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MINNESOTA CANOE ASSOCIATION

October 1979

Calendar of Events

October

8 Monday: Cascaders board meeting at Larry Johns (633-6734).

10 Wednesday: Cascaders general meeting at Logan Park (Mpls.). Fred Young's film of his trip to South America (sans Fearless Fred); also NOMINATION OF OFFICERS. (Ed. Note: try 7:00 p.m.)

12-14 Fri.-Sun.: Weekend visit of the Voyageurs Chapter to long lost friend and paddler way up north at Park Rapids (Chuck Alberg's resort). John Wheeler (633-6500) or Dan Busch (222-5760).

17 Wednesday: MCA ANNUAL MEETING. Election of officers and general discussion of the state of our club. Pearl Park Neighborhood Center at 414 East Diamond Lake Road, Minneapolis.

27 Saturday: Annual Banquet. Cruisers, Racers, Duffers, Wilderness Lovers—plan ahead now! Regency Plaza, cocktails 6:00, dinner 7:00. Be sure to send in your reservation form. Reservation deadline is Oct. 20.

27 Saturday: 1:00 p.m., Mississippi River Cruise. Meet at the Camden bridge, on the west bank, for shuttle to the river flats area. Brian Patterson (521-4804).

November

12 Monday: Cascaders board meeting at Mary Reinhart's (721-3483). Note that Mary has moved. (Ed. Note: to where?)

14 Wednesday: MCA joint meeting of 1978-79 Board with new 1979-80 Board. Walt Jones' house (832 West Idaho, St. Paul), 7:00 p.m.

14 Wednesday: Cascader Newsletter writing at Jess & Maggie Fauchier's (537-4907), 7:00 p.m.

22-25 Thurs.-Sun.: Cascaders long weekend trip. Bob Shue (331-5284). No last minute drop-outees!

28 Wednesday: Cascaders general meeting at Logan Park. ELECTIONS. Le Homme du Nord, Bob O'Hara, speaking.

President's Message

By Karl Ketter

This is the end of the year for the MCA. In a few days regular members in good standing will receive notice of the annual membership meeting and a ballot to elect the Board of Directors for 1980. There will be only a couple of names on that ballot. It looks as if the MCA has successfully worn out another set of directors, and the problem is that worn out directors don't volunteer for another term.

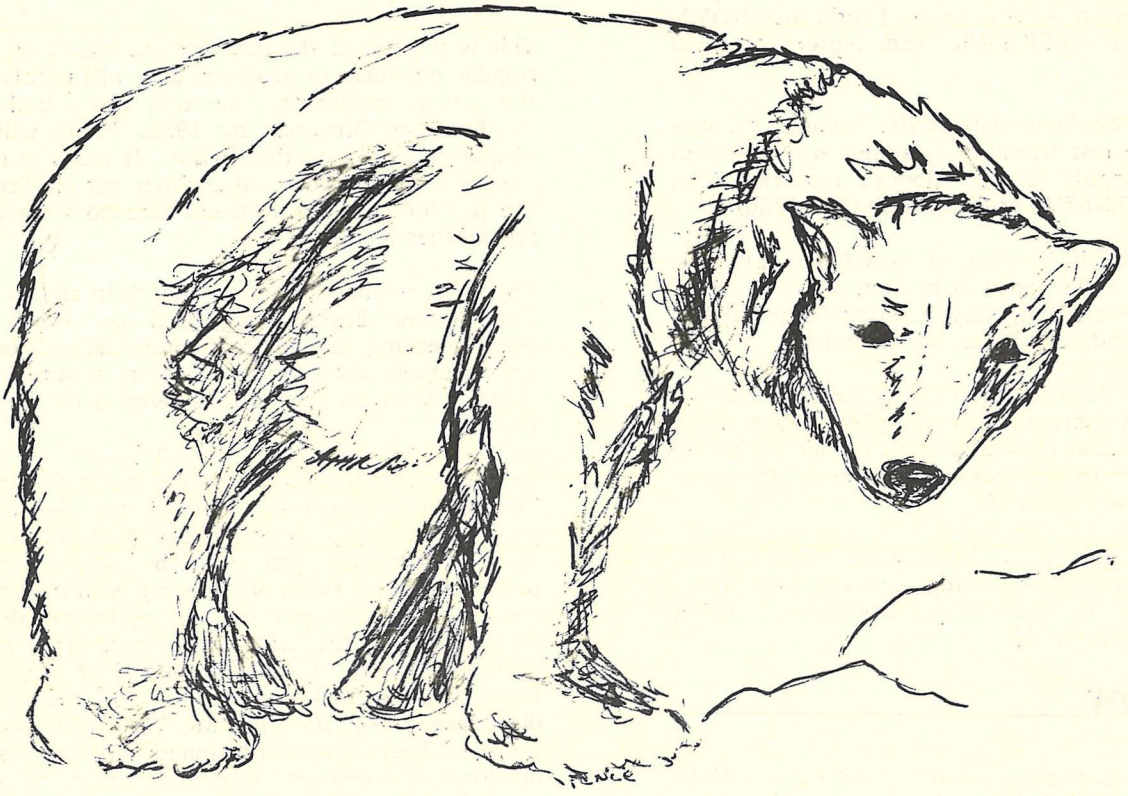
The MCA membership is top notch in apathy incarnate. That is how directors are used up. From their first board meeting to their last, they can't understand why the members don't respond. Who is out there? Who cares? What do they want? Why don't we hear from them?

People volunteer to serve on the board for two reasons: The MCA is necessary to promote the interests of people who enjoy canoeing like they do. Or they see that a particular job must be done if the MCA's promotion of all types of canoeing is to continue. It is a good sign that people are willing to put their fingers into a leak in the dike. But now, after a year, the directors are tired—they are tired of plugging up the leaks, holding back the water. But mostly, they are discouraged that no other MCA'ers have come to help them. They are disillusioned that so few of the hundreds of members have taken the time to say thank you. A plaque on a monument is not necessary. All the board wants to see and hear is an active and growing organization.

If the membership can produce a new crop of directors for 1980, the organization will be at least where it is now—a fair rating of the MCA is that it is organizationally solid, but emotionally it is stable to stagnant.

If the new leaders needed do not appear, it may be the last time you need send in your dues.

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ANNUAL BANQUET
OCTOBER 27, 1979
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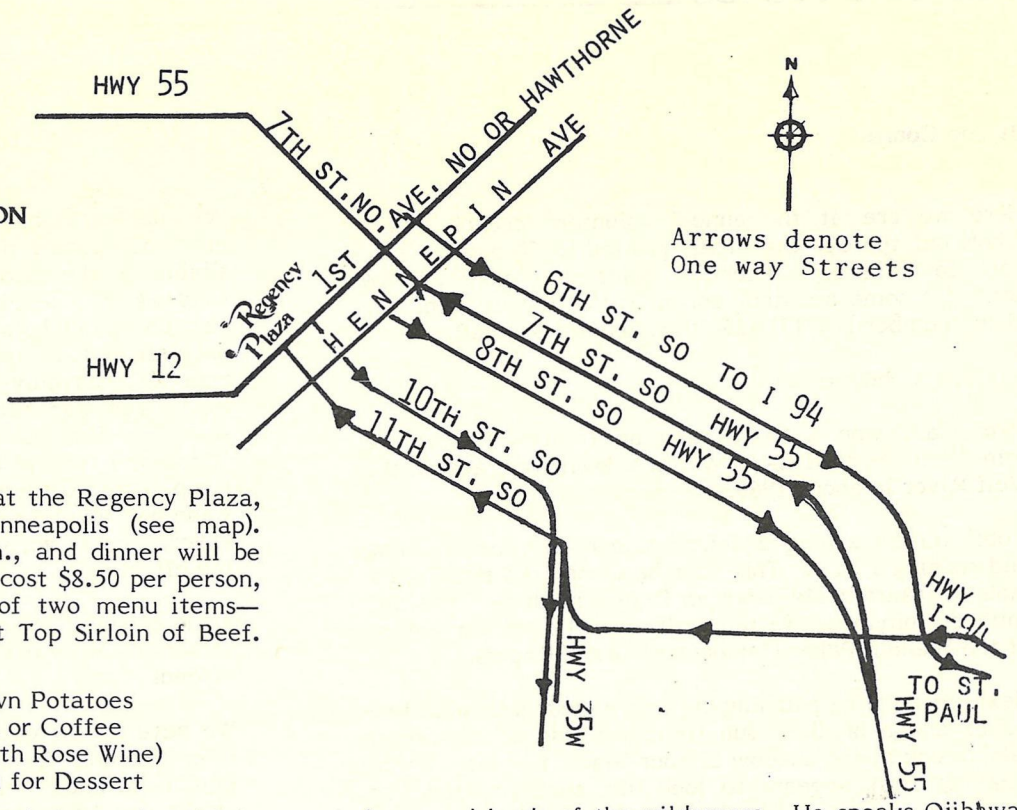


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MINNESOTA CANOE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL BANQUET

OCTOBER 27, 1979



This year's Banquet will be held at the Regency Plaza, 41 North Tenth Street, in Minneapolis (see map). Cocktails will begin at 6:00 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7:00. The dinners will cost $8.50 per person, and you may have your choice of two menu items—either Seafood Newburg or Roast Top Sirloin of Beef. Both entrees include:

Hot Vegetable	Oven Brown Potatoes
Roll and Butter	Tea, Milk, or Coffee
Garden Green Salad	(served with Rose Wine)
	Ice Cream for Dessert

Please fill out the reservation form below and mail it in as soon as possible.

As usual, our Banquet program will include awards given by member MCA clubs. It will also feature the following people:

Paul Clement, age 87, who has been active environmentally since the 1930's. He is past state and national president of the Izaak Walton League, and former president of the Wild Life Federation. He organized the Isaak Walton League Endowment Fund, which bought up properties and turned them over to the U.S. Forestry Service. (This took 18-20 years to do.) He traveled to Washington to obtain legislation for many issues, and he has spoken all over the country for the BWCA. He was appointed by Truman, Roosevelt, and investigated by Eisenhower and then appointed by him to the President's Advisory Committee for the Izaak Walton League. Mr. Clement will be speaking to us on the history and origin of the Boundary Waters and its people as he saw them.

Herb Johnson, who told us about Mr. Clement and is bringing him to our banquet to introduce him to us, first visited the Boundary Waters in 1947. During the Oberstar legislation in 1975, he became very active for the Friends of the Boundary Waters, serving on its Executive Committee. He is a dedicated environmentalist. Privately he is the president of an electrical manufacturing company.

Pete Humphry has a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Minnesota. He taught Indian culture and anthropology at Brainerd Community College and also to the inmates at St. Cloud Reformitory. He was made Honorary Chief of the Red Lake People, "Leach Lake Man," in 1959. (The Red Lake People officially adopted him.) He is a dedicated Indian culturist. He will be speaking to us on Indian points of view towards the rivers and lands of the wilderness. He speaks Ojibawa and will do some of the chants and songs of the Red Lake People.

We wish to thank Maxine and the following members of the Banquet committee for all their hard work:

Maxine Pence
223 Cedar, Apt. 21
Minneapolis, MN 55454
(612) 333-4894

Terry Scully, membership
Laura Fraser, advertising
Linda Oliver, art work display

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RESERVATION FORM

Name(s)_____

Address_____

City/State/Zip Code_____

Area Code and Phone Number_____

Number of Reservations Having Seafood Newburg_____

Number of Reservations Having Roast Top Sirloin_____

Send this Reservation Form plus a check for $8.50 per dinner (made out to the Minnesota Canoe Association) to:

Maxine Pence
223 Cedar Avenue, Apartment 21
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55454

Editor's Notes

By Joe Conrad

Here we are at the annual volunteer crunch again. Who's out there? Our nicely printed HUT! may well go back to more typewriter-like print next month, if we don't get some assistant editor and/or layout help. My phone number is (715) 425-2818, about a 35¢ call.

Some bits and pieces:

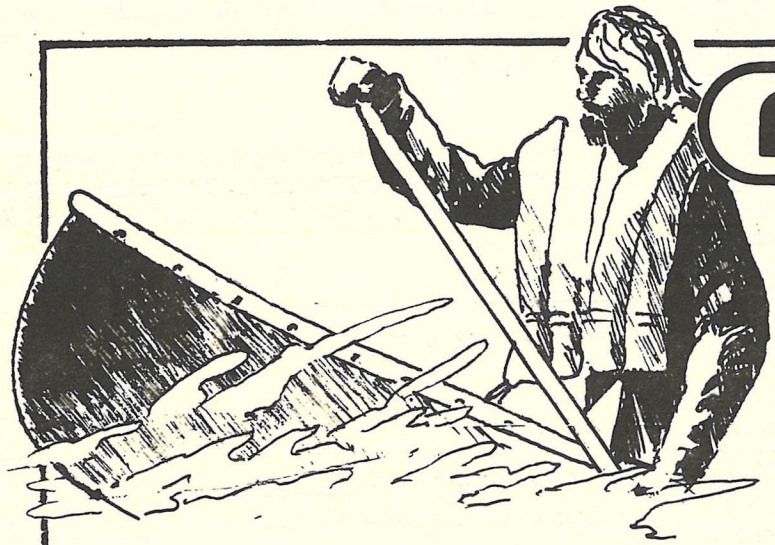
Pete Cary won a C-2M race at Taylor's Falls. We remember his first C-2M win in a downriver race on the Wolf River in about 1966.

Robin Baker, a long distance canoer, has been running and running . . . . This year he completed the Grandma's Restaurant Marathon in Duluth in three hours and thirteen minutes. He ran with several other employess of the Blandin Paper Company of Grand Rapids.

Next time you're paddling on a very clear lake with few waves and a brilliant sun from one side or the other, take a look at the shadow of your head. You may notice what at first appears to look like sunlight reflected from the waves. But look more closely—the light appears to come from beneath the surface and radiate from your shadow in a shimmering dance. Now look at your partner's shadow—no light? I didn't see any from my canoe paddle blade held aloft. It may be an effect similar to the halo you'll notice around your airplane's shadow$ on a level cloud formation below. Mountaineers know this halo effect, and they also know that you only see a halo around your own shadow—not that of your less heavenly friends. Could this water shimmering be a similar effect? I call it the Shoshone Radiance, since the first (and only, so far) notice took place on Shoshone Lake in Yellowstone National Park. If you are tempted to go there, be prepared to pole your canoe or wade and tow up the shallow, swift, gravel-rocky Lewis River. If you go, you will find the beauty there worth the effort.

Some of our improved art work and layout is due to the efforts of Marilynn Anderson and Larry Johns. Thanks indeed!

We have a new catalogue listing all sorts of goods for river running from "Rivers and Trails" in Missouri. Equipment and catalog freaks might want to get a copy –can't say anything about prices. That's "Rivers and Trails," Route 10, Box 361, Columbia, MO 65201, phone (314) 442-5673.



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NEWS OF LONG DISTANCE RACING

CLASSIQUE INTERNATIONALE RESULTS

1	11:27:37	C. Corbin/S. Corbin	Quebec
2	11:31:14	S. Peterson/S. Bastian	Minnesota
3	11:35:22	E. Crozier/T. Triebold	Wisconsin
4	11:35:27	J. Baker/K. Brown	Michigan
5	11:35:30	M. Beauchenes/R. Morinville	Quebec
6	11:37:44	B. Barton/J. Diebold	Mich./Ill.
7	11:41:51	E. Jensen/R. Rankinen	MN/Penn.
8	11:46:49	R. Ryan/P. Greenway	Ontario
9	11:50:40	B. Hawkinson/H. James	B.C.
10	11:51:56	B. Zaveral/J. Shultis	New York
11	11:53:46	R. Vincent/D. Sargent	N.H.
12	11:55:13	J. Glenn/I. Peterson	Minnesota
13	11:58:03	T. Payne/D. Dorsey	Mass.
14	11:58:49	R. Tetrault/L. Berthiaume	Quebec
15	11:59:49	J. Kellogg/S. Landick	Michigan
16	12:00:01	K. Ketter/T. Ploszay	Minnesota
17	12:02:56	R. Lafontaine/J. Lafontaine	Quebec
18	12:03:54	B. Boogemans/W. Knight	Ontario
19	12:05:49	L. Brascoup/A. Legrow	Quebec
20	12:07:36	M. Laing/T. Burns	Ontario
21	12:10:26	B. St.-Pierre/L. Payette	Quebec
22	12:12:02	Y. Morel/R. Gauthier	Quebec
23	12:13:14	M. Bohanon/R. Hendricks	Minnesota
24	12:13:53	B. Ayres/D. Kruger	Michigan
25	12:22:12	F. Poirier/S. Rouleau	Quebec
26	12:23:01	B. Capek/A. Triebold	Illinois
27	12:27:06	S.Strange/G. Langpeter	Ontario
28	12:27:47	Y. Milot/J.P. Gelinas	Quebec
29	12:28:48	R. Lajoie/J. Harnois	Quebec
30	12:29:07	G. Jourdain/M. Pothier	Quebec
31	12:29:17	G. Gagnon/Y. Gagnon	Quebec
32	12:29:24	Y. Gelinas/G. Gelinas	Quebec
33	12:29:27	F. Rouette/M. Plante	Quebec
34	12:30:06	D. Kruger/J. Johnson	Michigan
35	12:31:26	D. Dober/R. Dober	Quebec
36	12:37:26	E. Tait/M. Brenner	Quebec
37	12:39:32	Z. Lahaie/M. Beausejour	Quebec
38	12:39:48	A. Dubois/C. Berne	Minnesota
39	12:39:49	E. Stewart/J. Duncan	Ontario
40	12:48:25	A. Durand/M. Boucher	Quebec
41	12:49:29	S. Conlon/P. Hassler	Indiana
42	12:49:45	B. Shelton/D. Crocker	New York
43	12:50:49	J.M. Cloutier/M. Cloutier	Quebec
44	12:52:31	B. Berthiaume/J. Boisvert	Quebec
45	12:58:40	D. Desautels/R. Jones	Quebec
46	13:00:39	P. Gelinas/G. Gelinas	Quebec
47	13:01:02	M. Mongrain/R. Pronovost	Quebec
48	13:04:55	D. Gauthier/P. Trudel	Quebec
49	13:05:13	D. Quigley/S. Sirois	Quebec
50	13:12:09	C. Dupont/R. Dupont	Quebec
51	13:17:28	L. Deschamps/M. Levasseur	Quebec
52	13:22:16	C. Triebold/L. Capen	Ill./Mich.
53	13:26:59	L. Rock/D. Gagnon	Quebec
54	13:29:35	D. Trottier/N. Trottier	Quebec
55	13:35:52	L. Gauthier/C. Vincent	Quebec
56	13:43:55	G. Julien/J. Therrien	Quebec
57	13:47:38	M. Gelinas/Y. Cossette	Quebec

SHAWINIGAN, QUEBEC, 1979

By Karl Ketter

The peak of the long distance racing season is this three-day race on the beautiful St. Maurice River. Five Minnesota teams competed, and they were noticed. It is amazing how such a small group of paddlers continue to compete at such an impressive level.

The race is growing. Prize monies are at $20,000. Entries approached 75 and 57 finished, which is the most ever. There are more spectators, and they are noisier than ever. It is the most competitive, most important canoe race event in North America.

Stewart Bastian and Steve Peterson (second place) shocked the Corbins by beating them in the grueling seven and a half hour first lap. Claude Corbin's seven victories have almost always begun with a victory on the first (seventy mile) day. Stewart has an incredible future in racing, as he and Steve seemed to improve each day they raced. It appears that this team is the first threat to Corbins since Gene Jensen and Dan Hassel in the early 1970's.

Rich Rankinen and Gene Jensen (seventh place) turned in an incredible performance, since they teamed up only the week preceding the race. Rich, this year's C-1 National Champion, was able to make the adjustment to Gene's methods and techniques gained from his 30 years of racing. Rich said he never learned so much canoeing in three days. This team would be wise to stick together for a few more races. They were improving quickly and on the third lap finished ahead of Barton and Diebold, past USCA National Champions.

Buzz Peterson and John Glenn (tenth place) hold the distinction of having the greatest age span between partners—37 years! Always a favorite of the spectators, Buzz is helping the sport immensely by showing the world a spirit that's as young and fresh as his partner. John has a great example to follow and seems to be matching the giant stroke for stroke.

Karl Ketter and Tom Ploszay (16th place) demonstrated that those rookie sessions have been helpful. This year they switched ends, giving Tom a chance to learn canoe control first hand. This team gets stronger and faster each year.

Rich Hendricks and Mike Bohanon (23rd place) often showed good speed, but difficulties did hold them back. Both these paddlers have potential and the intensity to develop it. Watch them in the future.

Al Dubois and Chris Berne (33rd place) did a fine job. They seem to use Jensen's philosophy that you only look ahead because those are the teams that count. Chris and Al are going to make the rookie group a lot tougher. Which is to say that the new rookies are going to have a couple of new pros to help show them how to paddle.

RAPID REVIEW

(From Cascaders Rapid Review)

GENERAL NEWS

The best of luck to Don Sorenson in recovering from his surgery for a ruptured disk. The preliminary medical reports are good. The major question now is if Don will do himself in by ignoring his doctor's orders before he drives Eleanor crazy. Eleanor says that Don no longer has a pain in the neck but still is one.

This month we had a slightly larger group: Bobbie Schue, Bev Blinde, Jim Romach, Mary Ann Beardsley, Arnie Kleinrath, John Krack and Carrie Moore. Leroy Henkel and wife Debbie are mailing this issue of the Rapid Review. Thanks to all. We did achieve one milestone as Jim Romach reached five words per minute on George's typewriter. Reminiscences about the August meeting on the Vermillion river dominated the conversation. We were able to gather a few printable tidbits and make an article. That lower campsite must have been really something. Our president showed up with a puffy face (wisdom tooth removal), a strange accent, and an escort. Arnie declined to punch Bobbie Schue out over an obscene remark Bob made to Mary Ann. Said something about not until after Bob had bagged his boat. See you on the river.

Last month's new face was Craig Miller. This month rumor has it that Craig is moving to Salt Lake City. (There is no truth to the fact that Craig was asked to leave after the Vermillion trip.) Craig says that he wants to surf the big waves on the Great Salt Lake. Even Craig should be able to roll there. Good Luck Craig.

MEMBERSHIP

Cascader membership costs $5.00 per year. Benefits include roughly 12 issues of their superb literary work, Rapid Review, 11 meetings per year, several super parties, and a chance to rub shoulders with some of the flakiest people in the cities. And the Cascaders are truly serious paddlers, too. For starters, we offer instruction in rolling and river-running, and also sell used equipment. We have a strong wildwater racing program, and our slalom program should improve quickly if the Wausau course materializes as promised. Most every year, there are trips East, Southeast, and West, as well as locally. For the experienced paddler looking for a trip, there is always someone paddling somewhere. In the winter, thoughts turn to cross country skiing with our annual Challenge Race, New Years and President's Holiday trips, and lots of local outings. For more information, contact: Jim Romach, 1176 Duluth Street, St. Paul, MN 55106, 771-0694 (H), 738-4769 (W).

NOC EQUIPMENT DISCOUNTS

The Nantahala Outdoor Center has offered the Cascaders some excellent discounts:

Orders over $50 get 10%
Orders over $200 get 20%

All orders will be handled through Jim Romach (771-0694 (H), 738-4769 (W)). These discounts apply to all of their goods, except boats. But orders of three (3) or more boats will be quoted at special prices. If you want to order or have any questions, call Jim.

VERMILLION TRIP

By Bev Blinde

The first annual overnight general meeting on the Vermillion was well attended in spite of low water; 24 paddlers were there to take over the CC campground. The trip up provided almost as much entertainment as the river—one van group consumed six quarts of champaign and enlivened the CB airways with ribald humor and the highway with full moons.

After a short night's sleep, it was time to tackle the first rapid, de Chute. A tree at the bottom presented some problems; after much straining and pushing, we managed to block the river even further. Although much concern was expressed about getting caught in the strainer at the bottom of the de Chute, 23 kayaks were lined up to play in the hole just above the tree. All paddlers survived that rapid as well as the other major drop, the Gorge, with boats and bodies intact. The four canoes came through in fine shape, and at last report there have been no divorces (even John Stork and Dave Schmidt are still on speaking terms).

The entertainment for the evening was a visit to the Crane Lake Zoo (the local dump) to watch the bears and gulls. One of John Alt's more classic remarks had to do with "flushing the bears out" of the woods. Back at the campsight there was a campfire competition; the group that lost was soon engulfed in some sticky stuff on a picnic table. While Arnie, Mary Ann, George Jensen, and Bev Blinde were trying to get unstuck, Dave Blinde and Craig Miller were romping through the woods (looking for firewood, they said).

There must have been a Sunday, but I sure don't remember. Heard later that they ran the Table Rock section of the river. Jim Romach put his aluminum canoe up for sale at the take-out, said something about sticking to rocks . . . .

FLAMBEAU CRUISE

We're thinking of having a Fall Color Cruise on the Flambeau River sometime in late September or October. A date has not yet been set. Contact John Krack (566-1984 (H), 631-6727 (W)) or Larry Johns (633-6734) if interested.

GREEN FACES—MARY REINHART

By Jess Fauchier

Mary Reinhart had quite a race at Taylor's Falls. She did a little social drinking Saturday night and was so hung over Sunday morning that she couldn't find the zipper on her sleeping bag. She had to call for help. Ten different men volunteered, of which Mary selected three. Somehow it doesn't seem like it should take 45 minutes to unzip a zipper. For breakfast Mary had a cup of Digel. Maggie reports that Mary is apparently hard of hearing, as she failed to respond to any of Maggie's shouted instructions during their C-2W run. They had a problem on gate 10, as Mary couldn't decide which of the four poles to go between. Other people have said that racing made them sick, but none so vividly as Mary. Ripple wine and Digel all over the bow of Bob's nice red Gemini.

RACING NEWS—ST. CROIX SLALOM

K-1:	Brett Sorensen
K-1 Jr.:	Dave Aspenwall
K-1 Int.:	Bruce Hennen
K-1W:	Brenda Sorensen
C-2W:	Brenda Sorensen and Karen Marte
C-2 Open:	Jim Weseloh and Greg Breining
C-1:	Brett Sorenson
C-1 Int.:	Rick Reinhart
C-2:	Steve Parsons and Steve Drobnick
C-2M:	Renee Vetter and Pete Cary
C-1 Open:	Al Button
C-2M Open:	Jamee Peters and George Steed

We had approximately 85 boats racing and higher water than planned. However the race was a total success.

A few open boats were seen coming down the course numerous times with a variety of people paddling. Many unique maneuvers occurred that cannot be appreciated unless you were there. Tracy Weseloh had more practice than anyone else and will be ready to really compete at Last Ditch.

George Steed and Ray McLain tried to change the rules. Many people discovered you can never appreciate a decked boat until you paddle a slalom course with an open boat full of water, right Tom Aluni and Jim Rada?

LABOR DAY DASH DOWN SOUTH

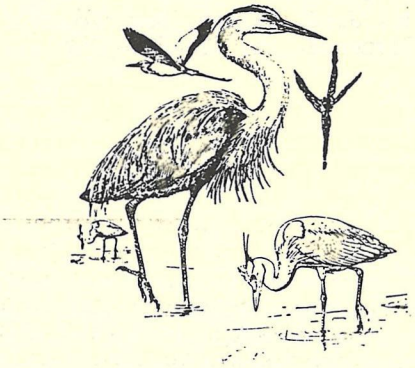
By Mary Ann

Arnie, George, and I made a mad dash down South over Labor Day weekend to the Ocoee River. Being a fairly new paddler, I was excited and nervous about paddling my first "big stuff." Of course the trip down was filled with all kinds of gruesome stories of horror on the Ocoee.

We ran the first big rapid, "Veg-A-Matic," with no trouble. Fortunately no one told me the name of the rapid until it had passed!

I would have to say that my favorite rapid was "Double Trouble" where there are several large ender waves. In fact, we spent a whole day playing on just that one rapid. If you have a chance, ask George about swimming from Southern Buns.

All in all, it was a fantastic trip! And here I had thought that Taylor's Falls was the ultimate?!*!



Great Blue Heron

TRADING POST
Free ads to MCA members

Lost: Men's navy blue nylon jacket with tan flannel lining and snap front. L.L. Bean label. Lost at May Cascader-MCA meeting at Logan Park. Call Denny Withers (926-2071).

For Sale: Ladies 3/16" sharkskin wetsuit (two pieces). New. Size small-medium (about size 10-12). $50. Call Vicki Withers (926-2071).

For Sale: Yellow 1977 Chevy 3/4 ton van. Outfitted for boater. Driven by little old lady. Price negotiable. Contact Ms. Jim Pedginski at 439-4548 (H) or 733-6901 (W).

For Sale: Juvenile kayak, Bob Haug design, epoxy/glass construction, good condition, price negotiable. Bill Cunningham (644-2726).

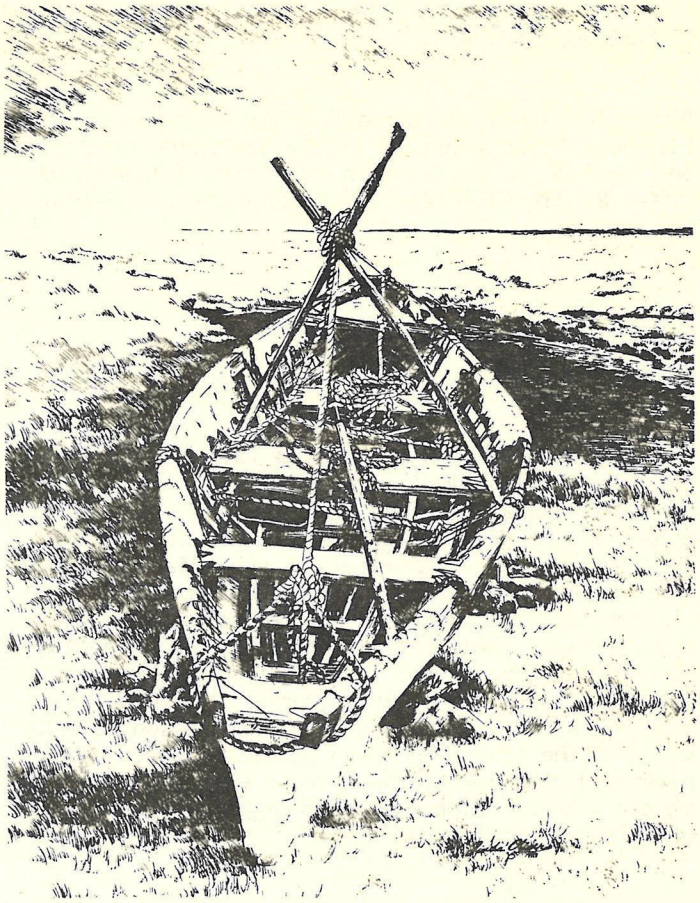
For Sale: One well-used Old Town kayak. It knows every rock on the Wolf River. Will be available any time after the September water polo match. $150. Contact Maggie Fauchier at 537-4907 (H) or 647-6121 (W).

For Sale or Trade: Iron-on decals for racy paddlers. These decals will make any t-shirt blue! See samples at the banquet. Available from Larry Johns.

For Sale: New slalom kayak; hull of s-glass, two Kevlar, nylon; deck two s-glass, two Kevlar, nylon; epoxy resin; 24 pounds; built with care and precision. Larry Johns (633-6734).

WANTED : New home for old canoe.
Canadian Butternut, (wood & canvas).
17 foot, square stern freighter
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Dr. J. G. Gilman, Box 196
Glenwood. Ph. 612-634-3244.

For Sale: Club books for Cascader members at prices you won't believe. Whitewater/Quietwater—the only authoritative guidebook to whitewater in the Midwest—$5.00. Walbridge Building Manual—if you want to build a boat, this publication is a must—a nominal charge of $3.80. Call Jim Romach at 771-0694 or see him at the meetings.



MCA Canoe Building Supplies

For Sale: MCA resin and fiberglass cloth. Polyester resin with catalyst is $9.25 per gallon. Four ounce cloth, 50" wide, is $1.60 per yard; 7½ ounce cloth, 60" wide, is $2.50 per yard. Rules for purchase: Call ahead and schedule pick-up time. Payment by check or money order to Minnesota Canoe Association. No cash. Bring a valid membership card.

Depots:

Dan Busch	222-5760	South St. Paul
Betty Ketter	561-2208	North Minneapolis
Chris Berne, Berne Scale Co.	544-2422	West Suburbs, South Minneapolis

Note: Our depot volunteers are paid a small rent to cover the storage of MCA materials. In no way does it compensate for the time they put in. Treat them with great courtesy. The MCA makes a small profit on these sales to help provide you with many other small services and help keep dues low.

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For Sale: Cascaders building supplies: 2" ethafoam @ $2.00/ft.; neoprene, nylon one side, 40" width, @ $5.00/ft.; ¼" shock cord @ $0.15/ft.; neoprene cement with applicator brush @ $2.00/8 oz. can; Yakima footbraces (adjustable) @ $10.00/pr.; instruction for spray skirts, etc., and spray skirt forms available for loan. Call Dan Murphy at 331-8245, or Arnie Kleinrath at 935-2012. Available to current Cascaders members only.

Cruises

THE AUGUST CRUISE

By Meritt J. Henry

The Minnesota River was near flood stage at over seventeen feet (a record high for August) when six canoes embarked on a fast cruise from Courtland to Mankato. Rendezvous took place at the Judson bridge in mid-morning on Saturday, August 25, a bright, warm, late summer day. John Wexler was the cruise leader.

After paddling for about six or seven miles, the party took a break for lunch. Maxine's sourdough bread, made from an eight-year-old starter, and homemade beef jerky was a might tasty snack. John's "gorp" made a good dessert until the chocolate chips started to melt.

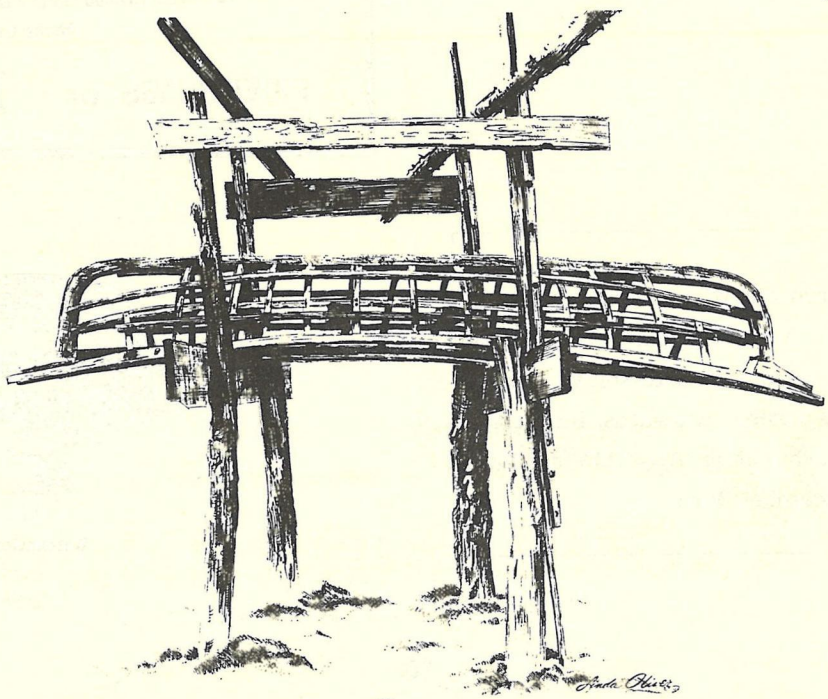
Expanding the wild and scenic river system to include the Minnesota seems to be a feasible idea. In a few places alongside the river, farmers have planted their crops very close to the river bank; consequently the soil is washing away. For the most part, however, the banks are lined with trees.

The fourteen miles to Judson from Courtland took only two and one-half hours, so a decision was made to continue to Sibley Park in Mankato, ten miles downstream. Wayne Sames and Jim Wesloh each drove a car to Sibley Park, left one car there, and returned to Judson. The five canoes with Gladys and Dick Sears, Jane and Warren Scott, Maxine Pence and John Wexler, Ann Henry and Terry Wesloh, and Meritt Henry paddling alone in Wayne's "Mad River" had a forty minute headstart. Wayne will concede that an 18½' Sawyer Super is much faster than paddling alone in a 16' "Mad River". Even with a forty minute head start, Wayne and Jim caught up with the rest of the group before they had reached Minneopa Creek, about seven miles downstream.

The entourage made camp at Minneopa Park campgrounds. Highlights of the evening included listening to where everyone had been paddling and experiences they had. It was fun listening to John's "involuntary enders" in a kayak on the Pigeon River. For dessert John "boiled" a baked spice cake in honor of Scotty's birthday.

Sunday's cruise took place on the Blue Earth River from Rapidan Dam to Sibley Park in Mankato. The water was so high that most of the rapids were covered. However, there were some class II waves that were fun to ride. The slap of the bow of the canoe and the water curling near the deck plate made for some excitement. If the water had been about two feet lower, canoeing in an open canoe would really have been a challenge. By the end of September, the water could be just right.

Southern Minnesota has a lot of adventure for the canoe enthusiast, but one must be careful. One chap related to our group that he broke up a woodstrip canoe on the LeSueur River just above Red-jacket Bridge the previous day. He had some exciting moments getting clear of a tree in the river and only recovered about a one foot by four foot piece of his canoe. As Harvey Anderson once said, "Better take that drop-pole with ya or that jam around the next bend might getcha, by golly."



RECAP OF THE AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETINGS

by Dan Busch, MCA Secretary

8/8/79 at Brian Patterson's

Most of the meeting was spent discussing the upcoming MCA Banquet. Subjects like guest speakers, menu, agenda and music were hashed over. John W. was laughed off the floor when he proposed the possible board position of Music Director. The balance of the evening was spent planning and organizing the next HUT! and the advertising in HUT! A motion was passed to set up a checking account for the HUT! business manager (Laura Fraser) to handle advertising, printing costs, mailing, etc.

There was a heated debate between board members regarding the MCA being named in the upcoming lawsuit for the BWCA. The subject will be discussed at a later meeting.

8/12/79 at Van Cleve Park

We discussed HUT! being late again. Because HUT! didn't get out in time to announce the BWCA issue, it will be discussed at the annual meeting. We planned the annual membership meeting, agenda and ballot. Then we talked about board members calling MCA members at random and perhaps asking them such questions as: Why did you join the MCA? Will you renew your membership? Did you build a canoe? How many times did you go canoeing this year? And so on. This is to get an idea of what the membership thinks.

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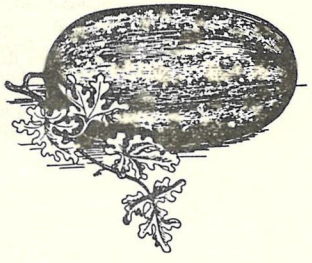
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