HUT! Minnesota Canoe Association

August 1980

Calendar of Events

CANOE-IN AT FORT SNELLING
August 10

Walt Jones and John Wexler will lead a cruise from Hidden Falls Park in St. Paul, near the Ford plant, for a cruise down to Fort Snelling State Park picnic area for a picnic. All cruisers should assemble at Hidden Falls Park between 12 and 1 p.m. At exactly 1:00 the cruise will go downstream to the picnic area at Fort Snelling State Park. Bring food for the picnic and the MCA will furnish refreshments.

We encourage everyone to get acquainted with each other. There will a kayak demonstration and you will be able to try out some boats. There will be many different designs for everyone to look at and try.
For more information contact Sharon and Mike Gilmann at 935-5799.

August 8 Friday — Pine City, Ron Henderson, Pine City Technical Institute, Pine City Jaycees.

August 9 — LD Race: Rock River. Norm Godfrey, Box 54, Ft. Atkinson, WI 53538.

August 12, 14, 19, & 21 — Cascader Rolling Sessions: Held at the public beach at Medicine Lake, 6:30 p.m. Some boats available for students. Cost is $10 plus a required Cascaders membership ($7.50). Please contact the Fauchiers (537-4907) in advance if you wish to attend.

August 14 6:30 — St. Cloud Cruise on Mississippi: From the park in Sauk Rapids, just north of the bridge. John Wexler will be demonstrating some Kayak techniques. Most of the route is quietwater. Rapids can be portaged. If you need a canoe or partner, of if you have any questions, call John at 722-7069 or Mike Zapf at 251-5807.

August 19 Tuesday — Mississippi Lock Cruise: Starting at U of M showboat landing at 6:30 p.m. the landing is a short ways downstream of the Washington Ave. bridge on the East Bank. Bring you camera since you will probably get a perspective of downtown Minneapolis that will be quite interesting. If you need a canoe or partner call John Wexler at 722-7069. Otherwise just bring your canoe and meet at the landing.

August 29-31 & Sept. 1 — Voyageurs Special Cruise. Apostle Island Canoe Trip. Contact John Wheeler if interested (633-6500). (non-Voyageurs welcome if room.)

September 6 Saturday — Upper St. Croix River Cruise. Rendezvous at the Minnesota side of the Interstate Park at Taylor's Falls at 9:00 a.m. and drive to put-in at Nelson's Landing off Hwy F. Good easy cruise. Leader Cliff Jacobson - 612-437-7497.

September 13 — Jensen Handicap for Long Distance Racers. Karl Ketter 1957 Lake St., Roseville, MN 55113.

September 14 — Minnesota Women's Canoe Championship. (Tentative Date)

September 20 — Minnesota Long Distance C-1 Championship. (Tentative date.)

September 21 — Minnesota LD Mixed Teams Championship. (Tentative date).

September 28 — Grand Fall Rendezvous and St. Croix Color Cruise and Canoe Builders Contest. Come one, come all, this is where we all get together! See article later this year.

Mississippi Mud

ON BEING CAUGHT UP WITH

by John Timmers

You've got a head start this morning and it's down the Rum and up the Mississippi. We'll show 'em today. Everything feels good and we are moving along well. About an hour and something makes you turn around and look back.

No doubt about it, those flashes way back there along the bank are paddles. We pick up the pace, keeping close to the banks. The next time you turn to look, you make out tiny figures in miniature boats, just silhouettes against the water. You keep paddling hard and after a while you glance over your shoulder.

Now they are close enough to make them out. That's Gary's red Sawyer all-right; Karl's distinctive cap; Steve's blond hair. Beep! Beep! Buzz and John pass you on one side, Gene and Dan fly by on the other side. Comments and good natured laughter go back and forth as you bounce in the wake. Then gradually they pull farther ahead. Soon the river is quiet. The figures ahead of you now getting smaller again. WOW!

MCA DISPLAY AT FIRST BANK INTERNATIONAL CANOE CLASSIC

by Lee Hunt

At the recent First Bank International Canoe Classic, July 5, the MCA had a very successful display aimed at recruiting new members. The display was near the finish line of the race. Various canoes and kayaks were on display and members of the MCA and the Cascaders were on hand to answer questions and to try to sign up new members. Also on display was the 30-foot strip canoe built by the Voyagers chapter. It drew a lot of interest, but probably the most popular canoe at the display was a handmade redwood strip canoe recently completed by MCA member Richard Carlson. The canoe was a 17 foot, 54 pounds Guide model and was a true work of art. Richard deserves to be congratulated for his efforts.

The success of this display was due to the efforts of those members who came and helped out. I want to thank Roger Geis of the Voyagers chapter for bringing the 30-foot strip canoe, Richard Carlson for bringing his Guide and Penny Mielke, Venice Barsness, Mike and Sharon Gilman and Terry Lemke for their efforts.



At the exact second of the START, every last single team who has gotten to the starting line is tied for First Place!

President's Forum

Many thanks to all the people who helped with the First Bank Canoe Race. Mostly the First Bank Minneapolis for the $7,500 prize money, their excellent promotion of the race on radio and television, the posters and T-shirts given to paddlers participating in the day's events.

I would also like to thank Lee Hunt, our building director for the excellent display. Very special thanks to Roy Johnston, who led the cruise from the Comden Avenue Bridge to Nicollet Island with at least 175 people in tow. Ray was geared to handle the 25 canoists we expected. Luckily he had a very good crew helping him. The crew included Ray's daughter and son, Debbie and Jim Maves,and many others.

The hub and moving force of the race was Betty Ketter, the chief race organizer, and her crew of Karl Ketter , "Barbera" Hiddie and other volunteers who assisted in timing, registration, recruitment of sponsors and announcing.

On the Sunday after the race, still other MCAers assisted in the Blessing of St. Anthony Falls and commemeration of Father Hennepin's discovery of the Falls. The people paddling the 30-foot Voyager canoe were Roger Geis of the Canoe Brigade du Nord, Warren Thunstrom and his wife, Penny Mielke, Roy Johnston, Lee Hunt, Francis Ball, Don Wexler and Venice Barsness.

Race Results:

1st.	Corbin & Corbin, Quebec	3:14:03
2nd.	Dan Hassel, Cedar MN & Ron Williams B.C.	3:15:29
3rd.	Ev Croizer & Tim Triebold WI	3:16:31
4th.	Michael Long & Tom Burns, Ontario	3:18:10
5th.	Steve Peterson & St. Bastian MN	3:19:58
6th.	Gene Jensen & Rejean Morrinville, Quebec	3:20:04
7th.	Al Rudquest & Jim Hagen, Grand Rapids, MN	3:20:13
8th.	Maurice Clautin & Chrislain Clobelled, Quebec	3:21:01
9th.	Louis & Mario Cloutier, Quebec	3:22:01
10th.	Jeff Kolka & Dave Hayes, MI	3:22:25
11th.	Tom Payne & Dave Dorsey, Mass.	3:22:53
12th.	Romain LaFontontoene & John, Quebec	3:22:59
13th.	Dick Kreger & Bill Schmidt, MI	3:24:22
14th.	George Arimond & Kori Lid, Park Rapids, MN	3:24:29
15th.	Rich Hendrichs & Mike Bohannon, MN	3:25:20
16th.	Buzz Peterson & Gill Tinkler, Quebec	3:26:11
17th.	Paul Short & Tony Short Bay City, MI	3:26:31
18th.	Steve Porn & Gerald Schneider WI	3:27:05
19th.	Tom Ploszay & Brian Belisle Mpls. MN	3:27:05
20th.	Gary Neddermeyer & Dave Sipe Elk River, MN	3:27:14
21st.	Dave Weise & Don Luneman WI	3:27:54
22nd.	Rich Hall & Bob Jarvis Flin Flon	3:28:23
23rd.	Morgan Wright & Mike Cichanowski MN	3:28:13
24th.	Al DuBois & Brag Du Bois St. Paul, MN	3:28:55
25th.	Karl & Kenn Ketter Mpls. MN WI	3:28:58
26th.	Dave Kruger & Mark Erlander MI	3:29:16
27th.	Warren thunstrom & Jim Pomery MN	3:29:26
28th.	Jim LaFontaine and Neil Gonya Mass.	3:29:41
29th.	Beth & Errol Schluter WI	3:30:32
30th.	John Glenn & Duane Broten, MN	3:32:13
31st.	Chris Berne & Ed Kosic MN, WI	3:35:06
32nd.	Sperry & Jack Rademaker Florida	3:35:24
33rd.	Scott Ankeny & Duane Wensell MN	3:38:42
34th.	John Flemming & Maren Smith, Grand Rapids	3:38:49
35th.	Larry Krisiel & Craig Caron MN	3:41:44
36th.	Todd Johnson & Larry Johns MN	3:42:19
37th.	Robin Baker & Ted Fulton MN	3:42:33
38th.	John and Walt Hershey MN	3:44:20
39th.	Jennie & Tim Block, MN	3:48:34
40th.	Robert Berg & Jerry Schilling WI	3:48:49
41st.	Bill Kellogg & Jack Kolka MI	3:48:50
42nd.	Steve Dorbinsh & Robert Schuelzter MN	3:52:47
43rd.	Larry Johns & Ann Knute MN	3:53:47
44th.	Georgry Riese & Rex Lindberg MN	4:02:22
45th.	John Waxler & John Slivon MN	4:14:00

FIRST BANK INTERNATIONAL CANOE CLASSIC A SUCCESS

by John Wexler

Forty-eight canoes would start. two would not finish; one team would forget to complete the part of the course around Nicollet Island in Minneapolis, and thereby be disqualified. The forty-fifth and last canoe paddled by John Slivon and John Wexler would make it just under the official one hour cut-off. Had they been one minute, 29 seconds later they would have been disqualified.

And so the racers lined up just above the Coon Rapids Dam. Icewater jugs were full with 45° juices and the temperature was 79° with the sun beating down. Each pair of racers were discussing strategies that would help them clinch first place or at least some of the $7,500 in prize money sponsored by the First Bank of Minneapolis. A National Geographic helicopter hovered in the air as the racers watched for the rise of the red flags that would signify the start of the race.

Swiftly, the signal was given and the race was on. Big two foot or more waves appeared almost immediately near the east bank where most of paddlers jockeyed for position or were jockeying for position. Almost immediately Larry Krisiel and Craig Caron of the Southern Minnesota Canoe Club tipped. This temporarily put them in last position. Later thy would finish in 35th place.

Wrong-way winds, helicopter noise and Mississippi River barges made the 22.5 mile course quite interesting. At the start you were lucky to hear your partner's hut (signal to alternate sides you paddle on). Some of the lead canoes had to wrestle with big waves making barges near the Broadway Bridge in Minneapolis.

At the finish,large crowds cheered the racers as they passed under the last bridges, up and around Nicollet Island and down the old railroad tracks near the finish line. Corbin and Corbin from Quebec won first place and $1,000.

CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Dear Canoeists:

Please accept my deep thanks for the very generous gift of your time and talents in conveying me and some of those in the procession last Sunday from the East bank of the Mississippi River around Nicollet Island to the South tip of the island. Our service was made much more meaningful by the inclusion of the canoe trip.

I would like to compliment all of you on your expert handling of the canoes. I was completely confident of your ability throughout the entire trip, and your helpfulness was greatly appreciated.

Again, thank you very much for your part in making the Tricentennial celebration a complete success.

Sincerely,

Alan W. Moss
Pastor

Cruises

The ubiquitous John Wexler, president of the Minnestoa Canoe Association will be organizing a whitewater cruise. The purpose is to run eastern whitewater. He is considering either sometime in October or November. He is looking for experienced boaters and people to shuttle cars. Don't miss out on a chance to hit the mighty rivers of the Eastern U.S.A. such as the Chatooga in North Carolina and the New River in West Virginia. Call John as soon as possible at 612-722-7069.

MCA Canoe Building Supplies

FOR SALE: MCA resin and fiberglass cloth. Polyester resin with catalyst is $10.95 per gallon. Four ounce cloth, 50 inches wide, is $2.05 per yard; 7½ ounce cheese cloth, 60 inches wide, is $2.85 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 membercard.

Depots:

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

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR
AND BUSINESS MANAGER

Terry Lemke is the new membership director. Terry asked Penny Mielke to handle inquiries regarding information requested and he is looking for other people to assist him with other membership services. Helen Connors is the new Business Manager for HUT! She will be working with Barb Ford, editor of HUT!, and Joe Conrad.

FALL BANQUET

A fall banquet or party is being planned. If you have any ideas or suggestions, or would like to help by being an awards committee or site selection committee, or entertainment committe, contact Penny Mielke at 776-1935, Walt Jones at at 488-4570 or John Wexler at 772-7069.

Editor's Forum

There are not many avid canoeists and cross-country skiers in Minnesoata who have not experienced the splend or and beauty of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. We Minnesotans should be p proud of having one of the few remaining wilderness areas so close. But this area has come close to being destroyed by those who have not considered its delicacy. Now, after more than 75 years of being tossed around in the machinery of politics, it has been saved.

But the struggle to make the BWCA a wilderness area has been a long and hard battle. We can breath easier but I fear there will continue to be more attempts to modify its wilderness status. We should be aware of what political games have been played in the past so we can keep out eyes open for future skirmishes.

I have spent much time researching and and trying to keep abreast of what is happening to the BWCA. I would like to share these findings to all MCAers in hopes that you will all appreciate what exactly it is we have gained through the battles we have fought.

This only part of the story. It will be continued in subsequent issues of HUT!

Barb Ford

P.S. I apologize for any misspelling of the names mentioned. I don't hava enough sources to check spelling, because I'm in Wisconsin most of the time. I would appreciate it if you would let me know if I did spell your name wrong. I will be at the Canoe-in on August 10th if you have any comments. I am looking forward to meeting you.

BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE AREA
It's Political Survival

by Barbara Ford

The BWCA is a lake-dotted wilderness located along the borders of Minnesota and Canada for 110 miles. The largest continuous block of virgin forest remaining in the eastern part of our nation is in its million acre expanse. Some of the world's most majestic stands of red pine, some of which were seedlings in the 16th century, and the famous Ely Greenstone, one of the oldest rocks on earth, are among the treasures to be found there.

The 1964 Wilderness Act by Congress allowed the Canoe Area to become part of the National Wilderness Preservation System, which is dedicated to human enjoyment without mechanized intrusion. This Act confirmed what was a precedent throughout the history of the BWCA since its inclusion in the Superior National Forest in 1909.

A new hazard to the preservation of natural conditions in the canoe country appeared in 1925. E.W. Backus, President of the Minnesota and Ontario Paper Company declared he was going to begin large-scale logging in the area and planned to build a series of hydro-electric dams in the chain of lakes along the border. By flooding the area it would have made it easier and cheaper to cut timber. But after a bitter fight in Congress, a bill was passed that banned logging within 400 feet of shoreline of any lake in the region. Backus dropped his plan.

In the late 1940's there was another threat to the region. Bush pilots began regularly flying fisherman to lakes deep inside the forest, encouraging a thriving resort business. Sigurd Olson, 80-year-old author, and others, protested that the BWCA was becoming polluted, ruined by "those squads of flying fishermen."

The government never fully resolved the dispute between those who wanted to preserve the region in its original state and those who want to extract its natural resources. While the principal intent of the Wilderness Act was to maintain the primitive character of lands to be designated as wilderness, Hubert Humphrey, D-Minn., is responsible for a last-minute loophole. Humphrey successfully amended the legislation to permit logging and motorboats in the Canoe Area. Because of that loophole, the people of Minnesota have become divided among themselves in the fight that continues today, even after Congress passed a bill spelling out what the wilderness area should be.

The United States Forest Service, an agency of the Department of Agriculture implemented a management plan as a result of the loophold. The BWCA was divided into two zones. The Interior Zone, where logging is prohibited, covers 618,000 acres. This zone is where the heaviest recreational use occured. The Portal Zone, where logging was allowed, comprised the remaining 412,000 acres of BWCA.

The logging industry was satisfied, saying that the Portal Zone could be managed to produce lumber for centuries while the conservationists could enjoy the wilderness zone that covered more than half of the BWCA.

But conservationists opposed the Forest Service action, maintaining that the Portal zone contains one-third of the virgin timber in the BWCA. The continued to argue for the next ten years that the entire BWCA was meant by Congress to be wilderness. Finally, in 1973, the Sierra Club brought a suit under the Wilderness Act. Federal District Judge Miles Lord ruled in favor of the Sierra Club by granting a permanent injunction against further logging of any large continuous blocks of virgin forest in the Wilderness area.

Later, the Forest Service and the loggers took the case to a federal appeals court. On August 30, 1976, the court reversed Judge Lord's injunction. The court stated that Congress had clearly accorded "special treatment" to the BWCA and wanted the area to be managed in a manner that would maintain its primitive character without unnecessarily restricting logging.

Even though the injunction was overturned, the logging companies agreed to a temporary moratorium. In 1976 the Secretary of Agriculture issued an order banning all snowmobiles, which were originally allowed in as "winterized motorboats."

In the 94th Congress, there were two major bills regarding the BWCA that could have ended the controversy and clarified the Canoe Area's status once and for all.

Congressman Donald Fraser recognized the need for more wilderness land allocations east of the Rockies by protecting the entire one-million acre BWCA. The bill would not allow any logging, motorized vehicles or mining in the area.

Congressman James Oberstar's bill would endorce the 2-zone system, allowing logging and motorized vehicles in one zone but not the other.

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