Jensen Handicap

Time: 12:00 draw for partners. 1:00 p.m. race starts.
Canoe: 18½ foot maximum length 3 & 27 or 4 & 32 cross section
Prizes and trophies.
Challenge Race
Time: After the Handicap is through
Canoe: Anything that floats
For further information and registration call Karl Ketter, 638-8116 or Mike Bohanon, 522-0858.



NAMEKAGON RIVER CRUISE
July 9 and 10

Fun in the sun in a canoe for two(?) or more - Enjoy the excitement the first French voyageur's experienced through this area. Canoe a few easy rapids plus a relaxing glide through the countryside. Wildlife abounds, fishing - excellent (need Wisconsin License), pick a few blueberries, swimming - great.

Put in at Washburn County Road "K" below Trego Lake Dam - on Saturday, July 9th, 8:00 a.m. Plan on camping at Old Howell Bridge Campgrounds. Will have shuttle cars from campground to dam on Saturday about 7:00 a.m. and to Hwy. 35 at riverside on Sunday.

To find the Old Howell Bridge Campgrounds - go east on Hwy 77 - pass Namekagon River and it is the first paved road on your right, a sign says Burian Road. Turn right or south till you run out of paved road. That's the campgrounds. Tents only. **No** well for water. Primitive facilities. If campground is overcrowded -- use campground on Namekagon River, take River Road - North (just before the Namekagon River).

Before setting out, **make sure you have** a life preserver for each person, and extra paddle, insect repellant, a small gasoline stove and **drinking water**, tennis shoes for swimming in river due to a few beer cans and sharp rocks.

Firewood is very scarce in the vicinity of campsites, and the cutting of trees or brush is prohibited.

So as not to leave just a few minutes too early and miss a late arrival, please call the trip leader and let him know your plans. Trip leader is Grey Krieger, 735-2666 (call before 7 a.m. or after 9 p.m.



CROW WING RIVER CRUISE

On the weekend of June 25 and 26 Bill Marcoruller will lead a trip down part of the Crow Wing River in West Central Minnesota. The trip is an easy pleasant float trip through a semi-wilderness area of the state. the perfect family trip. There are no rapids but low water may pose some problems.

We will put in at Shell City Campgrounds on Saturday June 25 at 10:00 a.m., camp Saturday night at Huntersville Forest Campsite and paddle to Stigman's Mound in Nimrod on Sunday. Some of us will go up Friday night and camp at Huntersville Forest Campsite.

To get to Shell City Campgrounds drive to Staples, Minnesota. Five miles west of Staples take County Road 28 and 26 to Nimrod. Cross the river and take County Road 27. Then 18 thru Huntersville to County Road 24. One mile to the right on 24 puts you at Shell City Campground.

Write to Crow Wing Trails Association, Sebeka, MN 56477 for a map.

Contact Bill Marcoriller, 789-0074 if you're interested.

CRUISING NOTES

With everyone anticipating another season, I'd like to remind the folks going on our MCA cruises to be sure to call the trip leader before starting out.

Several of the planned trips could either change location or be cancelled if our dry conditions continue. Just for example, our trip through the locks was cancelled last year, because in an effort to keep the upstream levels of the Mississippi up, the locks were used as little as possible.

The year before, the same trip was cancelled due to high water and turbulent currents in the lock. So conditions do change. The phone numbers of the leaders are listed along with the leaders names.

If there are any questions give me a call - John Timmers at 935-3829 (home) or 222-0771 MCA office. THINK RAIN!

WANTED TRIP LEADERS WANTED

Do you have a favorite river or stream that you would like to share with fellow members! There must be many of our members, both old and new who would be interested in learning the different section sof rivers and streams that you know.

Get more folks into canoes! Promote our sport! If you would like to lead a trip, please call John Timmers at 935-3829 (home) or 222-0771 (MCA office) and we'll see it gets into HUT. See you on a river.

JJ. Pedginski of Stillwater has offered to lead a group of MCAer's, whose primary interest is fishing, on a combination canoeing and fishing trip out of Atihokan, Ont. Mr. Pedginski promises some tough portages, beautiful scenery and excellent walleye fishing. Water conditions will determine exactly when this trip will take place, wither late May or early June being possible. Call him today at 439-4558.

HELP WANTED

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MCA is in desperate need of key punchers to bring membership records up to date. Please call Barb Babcook at 633-9323 evenings.

Please

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Make checks payable to, and send payment to the Minnesota Canoe Association, YMCA Building 475 Cedar, St. Paul, MN 55101

Age ___ Sex ___ No. of years canoeing ___

Occupation _____

Own canoe? ___ Type _____

How many others in your family canoe? ___

Status (check one):

New membership ___

Renewal ___

Name _____
(last name first)

Address _____

City and State _____

Zip Code _____ Telephone _____
(Our publications will not reach you without zip code)

Type of membership (check one):

Single ___
Family ___
Supportive ___
Contributing ___
Life ___

CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIPS

Single $8
Family $10
Supporting $25
Contributing $50
Life $100

Chapter 1 2 3 4 5

MAILING DATA

Name _____
Address _____
City and State _____
Zip Code _____
Telephone _____

Chapter Affiliation - 1. BRIGADE DU CANOTS DU NORD - 2. CASCADERS - 3. MARATHON - 4. 3M - 5. HIAWATHA

Can you Canoe
Want to learn
The MCA can help you

This summer, two classes will be offered in flat water canoeing:

BASIC CANOEING I: Covers safety, basic strokes for paddling a canoe in a straight line and turning. For beginners or those with a new, untested canoe.

EFFICIENT CANOEING II: A follow-up course to basic canoeing. Stresses stroke efficiency, control, canoe design and deals with wind, shallow water and current problems.

Instructors are expert canoeists and have taught previous MCA classes.

CLASS SCHEDULE

BASIC CANOEING

MAY

May 14 & 15 (Sat, Sun)LI*
May 17, 18, 19 (Tu, W, Th) LI*
May 26, June 2, 9 (Th) LP*

JUNE

June 14, 15, 16 (Tu, W, Th) LI
June 25, 26, (Sat, Sun) LP
June 22, 29 July 6 (W) LI

JULY
July 12, 13, 14 (Tu, W, Th) LI
July 19, 26, Aug. 2 (Tu) LP

AUGUST

Aug 9, 10, 11 (Tu, W, Th) LP
Aug 16, 17, 18 (Tu, W, Th) LI

*PLACE:
LI - Lake of the Isles (Mpls)
LP - Lake Phalen (St. Paul)
M - Mississippi River (82nd & Lyndale - Brooklyn Pk. Pk.)

EFFICIENT CANOEING II—

JUNE
June 7, 8, 9 (Tu, W, Th) M*
June 21, 22, 23 (Tu, W, Th) M

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER
August 2, 3, 4 (Tu, W, Th) M
Sept 6, 7, 8 (Tu, W, Th) M

Class Time:
Weekday classess from 6:30 p.m. to dusk 2 hrs.
Weekend classes from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. 3 hrs.

Cost:
$5 for MCA members
$7 for non-members

Equipment needed: Canoe, paddle, lifejacket
*(canoe rental available)

Class size is limited, so register now!
To register contact: Beth Olson 560-1277 (after 4 p.m.) or leave a message at the MCA office 222-0771 ext. 41.

MCA CLASSES FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

If you can get together 8 to 10 of your friends from work or church that are interested in canoeing we can provide instruction at a time and place convenient to your group. For further information contact Beth Olsen 560-1277 (after 4 p.m.).

Do you want to be a canoeing instructor for the MCA? If so you must:
1. Be an MCA member
2. Attend an instructor's clinic
3. Assist a current MCA instructor

An instructor's clinic will be scheduled as soon as we get enough people interested. Contact Beth Olsen, 560-1277 or leave your name at the MCA office.

Happy Canoeing!

Minnesota Valley Chapter Formed

The Minnesota Valley Chapter (includes the entire South Metro area) has jumped into its schedule of spring activities with an early warm-up cruise on the Minnesota River and a well attended get acquainted and training session on Crystal Lake in Burnsville.

Warm-up was exactly what was needed during the wet and windy start of the trip on the Minnesota River. The weather cooperated to a degree because the rain, to everyone's surprise, stopped when the trip started. Things average out, however, and April 9th on Crystal Lake swung the balance to favorable, with a beautiful day. Nearly twenty canoists, in an interesting variety of wood-strippers, aluminum, fiberglass, and a Klepper kayak spent the morning testing, and occasionally insulting, each other's crafts. Bob Brown, active in forming the chapter, gave a short demonstration of basic strokes for inexperienced canoeists in the group.

We are looking forward to several more trips in the near future, including trips on the Cannon and the Mississippi. Keep and eye on the HUT for our schedule and come on out and join us.

By Steve Johnson

New Minnesota Rivers Book

Greg Breining, MCA member and DNR River's Section writer calls your attention to a new book, *A Gathering of Waters* just now coming off the presses. It's the Department of Natural Resources new guide to Minnesota's Rivers. It contains 10 black and white photos, 55 color photos, 32 maps, very complete descriptions on 18 rivers, and brief coverage of 25 other rivers.

Several MCA members had input on the book.

***A Gathering of Waters* is available from the Documents Section, Room 140, Centennial Bld., Saint Paul, MN 55155. The cost is just $5.00 and is well worth the price.**

DEAR JIM AND FRIENDS

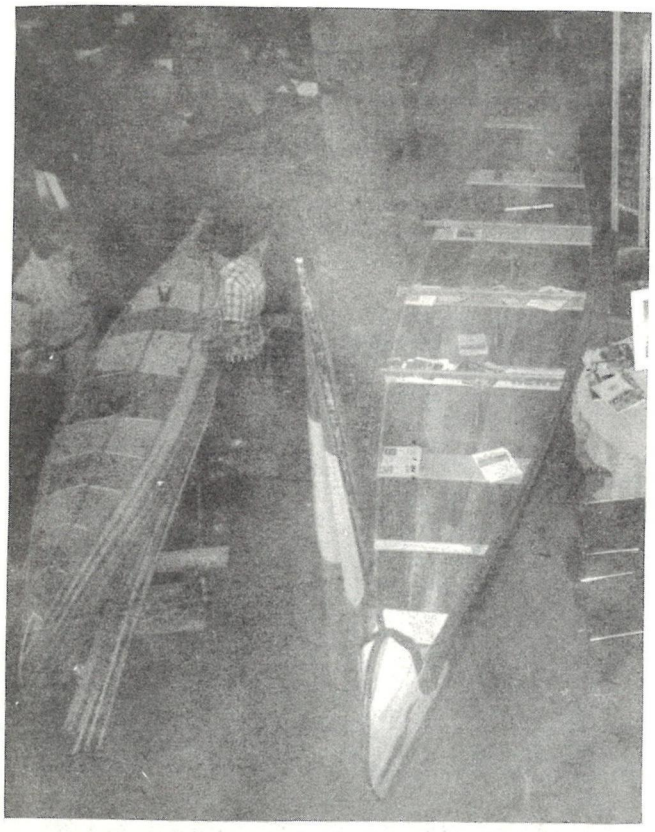
WE WANT TO SAY AGAIN HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATED YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE Sky Blue Waters Festival - WE THOUGHT THE EXIBIT WAS OUTSTANDING - AND SO DID EVERYONE ELSE ACCORDING TO THE COMMENTS WE'VE HEARD

I KNOW HOW DIFFICULT IT IS — CAN SOMETIMES BE — TO GET A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS TO PUT ON AN EXHIBIT LIKE THIS ONE. SO I REALLY CAN APPRECIATE THE WORK YOU WENT TO, TO MAKE THIS AFFAIR GO SO SMOOTHLY.

AGAIN, OUR THANKS TO YOU AND TO YOUR FRIENDS AND ~~ASSOCIATES~~ ASSOCIATES IN THE MINNESOTA CANOE ASSOCIATION.

AN APPRECINTIVE

Connie + Barb Balcom
HELLO MINNESOTA



Part of the MCA Exhibit at Butler Square
Photo by Dean Miller

Help save the Crow Wing River

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will conduct a public hearing on its proposal to include 51.4 miles of the Crow Wing River in the state wild and scenic rivers system.

The public hearing will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. June 11 at the Wadena Junior High School. Persons who cannot attend the hearing are encouraged to send written testimony to the hearing office before the record closes at 4:30 p.m. July 1, 1977.

The Crow Wing, a clear, quiet river in Central Minnesota, is flanked by a dense forest of conifers and hardwoods. Shoreland is still relatively undeveloped. Each year, several thousand canoeists travel this scenic river.

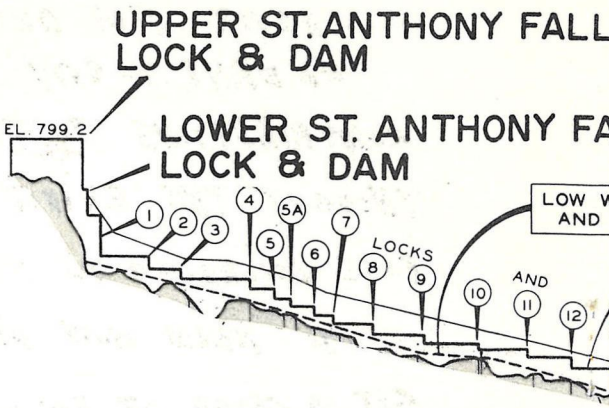
The DNR's management plan for the Crow Wing would preserve the river through new zoning, the acquisition of land and easements, and the management of recreational use.

Copies of the management plan for the Crow Wing can be reviewed by the DNR, Division of Park and Recreation, Rivers Section, B-95 Centennial Building, St. Paul, or at the Environmental Conservation Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis. Call the Rivers Section at 296-4780 for more information.

Written testimony on the proposal for the Crow Wing River can be mailed to the Office of Hearing Examiners, Room 300, 1745 University Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104, Attn: Crow Wing River Management Plan.

Mississippi Rediscovered

Bob Brown



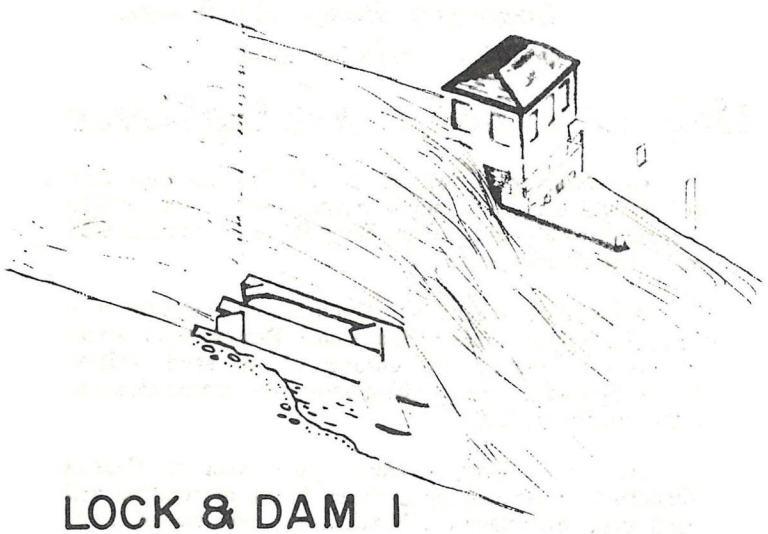
It isn't necessary to travel far in Minnesota to find water. The Mississippi can provide much pleasant canoeing right at our back door.

A trip from the University to Fort Snelling for an example is easy, the shuttle is short and it is park on both sides all the way.

The Ford Dam is midway on this trip. This proves to be a very interesting obstacle and can for many become the highlight of the day.

Locking thru can be a pleasant experience if one goes about it right. There are many dangers but they are easy to avoid if you are ready for them.

Lock No. 1 is an open spillway, it is practically impossible to see the dam from the stream side. The power plant on the left and the lock on the right banks mark the dam quite well. Boats have gone over so Al Mathews and his crew maintain a line of danger bouys on the upstream side. There are signs and bouys moving you toward the right bank so pay these markers close attention and don't pass them or you are bound to get some bad mouth from the men on duty at the lock.



If a towboat is entering or leaving the lock stay well off the side, at least 100 feet away from the boat. Don't get in front, behind or between the boat and the wall. If you want to continue living try to keep far enough to the side that you can clearly see the boats wheelhouse. If you can't see it the pilot of the boat can't see you. If you get in the way of a moving towboat *and survive* you are going to get some real strong badmouth from the boat crew.

On the upper guide wall above the lock is a large yellow sign saying "Limit of Approach". It means just that. When the lock fills, about seven million gallons of water come rushing by and this will drag along anything floating nearby.

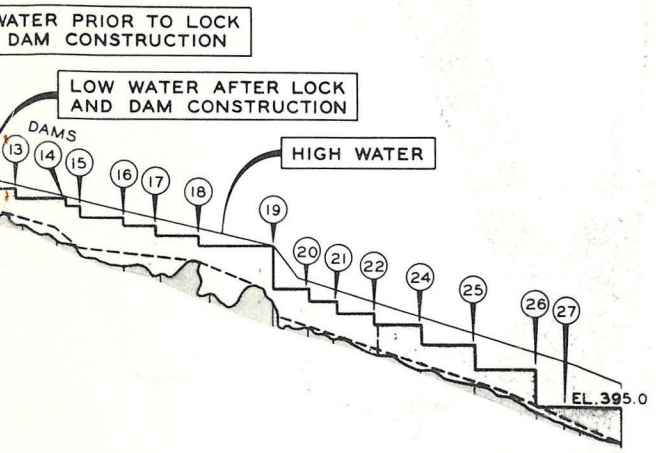
Below this sign on the wall is a ladder In the ladder is a pull rope. A short pull will inform the lock crew of your presence. Stay by this ladder long enough for the lock crew to talk to you on the intercom that is located there. They can, and some will, inform you of what is going on and what they would like you to do.

If the lock is being made ready for you you should see a flashing yellow light on the wall near the gate. If you see a red light you can expect something to come out of the lock at you, like a towboat pushing about 3600 tons of gravel in four barges. Worse than that could be a ski boat 15 foot long powered by a Black Max. This boat will be out of sight above the Lake St. Bridge before your canoe quits rocking. A chance for you to use some bad mouth.



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If the light has turned green don't miss your chance, go in. As you enter the lockman will tell you where he wants you. They will normally hand you a line or lines to hold onto. DON'T TIE YOUR BOAT TO THIS LINE.

Now if you have done everything right you have a few minutes to chit chat with the lockman while your canoe drops 38 feet to the lower level. If you haven't done everything right and the lock hasn't yet drowned you, this is when you can expect to get that bad mouth I promised you. Lockman are funny that way.

As the lower gates open watch out for that house boat behind you. The owner is late for a party in St. Paul and with 600 horses his boat will cause a four foot wave that can smack you against the wall.

When the horn blows you are free to leave.

Congratulations. You have made lock 1. Twenty six more and 1500 miles would put you in New Orleans but not today.

Below the lock the river has narrowed and you will notice that it is flowing much faster than above.

Off to your right is Minnehaha Park and to the left is Hidden Falls. There is a landing at Hidden Falls, about a mile below the lock. Your shuttle is at Fort Snelling? That's about a mile further on the right bank. The current moves you along quite well and in no time you see the buildings of Old Fort Snelling. Your landing is just below the fort.

There are other trips one can take on the Old Miss. It is only a few miles above the city where you may have to search for a proper chute between rocks to find enough water to canoe. A few miles the other way finds a wide slow flowing waterway with miles of sand beaches and hundreds of islands. You will find all the firewood that you will ever need.

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Fellow Water Lovers:

I have been assigned by Greatlakes Living Press (publisher of *The All-Purpose Guide to Paddling* and other outdoors books) to complete, by February 28, 1977, an illustrated book on the many recreational uses of the inner tube.

We expect the book, *Tubing*, to sell well because of the growing interest in the sport in various forms and because it will offer the public tips on how to beat recreational inflation with inflation of inner tubes, an inexpensive item.

I'd appreciate from your club members any black-and-white photographs, humorous anecdotes and information (about locations and techniques) that could be used in the book.

Types of tubing could vary from stream and river float trips; tube raft building and racing; tube fishing; tube hunting; snow-tubing down ski slopes, or whatever other possibilities that may exist. Any tube-sport inventors out there?

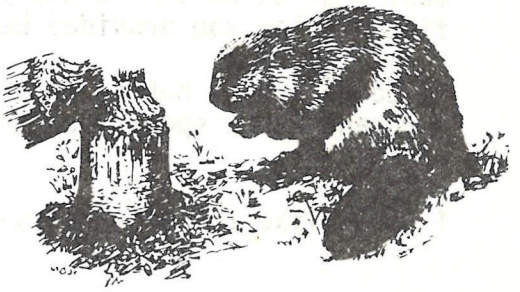
Naturally, proper credit will be given for material used.

I also need the names and addresses of any organized tubing groups; details on the best places to tube on the water, etc.

Any leads on other contacts I should make would also be appreciated.

Thanks in advance for your *prompt* cooperation in helping me fill the void on tubing information.

Sincerely,





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Dear Jim:

Just a quick note to thank you and the Minnesota Canoe Association for the fine display you provided here at Rosedale March 24-27.

We could see by public interest the display was very well received and our merchants took special effort to tell us how impressed they were with the exhibit.

I would like to add my personal thanks and invite you to be with us again.

Cordially,

Nancy Baker

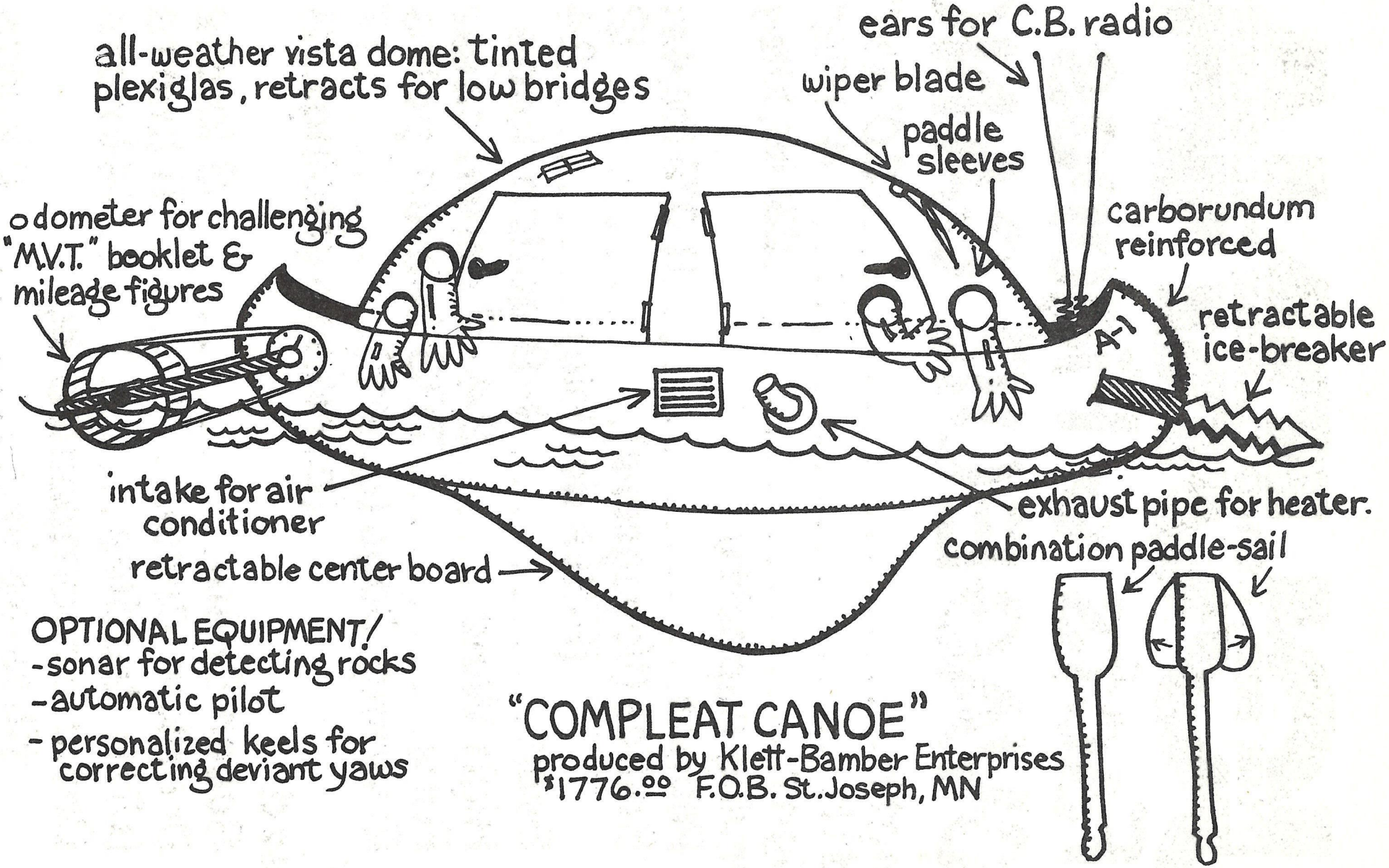
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(Filles de Joie)..... 24
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Cane - The Special Finishing Touch

By Clyde S. Manion

To cane or not to cane? That is a question facing most builders of wood strip canoes. The article which follows is intended to pique your interest in caning your own canoe seats. Although I will not go into the details of how to weave with cane, I will try to answer a few of the most commonly asked questions about caning.

Of the various types of seating materials available (rope, leather, plastic cane or webbing and natural cane), I believe that only natural cane adds the special finishing touch to a wood strip canoe. Cane and wood are complementary materials which, when combined, create a unity of design for a canoe of great natural beauty.

A cane canoe seat is both strong and comfortable to sit on. The open weave possesses a natural springiness and permits air to circulate, making the canoe seat more comfortable when paddling. The woven cane holds up to the weather very well, but a couple of thin coats of varnish will add to its many years of trouble free service. If a strand of cane should break, you can very easily remove the broken strand and reweave a new one in its place.

Caning is not a difficult skill to acquire. As with the building of a strip canoe, it can be learned by individual practice.

Observing the techniques of an experienced cane weaver, however, can improve your skills, your confidence and ultimately the quality of your weaving.

For the beginner, caning can be undertaken with no more background than that obtained from carefully studying the printed directions and illustrations of such pamphlets as *Cane Seats for Chairs* by Ruth B. Comstock and *Seat Weaving* by L. Day Perry. Caning instruction pamphlets can be purchased in most craft and hobby shops or they may be checked out at your local library. While these booklets were written primarily to explain how to cane chairs, the same steps can be used when weaving your canoe seats. By paying close attention to the instructions as your weaving progresses, you should have no unusual difficulty in caning a very acceptable canoe seat on your first attempt.

The cost of a hank of cane does vary but normally can be obtained within the range of from $8.25 to $12.00. A hank should provide enough cane to weave at least two sets of canoe seats. The cane can be purchased in different widths ranging from "Carriage", the narrowest, to "Common", the widest. I prefer the width most used when caning chairs, called "Fine". This width is easy to work, has good strength and weaves into visually pleasing patterns.

You can also make cane canoe seats by using machine woven or manufactured webbing by way of a spline method. This method is usually explained in the same booklets which give instructions for the hand weaving method. If you do not have the time or desire to weave your own canoe seats, complete hand woven seats may be obtained from Betty Ketter, 101 79th Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55444, (612) 561-2208.

I hope that you will try your hand at weaving your own canoe seats. Caning is a skill which is not difficult to master, requires only a few simple tools and costs relatively little. The woven seats will add to your pride of craftsmanship and to the beauty of your completed canoe.

Particular attention should be given to the directions which warn of errors to be avoided. Minor errors can creep in unobstrusively but are usually undetectable in the overall pattern when the weaving is completed. Major errors cannot be hidden quite as easily and will require that the weaving be started over from the point of the error. Errors are not catastrophic and should not prevent you from trying your hand at weaving with cane.

Caning of the seats can be done at any time -- before, during or after the hull has been built. Once the frames have been made, the holes drilled and the frame finished, the weaving may begin. It is advisable that you varnish the frame before weaving in order to protect the wood from oil and dirt while you are working. Also, it is much easier to apply the varnish uniformly over the entire frame while the cane is not in the way.

The weaving process is not messy and may be done anywhere in the home, from the workshop to the livingroom. Only a few, inexpensive tools are required: a scratch awl for enlarging the holes, a pair of scissors or a small side cutters for cutting the cane, wooden pegs for securing the cane in the holes and a bowl or jar containing glycerin and water in which the cane is soaked to increase its flexibility. A small "C" clamp will come in handy to clamp the frame to a table or bench so that you may use both hands to weave.



Clyde demonstrating caneing at the Rosedale Builder's Show. *Photo by Dean Miller*

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Are you interested in canoe racing? The Marathon Racing Chapter of the Minn. Canoe Association may be just the organization you've been looking for. Our members include the best designers, builders, and paddlers in the world, and we hope you'll join this challenging group!

Our efforts in the past few years have been quite successful: there have been more canoe races in Minnesota each year, and more race sponsors are using our rules, classes, and recommendations. However, Minnesota still lags behind some other States and Canada as far as the number of races and contestants is concerned. We have the best people, canoes, and lots of water, but we need more good races, and more people competing. In order to accomplish this, we must first find the people in Minnesota who are interested in racing, and get our information to them. Secondly, we need people who are willing to devote some time and effort towards promoting the sport. Third, we must organize our efforts, to insure the best utilization of the talents available.

As a member of the chapter, you will receive our new membership kit, including the following:

1. Chapter Membership Card (with race record)
2. Race Schedule
3. MCA Racing Rules and Canoe Specifications
4. Racing Canoe Availability Guide
5. Chapter Membership List
6. Chapter Information and Fact Sheet

In addition, all members are eligible for points and trophies awarded in the State Championship Point System. Also, a beautiful Chapter Patch is awarded to all members competing in the minimum number of sanctioned races. You may also obtain plans for racing canoes at a very low cost. Your name will be added to a mailing list which is provided to race sponsors so that you will receive their race bulletins. And you may participate in the many activities which we are planning for this year, including canoe design sessions, rookie racers training sessions, and the famous Jensen Handicap. Grab your paddle, and c'mon, I'll race ya!

1977 CANOE RACE SCHEDULE

May ?-Watertown
* May ?-Blue Earth, Contact Mike Jakobe, P.O. 301, Blue Earth, Mn. 56310
* May 21-Faribault, Contact Steve Anderson, 221 Northwest 1st St., Faribault, Mn. 55021
May 22- Northfield, Contact Ray Mattson, 302 South Poplar, Northfield, Mn.55057
June 4-Barnum, Contact John Thompson, Barnum Commercial Club, Barnum, Mn. 55707
* June 5-Medford, Contact Roy Miller, Medford High School, Medford, Mn. 55049 tel. 507-451-5250 (Straight River Canoe Derby)
June 12-Jensen Handicap & June Activities Meeting, Contact Karl Ketter, 1947 Lake, Roseville, Mn. 55113, tel. 636-8116
* June ?-Buffalo, Contact Dennis Holmberg, Rte. 1 Box 119, Buffalo, Mn. 55313 tel. 682-1365
July 3-Robinsdale, Contact Thomas Mullin, City of Robbinsdale, 4221 Lake Rd. Robbinsdale, Mn. 55422 (non-racing canoes, sprint race)

* July ?-Hibbing, Contact Don Carlson, 708 9th St. NW. Grand Rapids, Mn. 55744 tel. 218-326-5345
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* July ?-Minneapolis 200, Contact Tom Hilber tel. 774-4118 or Dave Rackner tel. 522-9835, 200 Club, 200 West Broadway, Mpls. Mn. 55411 tel. 529-8748
* July 15 or 16-Sauk Rapids, Contact Robert Morey, 3 North 2nd Ave., Sauk Rapids, Mn. 56379
* July 23 or 24-Park Rapids, Contact Tony Szymczak, Box 41, Park Rapids, Mn.56470
* July 30-Glenwood, Contact James Gilman, 16 S.E. 1st St., Glenwood, Mn. 56334 tel. 634-3161
* July 24-Hoyt Lakes, Contact Hugh Bishop, Erie Mining Co. Box 847, Hoyt Lakes, Mn. 55750 tel. 218-225-2810
* August ?-Bemidji, Contact Jeff Sandberg's Septic Tank Service, Bemidji, Mn.
* August 13 -Shakopee, Chamber of Commerce, attn. Dr. Muralt, Box 203, Shakopee, Mn.55379, tel. 445-1660 or Dave Probst 445-1258
* August 14 -Elk River, Contact Jerry Hidde, Rte. 3, Elk River, Mn. 55330 tel. 441-1837

August 26-28, Mont-Laurier, Contact Andree Campeau, Secretaire, Classique Int. de Canot, 671, rue dela Madone, Mont-Laurier. P.Q. (88 miles, $10,000)

Sept. 3-5, Shawinigan

* Indicates a possible **Sanctioned** race, Chapter Council hasn't voted on which races to Sanction yet for Minnesota State Championship Points

August 20,21-USCA Nationals, Contact New York Canoe Association, race is at the town of Owego on the Susquehanna River

Rookie Racers will begin meeting April 27 and continue thereafter meeting at 6:30 every Wednesday night at the Broadway Bridge (west side). Learn how to compete successfully in above races or just come and get a little excercise. Contact John Glen 537-0039 for additional information.

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Return to: John Glen, Membership Coordinator
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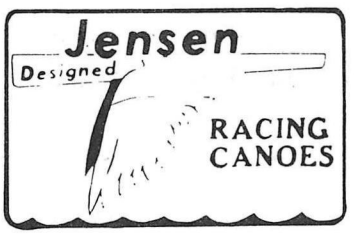
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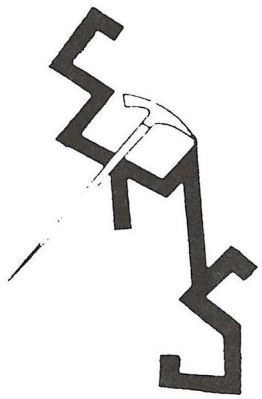
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