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MINNESOTA CANOE ASSOCIATION

1981

JANUARY

Newsletter of the Minnesota Canoe Association Inc.

Calendar of Events

January

5 Monday — Orientation Meeting for Winter Camping Sessions
(See article inside.)
6:00-7:30 p.m.

14 Thursday — Monthly Directors' Meeting
Gilman Home
810 S. 6th Street, Apt. 1, Hopkins
Members welcome; call 935-5799 for information
7:30 p.m.

17 & 18 Sat. & Sun. — 6th Annual Green Bay Pool Slalom, held at the Green Bay YMCA by the Northeastern Wisconsin Pool Slalom Committee and others. This will include kayak, decked canoes and open canoes, with different experience levels. For more information, call Ray McLain, (414) 468-6604 or write: 345 Bretcoe Drive, Green Bay, WI 54302

17 Sunday — Wild River Cross Country Cruise, Wild River State Park, 10 miles north of Taylors Falls. For more information, call John Wexler, 722-7069, and see article.

20 Tuesday — Winter Camping Course (designed in five parts) through Science Museum of Minnesota Wilderness Institute. Call Julie Betz, 221-9439, or Tim Kneeland, 871-7861.
7:00-10:00 p.m.

21 Wednesday ☆☆ — Arctic Adventures with Robert O'Hara
MCA's January program
YWCA, 1130 Nicollet Avenue
Minneapolis (parking in rear)
7:30 p.m.

24 Saturday ☆ — Search Beyond Arctic Canoe Expedition
Union Congregational Church
36th & Alabama Avenue South
St. Louis Park
7:00 p.m.
(Call Steve Andersen at 788-1568 for personal invitation or pay $1 donation at door to cover refreshments and custodial services)

February

4 Wednesday — Canoe Design & Building Seminar
MCA's February program.
Brooklyn Center Civic Center
6301 Shingle Creek Pkwy.
Brooklyn Center
7:30 p.m.
(For further information, call Lee Hunt, Building Director, at 724-6442)

7 Saturday — Cross Country Ski Race & Family Tour
This is the Cascader's Challenge Race to other chapters and members of the MCA at 3M's Tarten Park (see article inside)
2:00 p.m.

10 Tuesday — Advanced Cross Country Ski Course
Through the Science Museum of Minnesota Wilderness Institute.
7:00-10:00 p.m.
Call Julie Betz, 221-9439

11 Wednesday — Monthly Directors' Meeting
Folwell Community Center
1615 Dowling Ave. North
Minneapolis
Members welcome

March

4 Wednesday — Whitewater - MCA's Monthly Program
Time and place to be announced

11 Wednesday — Monthly Directors' Meeting
Time and place to be announced

18 — Canoeing Show
At Midwest Mountaineering

April

8 Wednesday — Program on kayaking in Alaska and on Canada's Fraser and McKenzie Rivers. Slide show and lecture by Chuck Benda.
Midwest Mountaineering

MCA JANUARY PROGRAM — CANOEING CANADA'S ARCTIC

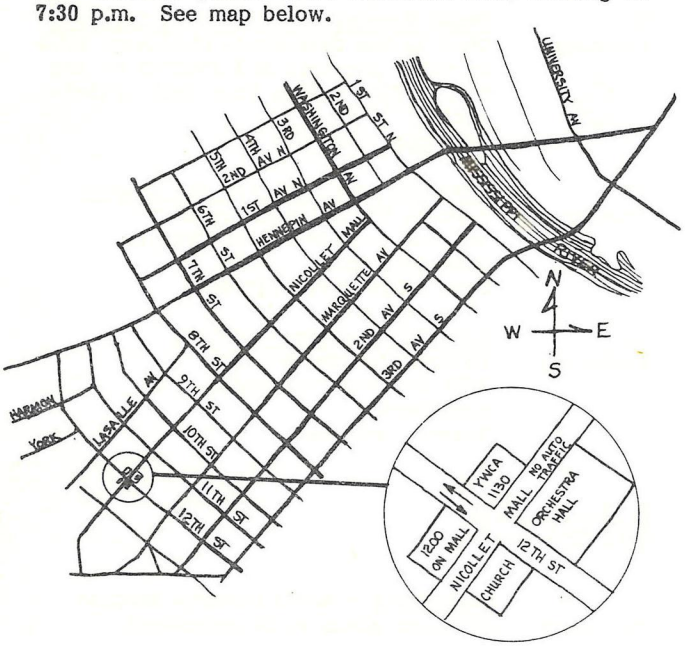
by Mike Gilman

Bob O'Hara will feature a 2-month expedition by canoe on the frigid northern ocean, which includes encounters with polar bears, Eskimo camps, peregrine falcon nests, sea mammals, arctic char, and the majestic beauty of the 'land of the midnight sun'. Also featured will be the planning of such an expedition from the selection of the route, the participants, the menu, and the equipment, along with the necessary logistics to make it all work.

Bob O'Hara is an active Arctic canoeist who has made three separate trips to the Arctic Ocean, a number of trips to Hudson Bay, has paddled all of the major rivers in the central Arctic, and made 11 major expeditions in the North. His other interests include photography, outdoor and environmental education and history of the far north. He is an active cross country citizen racer, and a high school ski coach, along with being an elected fellow of the Explorers Club.

He will be sharing his past summer's adventure on the ocean, from the 28th of June until Labor Day, in a 20-foot canoe, dealing with such things as 14-foot tides twice a day and nights that never warmed beyond the mid-thirties.

The program will be held at the Minneapolis YWCA, 1130 Nicollet (across from Orchestra Hall) starting at 7:30 p.m. See map below.



WILD RIVER CROSS COUNTRY CRUISE

by John Wexler

Cross country ski cruise to Wild River State Park, which is about ten miles north of Taylors Falls. No, die-hards, this is not an on the river cruise; it is a cross country ski cruise along, and in some cases possibly over, the Sunrise River and the St. Croix River.

Anyone interested in going, please meet at my house at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 17, 1981 as we will car pool up there. I would also like to know in advance who is planning to go, so please call at 722-7069.

THE 1981 MCA PROGRAM SCHEDULE

by Mike Gilman

On October 8, 1980, a special planning meeting was held to set up a calendar of programs to be carried out in 1981. Various topics of interest to canoeists were discussed, and a number of them chosen as themes for the programs. Consideration was given to the time of year that a particular theme would be the most beneficial to canoeists.

In so doing, a schedule of monthly programs was drafted, and M.C.A. members assigned as program managers for the 12 different programs. Each manager is then responsible for locating a place that could accommodate an undetermined number of people (we encourage the general public to attend) to hold a meeting, making the reservations, contacting people who will put on a program within a given theme, and making sure that the right people know about it so that it can be advertised.

The Board of Directors asks that you help these managers out whenever possible (recognize any?) because we feel the programs that are offered in '81 should prove to be interesting, exciting and varied.

The following calendar lists the month, theme and program manager in charge. If you would like to be of assistance, feel free to call upon any one of these people.

January 21
Arctic Adventures - Penny Mielke

February 4
Building Show - Lee Hunt

March 4
Whitewater - Terry Lemke

April 1
Water Safety - Venice Barness

May 5
BWCA Cruising - Mike Gilman

June 3
Long Distance Racing - Karl Ketter

July 1
Canoeing Equipment - Chris Berne

August 5
Mystery Cruise - Roy Johnston

September 2
Conservation - John Wexler

October 7
Canoe Maintenance & Building - Lee Hunt

November 4
M.C.A. Slides and Films

December 2
Amazon Trip - Mike Vande Vyver



MCA ANNUAL BANQUET

by Helen Olson

The MCA Annual Banquet, a casual and relaxed gathering of old and new friends, was held November 15th at Bursch's in Hopkins.

One of several attractions that evening was the awarding of prizes and the recognition of a number of people who have worked especially hard to make sure we had a successful and event-filled year.

It was worth the price of admission to watch as cruising director Mike Vande Vyver addressed the gathering with his back and then drew his name (again) for two of the four gift certificates. (He is amply deserving of that and more.) Another light moment occurred when Roy Johnston was sure he had the winning ticket for a door prize, but couldn't produce it even after turning his pockets inside out. Sorry, Roy, "no tickie, no laundry".

Two $25 gift certificates were awarded to those who had planned and led cruises. Those eligible were: Mike Vande Vyver (Peshtigo), Roy Johnston (Mississippi), Daryl Foss (Cannon), Cliff Jacobson (Flambeau), Walt Jones (Namekagon), Jim Robinson (Crow), Bill Marcoullier (Crow Wing), John Wexler (Mississippi), Mike Zapf (Mississippi), Ken Esperson (Rice Creek), Steve Anderson (Upper St. Croix), Ian Richards (Kettle, boating clinic).

The winners were: Mike Vande Vyver (E.M.S., Lob Pine) and Mike Zapf (Hoigaards).

Two $25 gift certificates were awarded to those who wrote articles for HUT! about those trips so those of us who could not attend could at least get some vicarious thrills and laughs. Those eligible were: Ken Esperson, Randy Johnson, Dick Davidson, Cliff Jacobson, Walt Jones, Penny Meilke and Mike Vande Vyver.

The winners were: Dick Davidson (Midwest Mountaineering) and Mike Vande Vyver, again (donated by Ketter Canoeing).

A big THANKS to all of you. Your efforts are what make this club go.

We learned a little about some of our outstate groups; it appears that we Twin Citians aren't the only ones having a good time. Thanks to Mike Zapf and Chuck Green and others from St. Cloud, and Ardell Gorman of the Austin contingent for filling us in. Also, the new president of the 3-M Chapter, Paul Davies, told us a little about their group.

Chris Berne hauled in a number of humungemous silver (??) cups for the marathon racers. Point System Class Champions were Rich Hendricks, Larry Kriessel and Scott Ankeny (who were present) and Mike Bohanon and Gene Jensen (who were not).

Lee Hunt awarded a somewhat impressive trophy to the builder of a very impressive boat. Sorry, Lee, but three inches can't compare to "humungemous". Mike Zapf, you are an artist in redwood. Next year, you can enter a standard size race and win a bigger trophy.

After all the deserving were honored, the merely desirous had their chance at the goodies. Winners of the door prizes were: Keith Coad (3-M) won a water purification kit from Hoigaards; Sara Pugh won a paddle donated by Betty Ketter; Chuck Green (St. Cloud) received a day pack filled with "canoe paper" donated by Midwest Mountaineering. Gerry Olson won a paddle donated by E.M.S., Lob Pine. Next time, hang on to your ticket, Roy.

Some thoughts in closing. If you are an inactive member, you are missing a lot of fun as well as a chance to perfect your canoeing skills. We will be listing some of the areas where we need help in future issues of HUT!. To get involved, simply pick up your phone and call one of the people whose phone number is listed in HUT!. We need your ideas and skills, and would love to hear from you. You can even call us up and tell us what's wrong with the MCA if you can possibly think of anything. You could even end up being next year's cruising director while Vande is in the Amazon. That slot is practically guaranteed two prizes at the banquet!

When you are patronizing sporting goods type stores, especially establishments that donated prizes to us for the banquet, mention your connection to the M.C.A. That might make it easier for us to sell them some advertising space in HUT!.

SKIING

For a Cross-Country Skiing Map/Directory or one on snowmobiling, both of which will be coming out around Christmas week, write Minnesota Tourism Bureau, 480 Cedar Street, St. Paul 55101. Twin Cities area residents may telephone 296-5029. Other Minnesota residents may call toll-free 1-800-652-9747. From outside Minnesota, call toll-free 1-800-328-1410.

A brochure describing cross-country ski opportunities in the Hennepin Country Park Reserves is available by telephoning 473-4693 or writing Hennepin County Park Reserve District, Box 296, Maple Plain, Minnesota 55359.

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Minnesota Zoo Building New Ski Lodge For Their Cross-Country Trails

A new facility for use by ski enthusiasts is now under construction at the Minnesota Zoo in Apple Valley. Upon completion in mid-January, it will serve as a cross-country ski lodge with ski rentals available.

The non-profit Minnesota Zoological Foundation will pay for the project out of private-source funds.



WINTER CAMPING SESSIONS

by Tim Kneeland

Starts January 5 with an orientation session at the American Lung Association, 1829 Portland Avenue, with four academic prep courses on low impact winter camping (January 26, February 2, 9 & 18), finalized with a cross country skiing and winter camping outing for three groups of ten each for seven days (Febuary 21-27). SOLID EXCITEMENT. See the BWCA in a different light. Learn to travel and winter camp in a safe, comfortable and ethically sound manner.

Call Paulette Pickard (871-7332) or Tim Kneeland (871-7861). Through Friends of the Boundary Waters and Wildernet.

TREASURER'S REPORT

November 1, 1979 to October 31, 1980

Summary

Income		
Sales to Members	5,681.25	
Cost of Goods Sold	-4,901.88	
Net Sales Income		779.37
Membership Dues & Plans		3,982.12
Other Income		1,606.67
Total Income		6,368.16
Less Other Expenses		-4,394.90
Net Income		1,973.26

Assets	
Checking Account	2,001.72
Savings Account	3,278.09
Resin Inventory	944.29
	6,224.10

Breakdown

Income		
Ketter Depot	3,932.01	
Berne Depot	1,354.95	
Austin Depot	374.29	
Patches	20.00	
Sales to Members		5,681.25
Membership Dues & Plans		3,982.12
Other Income		
1979 Banquet	430.75	
Misc.	158.68	
Lawsuit	827.72	
Savings Account Interest	189.52	
		1,606.67
Gross Income		11,270.04

Expenses	
HUT!	2,773.93
Membership	513.40
Postage	413.49
Printing	362.07
Cruises	172.31
Misc.	159.70
	4,394.90

Cost of Goods Sold to Members		
Oct. 31, 1979 Inventory	463.29	
Oct. 31, 1980 Inventory	-944.29	
Net Increase in Inventory		-481.00
Cost of Goods Purchased 1979-80		5,382.88
		4,901.88

For those of you who are interested in what all of this means, the Minnesota Canoe Association showed a net income for the year 1979-80 of $1,973.26. This may seem that the club is making a lot of money. What must be understood if that the club's income included $430.75 from the 1979 banquet. The expenses for this banquet were written off in the previous year. Also, the club received $827.72 from our lawsuit concerning HUT! years ago. These payments have finished, so the club will no longer receive this money.

We on the Board of Directors will endeavor to use our resources carefully and hold the line on dues while at the same time providing as many services as possible to you, the members. If you have any questions or comments, give us a call; or better yet, come to the next board meeting.

Chris Berne MCA Treasurer

The Presidents Message

by John Wexler
President, MCA

We are off to what looks to be a very interesting year for the Minnesota Canoe Association. The reason I say this is that we have a new steering committee of hard-working, concerned Minnesota boaters who are willing to put a lot of time into the Association. Many of this year's board members are veterans of last year and in some cases, from earlier years.

We need to keep these people active in the Association, and the way to do that is for you, you and you to volunteer.

What do we need volunteers for? We need people to lead cross country ski outings during the winter or canoe trips during the spring, summer and fall. If you do not wish to lead a trip, ask Mike Vande Vyver who needs help to organize a trip. We need typists to help work on numerous publication projects we are trying to undertake; writers who can help us express ourselves better; and just plain old volunteers to help us put together M.C.A. activities meetings or conduct marathon canoe races.

As I mentioned earlier, we have a fantastic program lined up to include short outings around the Twin Cities, Minnesota and the Midwest. On January 2, Robert O'Hara will start our activity meeting with a very informative and educational program. In February, we will be having a building program that I am sure you will find informative.

Congratulations to Helen Olson for eliminating our accounts receivable in the advertising department.

Let's all go out and watch Mike Vande Vyver ski jump on February 1 at the St. Paul Ski Club on Carver Avenue in St. Paul. To get there, take 61 north from Interstate 494 near South St. Paul to Carver Avenue and turn right. Go one mile and watch for signs. This should be a lot of fun. I suggest you either bring a sandwich or you can buy plenty of chili at the Ski Club chalet. Call me (722-7069) if you wish to car pool out there as there is a charge for parking.

I noticed on December 10, 1980, the Minneapolis Star published a picture of two canoeists paddling on Lake Harriet without life vests (jackets). We strongly encourage anyone canoeing in December to wear a personal flotation vest for some very good reasons.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

by Mike Vande Vyver

This is what we can certainly call the dry season. I guess everyone probably did what I did and hung up the boats, etc.

Last year, we did have some cross country ski activity, and hope we can do likewise this year. I'm quite occupied with my ski jumping, but I would encourage anyone who would like to lead cross country ski trips, whether near the city or not, to contact me. It would be best to contact me as soon as possible before the trip so that we can get it in the HUT!. We also plan on having another cross country ski race with the Cascaders this year. This would certainly be an excellent opportunity to practice.

I plan to arrange some of next year's cruising schedule some time in January.

I had the opportunity to talk to someone who was on the Amazon in 1977. I went over to his house to discuss my plans. I did manage to see some photos that looked very impressive. I'm really looking forward to this trip and spending lots of time researching this. I've just about figured out what's what, and getting set to put this all together soon. I'm also taking a course in Spanish at the Vo-Tech school. So until whenever, "Adios!"

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Cross country ski trips or river trips, call 922-7633.

CROSS COUNTRY SKI RACE & FAMILY TOUR

by Mike Gilman

This is a challenge race by the Cascaders, who are taking on all comers. We are inviting each and every one of you who ski to come out and join in the competition, since the Cascaders seem to have been the winners of this race long enough. Those of you who aren't involved with the race can ski tour around 3M's Tarten Park on all those gently rolling hills. Hopefully we'll be getting a good snow base by then.

Remember that the race is Saturday, February 7 at 2:00 p.m. at 3M's Tarten Park, two miles north of I-94 on County Road 17 (between St. Paul and Hudson)—then follow the signs.

VOLUNTEERING IS FUN, VOLUNTEERING IS FREE, VOLUNTEERING IS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Do you have some time you could give us? We could use some help to plan and prepare an M.C.A. display to set up in receptive stores and public places. A lot of shops offer a trip planning service to their customers. We could benefit them and gain some new members for our organization.

Other areas that might be of interest to you are: historian, photographer, safety and education.

Or you could sell advertising to shops that you would be visiting anyway. If you are interested in this option, please call Helen Olson at 612-447-4904.

SEARCH BEYOND ARCTIC CANOE EXPEDITION

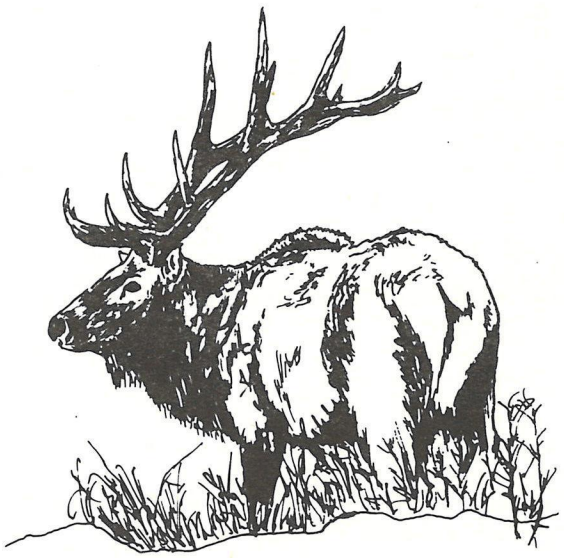
by Steve Andersen

Below is an excerpt from the journal of MCA member Steve Andersen, one of four persons completing the six-week Search Beyond Arctic Canoe Expedition in July. Steve and his expedition companions showed a short slide presentation of their journey for the November MCA Annual Banquet. The full, exciting adventure will be given Saturday, January 24, 7:00 p.m., at the Union Congregational Church, 36th and Alabama Avenue South, St. Louis Park. (A $1 donation will be requested to help pay for refreshments and custodial services.)

(Afternoon, Day 3) "Hut!" Mark commanded from the stern of my canoe. I responded retardedly, switching paddling sides after a moment of confusion. We were on the Yukon Territory's Peel River now, and the forgotten long-distance canoeing command signaled a change in style. The Blackstone River's rapids were behind us, and with it the bracing, prying, and flexible paddling gave way to the rhythmic, strong, quick strokes of quiet water paddling.

Exchanging my straight whitewater paddle for my lighter bent cruising paddle, I prepared my mind for the coming hours of engine-work. My role switched from an active and often leading partner in picking a route through rapids to a machine that simply propelled the canoe through the water as efficiently as possible. My bow position entitled me to the privileges of a slave. "Hut" and I switch sides; "slow" and I ease the push on my paddle.

To cope with this potentially monotonous and grueling predicament, I shorten my gaze and exert myself with each stroke. Each downward thrust on the paddle becomes a personal challenge to test my strength. Canoeing now becomes a sport and I an athlete. "Push with the left deltoid, relax the right tricep." I mentally monitor my body's physiological functioning. "Breathing too fast, relax." "Right leg cramped; shift weight." After five strokes, Mark again yells "Hut". The paddle switches sides almost by itself this time. I smile. Even Karl Ketter would like this part of the trip. Soon Mark's "Hut" command softens to a grunt. My body hears it; my mind is elsewhere, nervously anticipating the many sets of rapids we must pass through tomorrow. Danger will ride duff with us for the next couple days.



PUBLISHING NOTES

by Mike Gilman

You'll all note that this issue is carrying the news from the racing chapter (Mississippi Mud), which was scheduled to be published last issue. Old news is still goods news!

Our Calendar of Events will start carrying programs and events that are sponsored by the organizations that advertise in HUT! and are of interest to MCA members.

The editor has stated that articles submitted for publication in HUT! should arrive in our hands no later than the 12th of the month before, except calendar events, which could show up as late as the 15th.

In order to keep everyone informed as to what's going on this winter, contact the cruise director for advance posting of events that you know are happening.

October 23, 1980

DNR REPORTS ON LAND PURCHASES

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reported this week that it acquired 28,433 acres of land during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1980 at a cost of $12,258,624.

During the same period, the Department sold or conveyed 2,493 acres and received payments of $554,688.

Officials noted that the number of parcels acquired during the past year was more than double that acquired during fiscal year 1976.

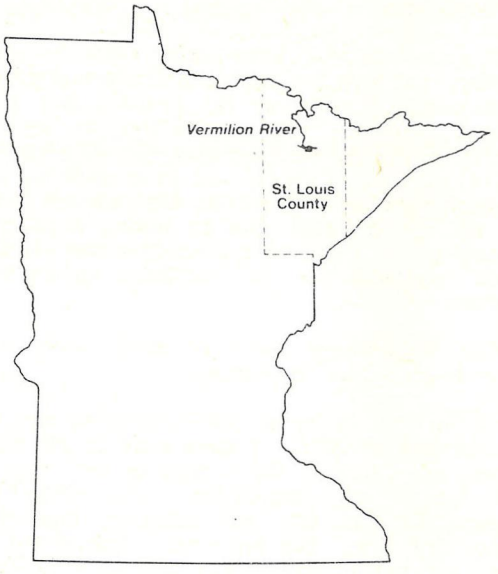
Following is a summary of land acquisition by program.

Program	Expenditures	Parcels	Acres
Wildlife Management Areas	$3,986,122	92	10,248
Fisheries Areas	$ 803,041	97	780
State Parks	$3,003,182	53	4,982
Wild & Scenic Rivers	$ 661,193	43	971
Scientific & Natural Areas	$ 403,761	23	5,950
State Trails	$1,359,796	17	1,822
Canoe & Boating Routes	$ 57,288	6	49
Public Access	$ 376,048	20	43
State Forests	$1,608,192	36	3,513

During the past five years, the Department has acquired 1,376 tracts at a cost of $34,218,016.

The VERMILION RIVER

LOCATION



The Vermilion River is rich in scenic beauty and historical value. One of the major attractions of this 42-mile river is the variety of the adjacent landscape.

Much of the shoreline is heavily timbered. Wildlife is generally abundant with deer, bear, beaver and other species being quite common. Some of the relatively rate species to be found along the river include ospreys, bald eagles, timber wolves and fishers. Fishing is good with northern pike, walleyes and smallmouth bass common.

The Vermilion River was important in the early fur trade industry, as a frontier freighting and transportation route, and in the lumber industry. An early road, now St. Louis County #24, was built in 1890 to provide stagecoach service from Vermilion Dam to Crane Lake.

In 1972, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Forest Service adopted a cooperative plan for management of the Vermilion River. The main purpose of this management plan is to provide for an enjoyable and varied recreation experience. In conjunction with this plan, the two agencies will provide campsites, portages, access points and related facilities.

Water levels do fluctuate; however, they do not seriously affect canoeing. Safe and pleasant trips can be taken at any time of the year.

Approach rapids and falls with caution. Approach signs are located 300 yards above each portage and are on the same side as the portage.

Keep to the portage side and be ready to pull out at the landing before the current quickens.

Motors over 4 horsepower are not recommended because of frequent boulder areas and stretches of shallow water.

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Some areas of the river pass through private land. Respect these and other lands; leave a clean campsite and a dead fire. Because of difficulty in obtaining good firewood in some areas, we suggest that you carry some type of self-fueled cooking stove.

To plan your activities in the area, you may wish to obtain a Recreation Map Folder. These are available on request from any Superior National Forest field office or by mail from Forest Supervisor, P.O. Box 338, Duluth, Minnesota 55801. The map is 1/4 inch to the mile and covers the entire area.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

It is approximately 10 river miles from Vermilion Dam to Table Rock Falls, and an additional six miles to Buyck. It is approximately 25 miles from Buyck to High Falls.

Although distances are relatively short, we recommend that you devote three to five days to the river for paddle trip over the entire route. There are numerous opportunities for exploration of tributary streams and remnants of past activities along the river. Take the time to enjoy the varied scenery and fishing (or hunting) opportunities.

NEW WORLD SPORTS

The day before the Jensen Handicap, I heard some startling news. The segment of the Mississippi between the U of M flats and the Ford dam is such a beautiful piece of wilderness in the heart of a major metropolitan area that somebody wants to build a marina in the area. They feel that the 5-mile stretch of river will easily accommodate 1,000 power boats.

I'm going to try the race-promoting business for a while. For 1981, I am planning the Fourth Annual Great American Race (100 km of running, biking and canoeing: 15 km, 70 km, and 15 km, respectively; canoeing is the middle segment) and the First Annual Minnesota Border-to-Border, a 4-day race for 2-man relay teams. Biking will be roughly 400 miles over two days, relay fashion. Running (third day) will be about 63 miles, relay fashion. Canoeing will be about 60 miles—from Winton to Big Sag. What we haven't decided is whether the average canoer with a good bit of training and a good canoe can go that far in one day. Incidentally, the team partners will pair up in the canoe. I'd hate to have them overnight in the BWCA. It means extra gear and bother, but I'd sure hate someone out in the water after dark. Opinions, please.

The reason I'm mentioning this is that, besides getting publicity on the races out to MCA members, I'd like to know if anybody ever puts on races for amateurs. The bike racing people are finally starting to move in the direction of citizen races for those of us who aren't licensed because we don't feel we are good enough to compete against the racers. Why not the same thing for canoeists? Opinions, please. If enough people think it's worth pursuing, we'll try to organize a couple for next year.

Jerry Kassanchuk

ABS CANOE MAINTENANCE

by Walt Goodhue

According to CANOE magazine, some 12 manufacturers make canoes of ABS (acrylonitrile butadiene styrene) "royalex" hull material. Such canoes can be pinned by current against rocks, deformed to such a degree that would cripple an aluminum hull, yet spring back into shape when released. The ABS hull also slides through rocky shallows without "sticking" like aluminum. So much for the advantages.

It is generally acknowledged that waxing reduces "sticking" by aluminum canoes, yet I doubt that many ABS canoe owners restore the slipperiness of the hulls after becoming roughened against the rocks.

The ABS surface is a vinyl skin, subject to wear from scraping and gouging that removes surface vinyl, or raises a displaced lip of vinyl along cuts and gouges. This is remediable—even a bow flattened by ramming a rock can be restored to shape in many cases.

Hull areas merely scraped can be smoothed with very fine sandpaper, cleaned and waxed with original paste simonize and polished smooth. Fine cuts with raised vinyl can be treated similarly. Wider cuts and gouges can be repaired without further hull disfigurement, leaving the hull as tough as ever.

My procedure for filling gouges is inexpensive, but meticulous. First, the vinyl lip is removed by sanding or careful shaving with a knife, followed by cleaning the gouge and adjacent area with gasoline or lacquer thinner, washing and rinsing. When dry, lay masking tape along both edges of the gouge, leaving only the gouge exposed. This requires bending and stretching the masking tape when the gouge curves. Then fill the gouge with "Devcon plastic mender", a clear syrupy or jellylike substance in a tube. I make sure to fill the gouge, then quickly remove excess mender by drawing a straight edge of firm material (wood, firm cardboard, etc.) along the length of the gouge. The mender shrinks as it dries, so I repeat the process as necessary until the gouge is filled. Then the masking tape is removed, leaving behind thin films of displaced mender clinging to the edges of the filled gouge. A sharp knife, held flat, can be used to cut away the film.

Finally, rub the gouge with very fine, clean sandpaper. Wash and wax the hull to restore its slipperiness and make it good-looking again.

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A Blue Hole Maintenance and Repair Brochure can be obtained from:

The Blue Hole Canoe Co.
Sunbright, Tennessee 37872

(From the Washington, D.C. CRUISER, Aug. 1980)

KEITER CANOEING
101 - 79th Avenue North / Minneapolis, Minnesota 55444

Mississippi Mud

NEWS OF LONG DISTANCE RACING

1981 MINNESOTA POINT SYSTEM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Each division high point total will be awarded a traveling 12" silver bowl to be held, cared for and returned for the next season's winners. Divisions will be:

Grand Master

Top 20 teams at Shawinigan
Top 10 teams at USCA Nationals
Won $500 or more in one event
Served on a National Olympic flatwater team, or
Won Expert division

Expert

Placed 21 to 40 at Shawinigan
Placed 11 to 30 at USCA Nationals
Won Intermediate division

Intermediate

Less than 41 at Shawinigan
Less than 31 at USCA Nationals
Won Rookie division

Rookie (Novice)

Less than two seasons of Minnesota racing canoe events

Junior

Under the age of 18

Points will be awarded to each paddler in a team completing a sanctioned racing canoe event independent of partner's status (except for Junior teams). Women may complete in these divisions and in WC-2 or Mixed Championship races. Paddlers may advance in division by choice, but they may not regress in experience. Sanctioned races are determined by the Long Distance Racers Council. Races may be worth from 20 to 50 points for first place, with each successive place worth one (1) less point. All paddlers completing the event will receive at least one point. The proposed schedule for events is:

	Points for 1st
Watertown, May 3 (possible)	20
*Medford, June 7 (set)	30
*Mankato (set)	30
*First Bank Classic (date to be set)	50
Grand Rapids (not yet planned)	30
Monticello-Elk River (not yet planned)	20
*Little Falls (date to be set)	20

The final schedule will be set before the first race of the season. Each racer's total will be from his four highest point races. All the divisions are in a single racing canoe event. Canoe specifications will be 18'6" maximum length with a 3" at 27" cross-section. USCA canoes fit these specifications. Pumps, bailers, covers, decks, and portage handles may be used. Double-bladed paddles, propulsion motors, or attachments extending beyond 18'6" are not allowed.

Awards are to be made at the Fall MCA Banquet, usually held in November, and the recipient must be present to receive the trophy. Awards are the prerogative of the LD Race Council, and adjustments may be made as conditions or participation necessitate.

1980 MCA POINT SYSTEM RESULTS

		Watertown	Medford	Mississippi Classic	Mankato	Total
R	*Scott Ankeny	50	45	17	50	162
I	*Larry Kriesel	49	47	15	49	160
M	*Mike Bohanon	50	48	35		133
M	Karl Ketter		48	25	49	122
I	Warren Thunstrom	47	46	23		116
I	Jim Pomroy	47	46	23		116
I	Craig Caron	49	47	15		111
R	Larry Johns, Jr.	48		14	56	107
R	Walt Hershey		43	12	58	103
M	Dan Hassel		49	49		98
E	Rich Hendricks	46		35		81
M	Gary Neddermeyer		50	30		80
R	Dave Sipe		50	30		80
R	Buck Broton		49	20		69
R	Duayne Wincell			17	50	67
M	John Glen	46		20		66
R	Todd Johnson	48		14		62
I	John Hershey			12	48	60
	Larry Johns, Sr.			7	47	54
	Ann Knut			7	44	51
R	John Wexler		43	5		48

KEY

R = Rookie

I = Intermediate

E = Expert

M = Master

50 points = first

49 points = second

48 points = third

etc.

RACERS APPOINT BOWMAN

After an extensive campaign and political maneuvering, Steve Peterson has emerged as the powerful influential leader of Minnesota's Long Distance Racers. He had been nominated by Karl Ketter, seconded by his wife, and secured the position by unanimous acclamation when he failed to attend the election meeting. He promised not to raise dues if other racers kept their dusty, furry dogs away from his allergies. If racers have suggestions or complaints, they should contact Steve, (612) 753-2921.

MEMBERSHIP

MCA members may join the long distance racers by paying a $10 fee. This helps cover the organization's expenses. The $10 fee is good for 1980 and 1981. Those who paid and were active in 1979 need not pay again. Members will qualify for a family listing in a phone list, the weekly Rookie Racers coaching sessions, training runs, eligibility in the Minnesota Championships and Point Systems, and no harassment from our new Membership Coordinator.

Wanted: New Membership Coordinator. Anyone willing to keep membership records and collect $10 from would-be canoe racers. Call Steve Peterson, collect, to volunteer.

PHONE LIST

A new membership list is available. More than 90 people who paddle canoes and their phone numbers are listed in alphabetical order (mostly). It also indicates which racers have paid their fees that made the phone list possible. Get your list from Karl Ketter (636-8116) or at Betty Ketter's (561-2208).

1981 MINNESOTA C-1 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Walt Herschey (437-7424) is working for a state C-1 championship to be held near Hastings. The Kiwanis are the sponsors and plans are for $500 in prize money. The race will be held Saturday, August 1st. A new silver bowl will go to the winner, as no point system will be used for C-1's.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

You can meet some dry canoe racers before the season gets flowing at two scheduled meetings. Rookies, new racers, and potential racers should come to Karl Ketter's place on Thursday, February 26, to discuss the early spring runs. These are the infamous all-day spring training runs known as Long Slow Days (LSD). All racers should meet at Betty Ketter's on Thursday, April 16, to learn the completed plans for the 1981 season.

1981 RACING FOR WOMEN

The Minnesota Women's Championship for the silver bowl will be on Saturday, August 1st. The following day, August 2, the Minnesota Mixed Doubles Championship will be held. The courses for these races have not been set, and no sponsors have been found. If you care to help out or participate, contact Todd or Sheila Johnston (722-8436).

1981 JENSEN HANDICAP

The Jensen Handicap will return to the Spring on Sunday, May 17th. The course is the same 45 minutes of challenging Mississippi River banks. Karl promises not to yell at anyone--a lot. Be ready. Rookies should practice in racing canoes before the race. The experts are encouraged not to train.

RACE CALENDAR COMING

Warren Thunstrom is working like a dog on this year's race calendar. Call him now if you know of any kind of canoe race held this past year or planned for this new one. We need dates and information on three kinds of races: (1) local standard canoe races for all abilities and age groups, (2) Minnesota racing canoe events that might be included in the point system circuit and (3) international pro and national amateur events that may attract some of our traveling teams. Contact Warren now if you have any news (780-2866).

WEEKDAY ROOKIE AND TRAINING SESSIONS

Every day of every week there will be a couple of canoe racers training someplace around the Twin Cities. These sessions last from two to three hours. Any team is invited to paddle along. If you need a partner for a particular day, call the organizer a couple of days early. "Rookies" is the place for new or maybe racers. It's a coaching session where experienced racers will teach you everything they know about racing in 30 to 45 seconds. You bring a paddle and a life jacket, and we guarantee you'll sweat.

Mondays --Rookie Racers, U of M Showboat, Karl Ketter (636-8116)

Tuesdays --Owatonna, Lake Kolmeier, Larry Kriesel

Tuesdays --4328 Lyndale Avenue South (Camden Cyclery), Rich Hendricks (521-4040 or 636-9879)

Wednesdays--Betty Ketter's, contact Karl Ketter (636-8116)

Thursdays --Hastings Bridge, Walt Herschey (437-7424)

Thursdays --Anoka Fairgrounds, Steve Peterson (753-2921).

GOSSIP

Jeff Howe is looking forward to a foot operation. It will have to wait until the Peterson Boys (Buzz, Steve and Greg) finish giving him a house-ectomy.

Jim Pomroy is available to paddle 24 hours a day since a certain redhead followed her career to Washington, D.C.

Claude Corbin will be resting a back condition next season. Serge's new partner is rumored to be _____ (ask Betty), who paddled with Rick Dober in '80.

Chris Berne is overweight and began training in November. "Overweight" is relative. Even overweight, Chris is about the size of Karl's spring lunch box.

Rich Hendricks is selling bicycles to all the racers, and he hasn't been robbed in days.

What racer living in St. Paul found a bouquet of circus balloons tied to his front door? What young lady left said balloons?

HELP

Mississippi Mud is the newsletter of MCA Long Distance Racers. Jim Pomroy (636-9879) is in charge for now, but he has some problem writing because Karl has Jim's good arm twisted behind his back. Jim needs help if racing news is to continue coming to you. Call or write if you know anything that could be helpful or interesting to other wearers of wet tennis shoes. We need race dates, suggestions, new race sponsors, more paddlers of both sexes, funny printable stories, helpful racing hints, and a drawing or two.

1981 CANOE RACE SCHEDULE

by Warren Thunstrom

Help! I said I need your HELP! I'm starting to put together the race schedule for 1981, and a bit of assistance could go a long way. If you know of any canoe races that were held in 1980 or if you've heard of any that are being planned to be held in 1981, please let me know. We are interested in those held in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and the Dakotas. (Yes, Virginia, there is water in North Dakota.)

All I am looking for is the name of the town and an organization or person I can contact.

If we can get a complete schedule and work to push attendance and participation, we could do a lot to promote all classes of canoe racing in the Midwest. But I need to know as soon as possible so I can contact everyone. We want to publish the race schedule in the March edition of HUT!.

You can reach me at 612-780-2866 or write Warren Thunstrom, 9401 Flintwood Street, Coon Rapids, Minnesota 55433. HELP!

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Depots:

Betty Ketter	561-2208	No. Minneapolis
Chris Berne, Berne Scale Co.	544-2422	West Suburbs, So. Minneapolis

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