HUT! 1982

PUBLICATION OF THE MINNESOTA CANOE ASSOCIATION INC.

Calendar of Events

AUGUST

July 31 / Aug. 2,3,4 — **Wildlife Art Show** featuring 65 Minnesota artists. Fifth annual show at Daytons Downtown, Minneapolis. Contact Hugh Price, 612-690-0599; Robert Koenke, 612-340-3141; or Susan Busch, 612-853-6071.

4 Wednesday 7:30 p.m. — **Monthly Directors' Meeting**
John Wexler's
2923 South 16th Avenue
Minneapolis, MN
All members welcome.

3,5,10,12 — **Cascaders Summer Rolling Sessions** at Lake Calhoun. Contact Maggie at 722-2875.

6 Friday — Racers Meeting
Final preparation for Quebec. All racers and interested parties are invited to attend from 8-10 p.m.
Steve Peterson - 753-2921
21439 Rum River Drive
Anoka, MN

7 Saturday — **Mississippi Classic** - International pro race; $1,000 in prizes, 60 points. Contact Betty Ketter, 101 - 79th Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55444, 612-561-2208.

7 Saturday 12:00 noon — **Lock Cruise** in conjunction with Betty's "International Canoe Classic".

11 Wednesday 7:00 p.m. — **MCA Monthly Program** - CAMP COOKING & COOKING EQUIPMENT.
Brooklyn Center Civic Center
6301 Shingle Creek Parkway
Brooklyn Center, MN
Everyone is welcome; bring a friend, too!

See NEW CRUISE CALENDAR

AUGUST

13 Friday 7:30-10 pm — **Special Meeting** - Help out by working on articles for upcoming publication of HUT!. Paper and pencils provided. Casual gathering of people interested in writing and layout. Good spelling and penmanship not required. All ages welcome. Contact Chris Berne, 544-2422, or Mike Gilman, 935-5799.
Minnesota Federal Savings & Loan
8600 Hwy. 7, Knollwood Plaza
St. Louis Park

15-21 — **Hiking and climbing in the Tetons** - Scenic hiking and an introduction to rock climbing skills. Women of all ages welcome. Call Woodswomen, 823-1900.

?? — **Boundary Waters Canoe Trip for Women** 5-8 day trips; easy pace with experienced guides. For information, call Woodswomen, 823-1900.

?? — **North Shore Hiking Trip** - A good introduction to backpacking on scenic trails near Lake Superior. Call Woodswomen, 823-1900.

Women's Bicycle Trips - Bike touring instructions for women. Call Woodswomen for details, 823-1900.

MCA MONTHLY PROGRAM

CAMP COOKING & COOKING EQUIPMENT

Eat better and spend less time worrying about food on your trips. Learn tips for faster and better use of your time in preparing a good meal.

This program will allow some time for you to share your favorite camp cooking tip with the rest of us.

Wednesday, August 11, 7:00 p.m., at the Brooklyn Center Civic Center, 6301 Shingle Creek Parkway in Brooklyn Center.

Calendar of Events

August

21 Saturday	**Presidential Cruise** through the locks from Riverside Park to Fort Snelling.
22 Sunday 6:00 p.m.	**Twin Ports General Membership Meeting** at Godfather's Pizza, 1623 London Road, Duluth. Dave Garron and Terry Lemke will feature a slide presentation, "Midwest Whitewater Adventures". Plan to attend. See Twin Ports Chapter News for more information.
23 Monday	**Locks Cruise** to Pracna on Main
28-29	**Upper Iowa River Cruise** - Water level dependent; subject to cancellation. See article under upcoming cruises.

September

1 Wednesday	**Monthly Directors' Meeting** Minn. Federal Savings & Loan Assoc. 5320 Lyndale Avenue South Minneapolis
4-5 Weekend	**Apostle Landing Cruise** - Tentative
11-12	**Taylors Falls Slalom** for decked boats.
11-19	**Men's Crow Wing River Cruise** - Canoe the entire river, 110 miles.
18-26	**Isle Royale Backpacking Trek** - Call American Lung Association for details (612) 871-7332. Pre-trip planning August 31, Sept. 7 and 14, 7-10 p.m. Trip preparation, clothing, and equipment, camping, staying warm, etc. For details call American Lung Association, 871-7332.
??	**Fall BWCA Canoeing** - Enjoy the quiet time in the north woods. September and October trip for women of all degrees of experience. Call Woodswomen, 823-1900.
??	**Log Cabin Building for Women** - Co-sponsored by Minnesota Trailbound and Woodswomen. For information call Minnesota Trailbound, 822-5955.

October

13	**MCA Monthly Program** Ray Masterson, DNR.
20	**MCA Annual Meeting** - Something special this year.
23	**MCA Annual Banquet** - Something different this year.

From the BOW

by Venice Barsness, President

It's canoeing time! When everyone who can, is! Even your president has been out more this year, enjoying the waterways.

MCA members have offered classes in whitewater canoeing and basic canoeing. By the time this reaches print, we will have had two clinics on poling. There is still time to get into a basic canoeing class, and many people who have canoed for years find this a very interesting class.

Judging by the amount of canoe building supplies we are moving, there is a lot of canoe building or repairing going on. We will have a CANOE BUILDING contest in September. As we did not have a contest last year, any canoe built in 1981-82 will be welcome. Watch HUT! for more information on this.

There was an error in the July Cruise Calendar. It listed a Presidential cruise in July. The date should have been August 21. See the article elsewhere in this issue.

So far, this summer has been very good for all outdoor activities—camping, backpacking, and canoeing. The MCA calendar is still full of enjoyable events for the balance of the summer.

Enjoy yourself.

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

Hut! Staff

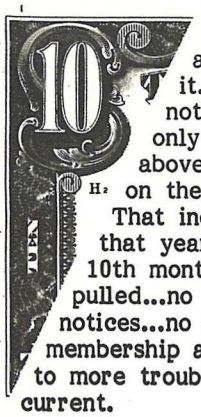
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DEADLINE FOR EACH ISSUE

Articles should be submitted to the Editor no later than the 12th day of the month preceding publication.



When you got a $10 bill for your annual dues (a postcard), that was it. No follow-up. No past-due notice. No threat. No plea. The only reminder will be the numbers above your name on the address label on the back side of this newsletter. That indicates your dues renewal is due that year, that month (8210 means the 10th month of 1982). Then the plug is pulled...no more trip schedules, program notices...no more HUT!. Dropping your membership and reinstating it puts the club to more trouble and expense than keeping current.

Checks should be made payable to the Minnesota Canoe Association, Inc. and mailed to:

Membership
Minnesota Canoe Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 14207
University Station
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414

Changes of address (now very important because mail sent under our bulk rate permit will not be forwarded or returned to the MCA with an address correction) should also be sent to the Membership Director.

LOST HUTS

19 HUTS STILL MISSING

Contributions by several old MCAers, including Gene Jensen, Jim Kerfoot, and Tom Morley, have brought the missing list to 19 HUTs and newsletters. We still hope to find original copies of the following issues. Please check your files.

Missing HUTs

1966	July, September
1967	July, November
1973	February, April, August (all newsletters)
1974	July HUT, any Nov., Dec., newsletters
1975	All issues
1976	January, March, April, May, July, October
1978	September
1979	December
1980	Any to present

We have found a complete set of HUTs in the hands of a very loyal member. This set can't be broken, but if we fail to find these missing issues, we'll be forced to use the copy machines that won't do justice to the quality of these early HUTs.

In our search, we've learned that the December 1982 issue will be number 200. The first issue was December 1965 by Russ Scott as a typed and mimeographed letter for the Minnesota Canoe Club. The Association was formed in February 1965. The HUT! title was first used in November 1966. The first small size HUT! was printed in June 1967, and the last was December 1972. The monthly HUT! was resumed in November 1980, and remains the goal of the Board of Directors.

BOARD NOTES

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
JULY 7, 1982

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Venice Barsness.

A new membership packet was discussed, and Lonnie Helgeson and Mike Gilman will get some of the things printed that will go into it.

T-shirts are now for sale. If interested, check with Venice or one of the Board members.

Our August program was discussed. The subject will be "Camp Cooking". It will be held at the Brooklyn Center Civic Center.

HUT! is looking for a new editor. We have some possibilities, but nothing definite yet.

Lonnie Helgeson will try to get flyers out for the next month's program the month before at the Board meetings (i.e., get flyer ready for September program in time to give to Board members at August meeting).

Mike Vande Vyver and John Wexler are checking on a possibility of a free kayak class.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Verna Robinson, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

by Venice Barsness, President

I am sorry to have to be the one to tell you this, but there are still over one hundred thousand canoe owners in Minnesota who do not belong to the MCA.

I know that this is sad news for all of us. The reason most of these canoe owners do not belong to the MCA is simply that no one has ever told them about the MCA.

Without a doubt, many of these people have thought about how nice it would be to join a group with the same interests in canoeing.

It's really up to us to help these less fortunate canoeists out by bringing them the good news about joining the MCA.

Our application form explains some of the benefits, and you can fill in the rest. If you need application forms, just let me know how many you would like. Just send a postcard marked MEMBERSHIP DRIVE to the MCA, P.O. Box 14207, University Station, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

Welcome New Members

May

Supportive Member

James Frankenberry	Minneapolis, MN
Paul Rem	St. Paul, MN
John Wagner	Milwaukee, WI
Mary Einspahr	Minneapolis, MN
Ruth Vaaler	Duluth, MN
Wayne Munday	Minneapolis, MN
Robert Nelson	Bloomington, MN
Lee Quint	Duluth, MN
Paul Lima	Superior, WI
John Mundahl	Elmwood, WI
Edward Buchanan	Duluth, MN
Ron Gilbert	St. Paul, MN
Sue Weidman	Duluth, MN
Annette Marshall	Duluth, MN
Jerry Nelson	Rice, MN
Erica Whittlinger	Minneapolis, MN
John Troop	Eden Prairie, MN
Bill Opperman	Pompano Beach, FL
Durant Barclay	Duluth, MN
Radall Colton	Rothchild, WI
Scott Bertrand	Chippewa Falls, WI
Dick Kruger	Lakeview, MI
Tim Dunnigan	Minneapolis, MN
Joe Wetzel	Brooklyn Park, MN
Jim Leedham	Rochester, MN
Charlie Rounds	Minneapolis, MN
James Corolewski	Anoka, MN
Richard Eged	Somerset, KY
Gordon Jones	Edina, MN
Philip Taylor	St. Paul, MN
Marlys Reuvers	Faribault, MN
Jan Tamble	Duluth, MN
Steven Anderson	Minnapolis, MN
Dan Jacobson	St. Paul, MN
William Hardesty	Duluth, MN
Ed Whelan	Minnetonka, MN
Tim Louden	Spicer, MN
Dan Ittel	Brooklyn Center, MN
Charles Amrhiem	Vadnais Heights, MN
Carl Johnson	Scandia, MN
Scott Commings	Minneapolis, MN
Ann Mikkelson	Minneapolis, MN
Maxine Berg	Minneapolis, MN
Henry Roberts	Duluth, MN
Don Gustafson	St. Louis Park, MN
Tom LaFond	St. Paul, MN
William Plamp	Forest Lake, MN
Don Homuth	Grand Rapids, MN
Stephen Olson	Burnsville, MN
Susan Alden	Duluth, MN
Cindy Taber	Minneapolis, MN
Linda Hasting	Brooklyn Center, MN
Maurice Strand	Duluth, MN
Bill Neidig	Eden Prairie, MN
Craig Bachman	Blaine, MN
Harold Alt	Minneapolis, MN
Dave Dahl	Maple Grove, MN
Ken Solheim	St. Paul, MN
Dave Smith	Hopkins, MN
Jim Rees	Burnsville, MN

June

Cheri Ann May	Minneapolis, MN
Bill Handsaker	Minnetonka, MN
Joni Strathy	St. Louis Park, MN
Andrew Komerek	St. Paul, MN
Bill Kelliher, Jr.	W. St. Paul, MN
David Spencer	Duluth, MN
Scott Bergmann	S. St. Paul, MN
Dave Kruger	Winona, MN
Raleigh Foss	Minneapolis, MN
Greg Kelley	Minneapolis, MN
Bryce Ronnander	Minneapolis, MN
Don Nelson	Brooklyn Center, MN
David Larson	New Brighton, MN
Larry Forbes	Duluth, MN
David Leding	Minneapolis, MN
John Hafner	St. Paul, MN
Cathy Manning	St. Louis Park, MN
Amanda Giliotti	Edina, MN
Alberta Bell	Minneapolis, MN
Chris Heck	Minneapolis, MN
Dan Duffy	Minneapolis, MN
Philip Halverson	Duluth, MN
Robert Herlitz	Sauk Rapids, MN
Roger Martens	Missoula, MT
Bill McQuade	Rosemount, MN
Gregg Palm	Hudson, WI
Earl Hall	Edina, MN
John Hale	Hastings, MN

July

Mark Diepholz	Minneapolis, MN
John Calcaterra	Laurium, MI
E. L. Hallblade	Bloomington, MN
Roger Johnson	Coon Rapids, MN
Milo Anderson	Bloomington, MN
Scott Nelson	Minneapolis, MN
Mark Rahm	St. Paul, MN
Jim Peters	Cottage Grove, MN
William Hansen	Dresser, WI
Robert Lindig	Mora, MN
Robert Carlson	Plymouth, MN
Richard Auer	Austin, MN
David Bedford	Delano, MN
Bill McKinley	Austin, MN
Garry Kassube	Rosemount, MN
Dean Fredrickson	Bemidji, MN
Westley Roche	Anoka, MN
Khosrow Rostamkhani	Minneapolis, MN
Brad Snyder	Plymouth, MN
James Alan	St. Louis Park, MN
Robt. Tousignant	St. Paul, MN
Steve Bonine	Minnetonka, MN
Patricia Makowski	St. Paul, MN
Nancy Manson	Apple Valley, MN
Diane Gamm	Marine on St. Croix, MN
Diane Erickson	Plymouth, MN
Dave Mesick	Watertown, MN
Wayne Snyder	Cottage Grove, MN
Mark Magee	Arlington Heights, IL
Tom Hill	St. Paul, MN
Gary Gunderson	Elk River, MN
Waldemar Zastrow	River Falls, WI

LAKE OF THE WOODS OFFERS WILDERNESS WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS

by Lora Lakin

Contrary to popular belief, Lake of the Woods is not all the wide expanse of open water and big winds usually referred to, at least not the upper two-thirds of it where Dick and Lynda Myers provide a canoe outfitting service. The upper portion of Lake of the Woods, located in Minnesota's northwest angle and Canada's Ontario and Manitoba provinces, is a 50-mile by 75-mile, island-protected area. Here are more than 14,000 islands. You can choose a route where you'll have no greater than two miles of open water. Even that could be shortened by sidling up to a few more islands. Dick and Lynda provide detailed, accurate maps and have a variety of routes to suggest based upon your wishes and capabilities. There is no way to get lost if you chart your route as you go.

Lake of the Woods is all of the wilderness of the BWCA and more. It has the same granite rocky shores lined with pine trees. It has walleye, northerns, and bass for fishing enthusiasts. Even muskies inhabit these waters—something the Boundary Waters do not offer.

The other advantage that Lake of the Woods has over the Boundary Waters is that it is free of the restrictions and crowds found in the BWCA. There are no quotas, no fees, no limit on group size, no time limits, and no restrictions. You can camp anywhere. There are developed campsites, or you can have a primitive camp. There is no portaging unless you want to get to one of the lakes within some of the larger islands. Although there are no motor restrictions, most of the motorized boats remain on the southern expanse of the lake. Since there is no portaging, a wider variety in the menu is available. Dick and Lynda do keep track of the number of bottles and cans you take out and ask that you return with all of them. The cost of complete outfitting, at $23.50 per day per person, is less than you would find in the BWCA. Since their outfitting service is fairly young, the equipment you will be using is newer. It's promised to be the "most efficient and easy to use."

If it's history you want to recreate or find, Lake of the Woods has a longstanding acquaintance with the canoer. From the Sioux to the Chippewa to the French Voyageur, Lake of the Woods was used as a canoe route. The Dawson Trail starts on the western shore of Lake of the Woods. Historic Fort St. Charles and Massacre Island, site of the ambush and murder of the founders of the fort, are each only a few miles from the Myers' base camp. Painted Rock Island is a few miles to the east and has marvelous prehistoric petroglyphs (rock pictures). Many arrowheads, axe heads, and pot shards are found each summer by keen-eyed campers.

If it's Canadian waters you want to ply, the Canadian summer check-in point is just north of their base camp, visible from the dock of Lake of the Woods Wilderness Outfitters.

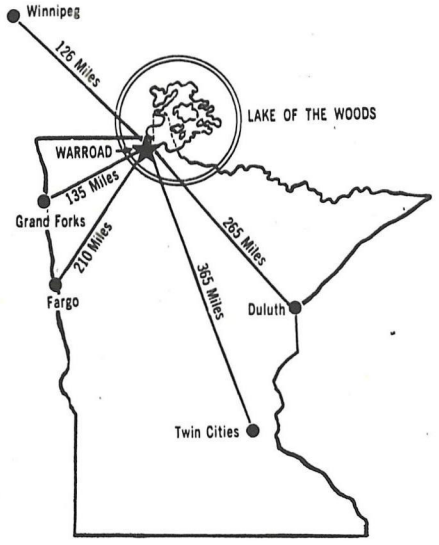
This portion of wilderness has recently become accessible to the canoeist, without crossing the vast waters of the southern portion of the lake, by means of a new, all-weather road into the northwest angle of Minnesota to Young's Bay. Dick and Lynda's base camp is on Flag Island in the approximate center of Lake of the Woods. They also own and operate the hardware store in Warroad, Minnesota, from which you'll head north to reach their base camp. Warroad—their winter home and telephone base—is 365 miles from the Twin Cities, 210 miles from Fargo, and 135 miles from Grand Forks. Young's Bay is 65 miles north of Warroad. To get there, you take R-313 from just west of Warroad to Sprague, Manitoba. Then take R-308 to the Angle Road R-525 and follow the signs to Young's Bay. Take the passenger ferry to Flag Island, six miles across the bay. It's operated every day during the summer, and Dick will pay the fare if he's outfitting your party. They provide partial and complete outfitting.

If you want to save time, you can charter a float plane from Warroad with free parking at the flying service lots. Contact Fuzz LaPage of Warroad Airways. The airfare is relatively inexpensive with four people sharing the cost. The flight takes about 25 minutes.

For more information on canoeing Lake of the Woods, write:

Lake of the Woods Outfitters
Box 16
Warroad, Minnesota 56763

or phone 218-386-1436 or 218-386-1606.



CRUISIN' ALONG

by Jim Robinson Cruising Director

Attention Family Canoeists:

Do you like to canoe as a family? Do your kids get bored sitting in the bottom of the canoe all day? Do you hesitate to bring small children on a cruise because you feel the other participants don't want kids around? Do you stay home because you think your kids would be the only ones on a cruise?

Well, cheer up, bunky! There is hope! Families do canoe on MCA cruises. If family cruising is your style, contact MCA Cruise Director Jim Robinson at 588-5402. Day trips for all age groups can be arranged. Weekend trips with overnight camping are also planned for families with children of all ages.

Are you MOVING?

MOVING? Let us know when you move to make sure that you continue receiving HUT!. Bulk rate mail is not automatically forwarded like most of your mail.

—— Lessons & Clinics ——

WHITEWATER COURSES BEING PLANNED

by John Wexler

Due to the enthusiasm of the Open Canoe Whitewater I Class, I will be putting together a Whitewater II course designed to give Whitewater I paddlers a more in-depth understanding and ability to handle whitewater. The course should be ready to use either late this summer or in 1983. I would like all MCA whitewater paddlers with a lot of experience and people with education backgrounds to contact me at 722-7069 as soon as possible with your ideas.

Also, Kayak I will be offered as soon as we can assemble five or more people. If you have an eye to eventually running the big stuff, or you just want to learn how to do an Eskimo roll (a 360), Mike VandeVyver and John Wexler will be teaching this class soon. Call if you can teach, and call Mike at 922-7633 if you would like to take the class.

Basic canoe lessons continue through the summer. These lessons are for all beginners and newcomers to Minnesota who don't know what "Hut" means. Exact times and places are set depending upon the students who have made reservations. Call now—Karl Ketter, 636-8116.

MCA GRADUATES

13 COMPLETE BASIC CANOEING

The June class for beginning canoers was held on the Mississippi River on three consecutive Tuesdays. The following paddle dippers graduated with honors:

Khosrow Rostamkhani
Jim & Gayle Peters - 17' Alumacraft
Lionel Greenberg & Pat O'Grady - 17' Grumman
George Skinner & Dawn Van Prooien -
We-No-Nah WWX
Mike, Kathy, Mary Murphy -
18-1/2' We-No-Nah WWII
Kevin Haroian
Bob & Betty Jo Ambler

The instructor was Karl Ketter, who was assisted by Jenny Graham and Venice Barsness.

Basic Canoeing will be taught in August if at least six people sign up for this course. Call Karl Ketter, 636-8116, now to reserve your place.

UPCOMING CRUISES

PRESIDENTIAL CRUISE

by Venice Barsness, President

You are invited! Saturday August 21

Join the President on a leisurely cruise on the Mississippi River. Bring your canoes and we will gather at River Park of 85th Avenue North in Brooklyn Park at 9:00 a.m. We will shuttle vehicles to Fort Snelling State Park (you will need a park sticker) and start on the water at 10:00 a.m.

This trip will take you through the three locks and give you a waterline view of the Minneapolis skyline.

Bring a sandwich to eat on the way, and plan on having a picnic at the Pike Island Nature Center. The MCA will serve coffee at the Nature Center, which will stay open until 7:00 p.m. just for us.

Let's make this the largest MCA gathering of the year. As your President, I am looking forward to meeting you.

UPPER IOWA RIVER CRUISE

Due to the condition of Mike Gilman's canoe partner, Jim and Verna Robinson will lead the trip on the Upper Iowa River. This river is shallow, and the trip will be dependent on water level—it can be subject to cancellation. Call by Thursday, August 26, to find out if the trip is still on, Verna Robinson, 588-5402. The trip is scheduled for August 28 and 29.

(Editor's Note: Mike's partner (his wife, Sharon) is due to have their baby at the end of August or September 1. It's all in the timing.)

LOCK CRUISE

There will be a lock cruise in conjunction with Betty's "International Canoe Classic" on August 7. Come to the Broadway bridge on the west side of the Mississippi River about 12 noon. Bring a picnic lunch and supper. Watch the exciting end of this big race. We will start the lock cruise about 1:00 or 1:30 p.m. from the Broadway Bridge and go to the River Flats by the U of M Showboat Landing. Shuttle details will be worked out before the trip starts. Enjoy a picnic supper at the River Flats. There are nice tables there. For more information, contact Jim Robinson, 588-5402.

WANTED! - Men Paddlers

A one-week cruise is being planned for the entire Crow Wing River. The dates for this cruise will be September 11-18. The length of the cruise is 110 miles. Any men interested in participating should contact the MCA Cruise Director, Jim Robinson at 588-5402.

DINNER ON THE RIVER

by John Wexler

Join me for a trip on the Mississippi River up through the lower and upper St. Anthony Falls dams to Pracna on Main where we will enjoy a fine dinner. Bring your Sawyers, Grummans, and strip canoes Monday, Aug. 23, 6:00 p.m., to the University of Minnesota River Flats just south of the Washington Avenue bridge on the east bank of the Mississippi.

Please let me know if you are planning to eat so that we can alert the Pracna staff for quicker service. We also need a couple people to watch our boats and brown bag it while we partake of Pracna's cuisine. Each boat watcher will receive one dose of state bird (mosquito) repellent as their reward for watching the boats. Call John Wexler, 722-7069, for reservations.

TRIP/CRUISE REPORTS

NAMEKOGAN & ST. CROIX CRUISE

by Verna Robinson

The Namekogan cruise did not have the usual good attendance this year. This can probably be attributed to the absence of the regular leader, Walt Jones. Walt has been hospitalized, and was unable to be with us. Cruise leadership was taken over by MCA Cruise Director Jim Robinson.

Participants in the cruise were: Tom LaFond, his wife, Dale, and their children, Kevin and Lauren, and friend Tricia; Penny Mielke, her niece, Heather, and friend Laurie; Jim and Verna Robinson and their two daughters, Anastasia and Alexandra.

A heavy rain Friday night dampened spirits. The rain continued into Saturday morning, and the LaFond family decided that sitting in a leaky tent was the pits. They left to tour Superior, Wisconsin about 10:30 a.m. The rain let up about 11:30 and the remaining die-hards decided to risk a short cruise. The normal procedure for the Namekogan cruise is to camp at Riverside, canoe from Howell Landing on the Namekogan on Saturday, and from Riverside down the St. Croix to the Highway 48 bridge on Sunday. Due to the late start on Saturday, it was decided to do the lower part of the trip then. A shuttle was run, and the canoes were launched about 12:45 p.m.

Penny set a rapid pace that was slowed only when the Robinsons found a huge inner tube floating down the river and took it in tow. Jim deflated it at the lunch stop so that it could be stuffed into the canoe. The trip took about 3-1/2 hours with no rain.

When we got back to camp, the LaFonds had returned. They told us about a beautiful lake that they had found between Riverside and Superior. They had put their canoe on the lake and had enjoyed some wilderness scenery.

Penny left for the evening as she had a class reunion in Hinckley and so missed the traditional pie making that the Robinsons do on all overnight cruises. It was an overcast but pleasant evening, and everyone retired about 11:00.

We were awakened on Sunday morning by the birds chirping to welcome a sunny day. After breakfast and washing dishes (you can't get away from them), we left camp about 9:30 and drove to Howell Landing on the Namekogan.

We started about 10:30, but were slightly delayed when the LaFond family made an unscheduled stop. Was Tom really looking for clam shells, or could they possibly have run aground on a sand bar?

The lunch stop was on a sandy island where the kids had a delightful time wading and splashing in the shallow water.

After lunch, the cruise continued with only one minor incident. Penny has a tendency to explore backwaters. We followed Penny down one of these little channels and encountered a fallen tree. Penny's canoe was lightly loaded, and she had little difficulty going over. The Robinsons tried next. After a downstream ferry to line up for a quick slide-over, the canoe stuck on the tree tighter than a tick on a shaved dog. After shifting ballast (Alex and Ann), the canoe was bumped and poked over the tree. The LaFonds tried the same procedure, but made it only when Tom got out in the water and pushed the canoe.

The rapids just above the mouth of the Namekogan and some more on the St. Croix provides a pleasant diversion from routine paddling. The trip ended about 5:00 p.m. at Riverside. The LaFonds and Robinsons discussed trying to get more family-oriented cruises (see "Cruisin' Along" column). Everyone met at Tobies in Hinckley and then made the long drive home.

CROW RIVER CRUISE

by Alexandra Robinson

We put in at Hanover below the dam. We paddled six miles until we got to the Berning Mill dam. We ate lunch there. We had some trouble with signs on both sides of the bridge that were posted "Private Property". This was on the dam side of the bridge. On the other side of the bridge, it said "Private Property - No Canoe Launching." We launched there anyway, and a member of the Sportsman's Shooting Club threatened to call the sheriff about people using private property.

We continued down the river and had a nice cruise. When we got to the rock bed near Dayton, we didn't see any rocks. The Crow was real high and there were no rocks to worry about. We ended the one-day trip at Dayton, and the Robinsons took Jim and Debbie Hastings back to their car. This is a nice 14 miles of easy river. It is a wonderful trip that you can go on without having to travel very far.

(Editor's Note: Jim and Verna called the DNR soon after their trip to find out about the river access at Berning Mill dam. It seems that private landowners on one side didn't want to put up with the trash from the "garbage canoers" and the Sportsmen's Club had problems with vandals on the other side. An attempt is being made to create some sort of access around the dam. Please remember to be considerate whenever you are on or near private land.)

Mississippi Mud

NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG DISTANCE CANOE RACERS

President - Steve Peterson, 753-2921
Race Calendar - Warren Thunstrom, 780-3284
Mississippi Mud - Karl Ketter, 636-8116
Membership - Ken Boettcher, 426-0059

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MISSISSIPPI MUD

Betty's Fifth International Canoe Classic is ready to go Saturday, August 7. Racers and spectators should be at the Coon Rapids Dam east shore (exit Anoka County 1 on Egret Avenue to the park) by 9:00 a.m. for the 10:00 a.m. start. Finish will be Broadway at 1:00.

Since no major sponsor could be found, we're on our own again. $1,000 prizes are guaranteed as we'll try to award all canoes. A few friends have come forward to help Betty save our race. If you can't donate, you can best help by paddling.

After the race, we'll have a giant feast for the post-race cargo loading and tall tales festival. All are welcome.

THE ROOKIES ARE COMING

Every Monday since the winter glacier receded to Grand Rapids, the Mississippi River Canyon in Minneapolis has rung with the banging gunwales, crunching hulls, and shouts of "draw", "hut", "faster". The horde of rookie racers has stabilized early this summer between 12 and 16 canoes! And there is room for more since the rowers have learned the Downstream River Rule of Common Sense.

Rookies have started to appear at races around Minnesota. Soon they'll invade Canada with the devastation of Dutch Elm disease.

Groups have formed at Stillwater and Hastings. People travel to the Minneapolis rookies from Owatonna and St. Cloud. For more information, call Karl Ketter, 636-8116.

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Here in the midst of the season, we don't have complete race results, but we know that:

Steve Peterson and Dave Sipe won Princeton.
Mike Bohanon won Snow Lake.
Steve and Stu were third at Snow Lake and Flin Flon.
Buzz Peterson and Dave Sipe were third at Montana.
Mike and Sheila won at Mankato.

Definite $1,000 race at Fairmont, Minnesota on September 18. The 3-hour race is on a chain of lakes located three hours (by car) southwest of Minneapolis. Larry Kriesel will have details soon.

State championships **may** be held on August 14 and 15. If all is organized, a C-1 and women's race will be held on Saturday, and the mixed doubles and junior events on Sunday. If you want to compete, call Karl Ketter, 636-8116, or Betty, 561-2208, so you won't be left out on the details. If this date is rejected, the events will be in September. Who's in charge here?

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GOALS OF MCA RACERS

Hold four to five statewide canoe races that draw 30 teams ($1,000 to $2,000).

Hold one or two North American class races (over $10,000) that draw 50-60 teams.

Reach 100 registered Minnesota Racers (pay $10 one-time fee) who are also MCA members.

Reach 100 non-Minnesota racers as MCA members.

Hold two or three women's races each year that draw 15 teams ($1,000).

Hold a state championship for junior boys and girls in racing canoes.

Hold a state championship C-1 race ($1,000) to draw 30 canoes.

Encourage the establishment of standardized rules for citizens races (17', 3 & 31).

Promote and encourage up to 50 citizens races per year in the annual MCA race calendar.

Make Minnesota the North American center of long distance canoe expertise.

Since we have had outstanding and imaginative racers on our rivers and lakes since the 1940's, we are at the threshold of achieving these goals. A little organizing, a few phone calls, and a little typing will get us there. Twenty breathing people are needed. If you qualify, call Karl.

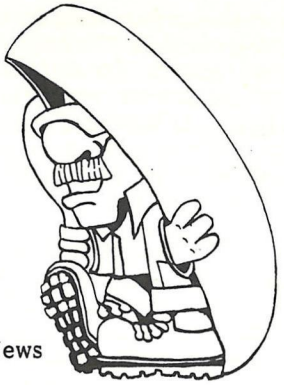
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MCA MONTHLY PROGRAM

CANOE PATCHING

The September MCA monthly program will be canoe patching with Karl Ketter. Karl will demonstrate how to patch a fiberglass or woodstrip canoe. The program will be held on Wednesday, September 8. Watch the September HUT! for time and place, and more details.

The Duluth Traveler



Twin Ports Chapter News

President: Rick Luck, 18 W. Owatonna Street, Duluth, Minnesota 55803, 724-7992
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Whitewater: Sue Marsh - 879-3460
Racing: Jim Wheeler - 722-8010
Publicity: Linda Winslow - 722-9208
Kris Wegerson - 724-5209

Come paddle with us. If you haven't been keeping the dust off your canoe, you're missing some golden opportunities this summer. In the past month or so, we've had some great outings, including a couple of paddles on St. Louis Bay, a moonlight paddle on the Cloquet River, and the KZIO/Ski Hut canoe race. There were also several informal trips on the Brule and Cloquet rivers by some of our members.

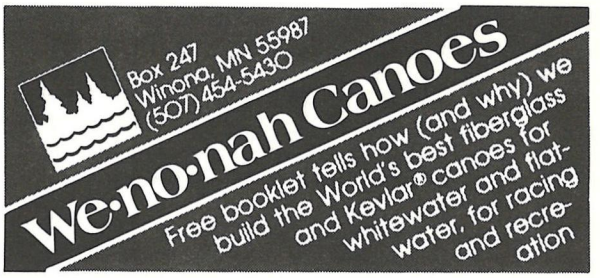
Keeping up with the activities of our members is quite a chore. Sue Marsh spent five days in July learning to kayak at the Ocoee River Whitewater School in Tennessee. Jerry Challman had a hair-raising rafting trip down the Flathead River in Montana. The rumor is that it was so scary, a few of the members opted to walk out rather than finish the trip. Rick Luck rendezvoused with his brother from Denver and joined him going down Colorado's Green River. The Denver people rafted, but Rick borrowed his brother's kayak for the trip. Gardner Ellis has been going up and down the Cloquet and Whiteface Rivers so often there's a rumor he's under surveillance on suspicion of operating a West Virginia still in the Cloquet Forest...we do have a colorful club.

Upcoming events to mark on your calendar include:

August 22 - Sunday evening, 6:00 p.m. at Godfather's Pizza meeting room, London Road. This is a general membership meeting featuring a slide presentation by Dave Garon and Terry Lemke on "Midwest Whitewater Adventures." Dave and Terry head up the Rapids Riders chapter of MCA and have a multitude of whitewater experience between them. They're making a special effort in traveling the 165 miles to Duluth from their Minneapolis homes, so we'd like to see a good turnout. Those of us who've seen Dave and Terry in action can attest that it should be quite a show. We'll pass the hat to cover their gas costs in making the trip. Beer and pizza will also be available, so bring a friend and come on out for a good time.

September 4 & 5 - Tentative date for the Apostle Island paddle. Camp Amnicon has offered us the use of one or two of their 16-person Montreal canoes. They're usually kept at Bayfield, and we would paddle out to one of the islands for an overnight campout. Arrangements are tentative at the time of this writing, but contact Rick Luck at 724-7992 (home) or 722-4439 (work) for details and reservations. Rental cost for the canoe will be between $10 and $20 per person depending on equipment and transportation requirements for the group and the canoe(s). Because seating is limited in 16-person increments, reservations will be taken on a "first come" basis including a $10 deposit.

That's all for now. Keep an eye on this column for more trips and activities coming up.



DESERT WINDS

DESERT CHAPTER (Austin)

by Ardel Gorman

We now have three members building canoes, and would like to get more started. The chapter is able to offer some help in the form of technical advice, both on methods and materials.

Our members get together for short trips on local rivers, as well as longer trips in the BWCAW.

For Kayakers ONLY

NEW KAYAK CHAPTER FORMING

All kayakers interested in becoming part of a new chapter for whitewater and cruising in kayaks—now is the time to become involved. This group will offer classes and other special programs.

You may contact Mike Vande Vyver at 612-922-7633 or write to him at the MCA address.

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CLIFF'S CORNER



by Cliff Jacobson

Time to get fired up--that is, to sharpen your fire-making skills. Don't laugh. Most canoe campers can't make a campfire for sour apples--at least not when the rains come to stay. Skeptical? Paddle around a populated BWCA lake after a major storm and count the number of campfires you see burning brightly...and the amount of gear hanging hopelessly out to dry on a nylon clothesline. Then get out your fire gear and show 'em!

What follows are some proven procedures for making fire in any weather. Emphasis is on the "piney woods," but the techniques will serve you well from the scrub willows of the barrens to the peaceful oak woods of an Indiana creek.

Handbooks suggest that an old-time woodsman can get a fire going with a single match instantly in blizzard. That's bunk! No one can make fire in a major storm, but anyone can do it in a day-long (or week-long) rain. Here's how.

First you need the right tinder. Forget about defoliating the birch trees. It's illegal, unethical, and pointless. If you can find dry birch bark on the ground, that's fine, but keep your paws off the growing stuff! Instead, find some "squaw wood." These are the pencil thin branches which grow near the base of evergreens. Squaw wood should be near bone dry and break with a clean snap even after it's been exposed to an all-day rain. If the bark is wek but the "crisp snap" is heard, carefully strip the bark with your knife. The wood beneath should be dry enough to burn.

If the squaw wood is wet or unavailable, search for a log with a dry center. The idea is to find one that's not lying on the ground or in contact with water. In the canoe country, check the shoreline of your campsite for a length of jutting birch, spruce, or balsam. You'll see these "blowdowns" poking out from shore into the water. Saw off the section **that doesn't touch the land or water.** Some basic biology here. You'll find blowdowns in the woods as well as along the shore, but they're often rotten from the dampness of the forest--and rotten wood burns poorly. Snags (dead trees) that protrude into the lake are flooded with sunlight, which kills most micro-organisms, so they rot more slowly; hence, their wood is usually more sound.

Saw the wood into 12-inch lengths and use your **hand axe** to split and sliver it. That's right, folks. A hand axe, NOT a big axe! Use the hand axe for **splitting,** not chopping. Use your saw to **cut** wood. To split thick logs, set the axe head lightly into the end grain, then pound it through with a length of log as if you were driving a splitting wedge.

Next, use your pocket knife--and get a good sized one, not a dinky Swiss knife like you clean your nails with--and with a **sawing** motion, cut long, thin slivers of wood from its heart. This is your tinder.

If you really want to impress your friends, fish a **floating** log from the water. The outer inch or so will be wet, but the center will be dry (that's why the log "floats"). Split the log, take your shavings, and you're in business.

As you can see, the key to the system is a folding saw, sharp pocket knife, and a hand axe.

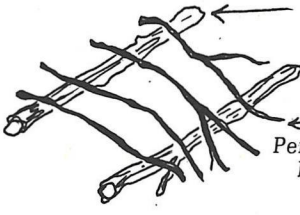
Next, "set" the fire according to Steps 1, 2 and 3, and light the fire from dead center beneath it. The advantages of this system are: 1) the heat goes straight up through the mass; 2) the tinder is kept off the cold, damp ground; 3) you've got an efficient draft, like that on a hibachi grill.

Making this fire takes time, but it **always** works.

Now for the kicker—balsam pitch. Locate a balsam fir tree and use a sharp stick to "punch" a few resin blisters on the trunk. Collect the resin on a piece of bark or a leaf. The resin is nearly as flammable as kerosene; it'll burn several minutes. Set the "resin cup" directly under your fire base and light it. Voila! Fire every time...with one match!

STEP ONE

One-Inch Diameter Sticks Placed About 4 Inches Apart



Pencil-thin Kindling

STEP TWO



Place Fine Shavings Or Other Highly-Flammable Tinder Atop Kindling Supports

STEP THREE



Build Up Kindling Around The Sides And Above The Tinder

The "rules" for making a successful fire are simple:

1. Place sticks a **full radius apart** on the fire base. In other words, place two one-half inch diameter sticks at least one quarter inch apart to provide sufficient "breathing room" for the fire.

2. Tinder must never be larger in diameter than the thickness of a match. Trying to ignite pieces of wood larger than that on a damp day is a waste of time.

3. Don't go bananas and heap your fire base high with wood. You can always add more wood later. Extra wood just draws heat from the young flame and cools the fire, making it burn inefficiently. Pre-set fires (ala Boy Scout type) look nice in handbooks, but are inefficient. Once you complete Step 3, wood should be added one stick at a time, and placed strategically so you can "see light" between each one. Smoke is nature's way of telling you you're suffocating the blaze!

Other tips: Carry a butane lighter and save matches for emergencies. Also bring a candle plus some "Fire Ribbon" or other fire starter. For spring river trips where a dunking requires a quick fire, assemble the following kit materials: One flattened half-gallon milk carton; a handful of thick shavings; some splittings from scrap wood; a candle; Fire Ribbon; and matches. Put everything into a pair of plastic bags with a nylon abrasion liner outside. When the emergency comes, dump everything on the ground; frizz up the milk carton, and splash it with Fire Ribbon. Light the ribbon and toss all the wood on top. The carton will burn for a solid five minutes; the wood will add five more. That's enough time for you to search the woods for more fuel while your friend is being re-warmed by your instant blaze.

In a heavy rain: If there's no shelter and you don't have a rain tarp, prop one end of your canoe up on a pair of paddles jammed through a seat brace. Then build a **small** fire under the canoe. When the blaze is going well, remove the overhead canoe and heap more wood on top.

Keep the campfires burning, and don't forget to put them dead out when you leave!

News from Good Ol' Nels

To The Readers of HUT!

For those of you following the adventures of "A Merry Time on the Littlefork" by Good Ol' Nels, the "good lady" he referred to became his wife June 19th. We enjoyed a honeymoon at the lovely Sky Blue Water Resort on Brule Lake—the only resort on the lake, and we would highly recommend it.

Of course, we took a canoe and did a 22-mile, 7-portage, 1-day trip to Sawbill Lodge by canoeing (?), pushing, pulling, and dragging the canoe down the Vern River. A moose with twin calves met us at the end of the river. I didn't care about sharing the portage trail with her, but she remained cool—lucky for us. A 3-1/2 mile hike up to the top of Eagle Mountain gave us a spectacular view of seven lakes.

I have met some of you during the past two years, and look forward to more adventures with the MCA.

Mavis Nelson

Builder's Corner

A CAUTION ON MCA RESIN

by Joe Conrad

(Taken from January 1973 HUT!)

MCA resin is a chemical which may be injurious to your health. But don't panic. Read all of this article by Joe Conrad, a chemist and a former MCA president. Some of the information appeared in a technical journal that was called to our attention by Al Buccholz, a former Conservation Chairman and a chemist.

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Naturally enough, if you load up your body with any chemical that is not a natural food, you may be "poisoned." The extent of harmful effect will depend on two things: (1) The general toxicity of the chemical, and (2) the particular physiological makeup of the human individual. We all know that arsenic is a deadly poison—to anyone. On the other hand, penicillin is not harmful except for a few individuals whose physiology can't tolerate it—to **them** penicillin is a "poison."

MCA resin—is it a poison? Not in the commonly accepted sense. But no one would be stupid enough to drink any. However, everyone gets some of the chemical in their system when working on a canoe. You get it on your hands; you inhale some fumes. Those fumes that you smell are, in part, due to the chemical styrene.

According to a recent article, styrene inhalation or skin contact can cause spots before your eyes, headaches, nervousness, and feelings of weakness.

If you feel like you're getting overexposed, then get some fresh air. If that doesn't help—don't return to work. Quit, get more fresh air, and try it again later. Keep the resin off your skin, if possible (rubber gloves are helpful). Clothing with spilled resin should be washed before it is again worn. (Resin which has been catalyzed will harden up and is **not** harmful. In case of eye contact, wash for 15 minutes with running water and get to a physician as soon as possible. If you have chronic pulmonary problems, be especially careful.

How can you minimize contact with this chemical?

Work in a well-ventilated area! Use a window fan, floor fan, or other **forced** draft.

Occasionally (every half hour or so) go outside and get fresh air. When you return, you'll get an idea of what you've been breathing.

If you have a tendency to allergies, buy a chemical filter nose mask.

Keep your hands clean! Wash them repeatedly in hot detergent water with added household ammonia (good also for cleaning brushes).

Keep your clothes clean! If you spill the resin on clothing where it touches your skin, change the clothing. Use common sense as to storage of the resin, etc.

Education and Safety

RIVER/RESCUE SAFETY

by Brad Bond

(Taken from the West Virginia Wildwater Association, May 1982 issue)

Canoe Camping

Canoe camping is a very different experience than the one- or two-day trip to whitewater and back that is typical of weekend paddling in West Virginia. The canoe becomes an integral part of living rather than an escape from ordinary life. Ordinary life reverts to basic survival, the kind of life people lived when they were hunters and foragers. Not entirely, of course, since the trip has a limit--a few weeks. But that's time enough for a sense of attunement to the weather, the surroundings and a loss of a sense of urgency about time. Life becomes centered around meals and the opening up of the country as the canoe time mchine carries you back to earlier days and ways of life. Since the trip has an end, a destination, there is probably some time constraint based on pre-arranged transportation or limited vacation time. A sense of urgency can develop if the trip's timing has been planned too tightly or some members of the party feel more strongly about staying on a schedule than others. The only important thing to be done each day is to stay healthy and make enough paddling miles to keep the trip from becoming urgent.

Leslie Kroening of Edmonton, Alberta sent out questionnaires to 309 wilderness canoers in Canada, the U.S. and Europe about their motivations. The result was a master's thesis for the University of Alberta and a resume sent to the 230 participants which indicates consensus on the points made above. In addition to the obvious hazards of cold water, rapids, and isolation in case of illness, there are the people hazards which may range from the discovery that your tentmate snores to an inability to adjust to the tempo of survival living.

Poor judgements in wilderness camping often come from a failure or inability to adjust to the new pace of living and may lead to serious injury. One of four Swedes who preceded us on the Coppermine River by one summer died by drowning (and probably hypothermia) in a mile-long canyon when he neglected to put on his life jacket. An experienced wilderness paddler let herself be rushed by her husband into a portage without tying up the laces on her boots, fell, and broke her ankle. Her response to this was typical. She laced up the boot tight, and never took it off until she got to the hospital two days later. She continued to paddle, and crawled the portages while the others carried the gear. At the hospital, the doctors told her that lacing the boot up was the best thing she could have done to prevent further damage to the ankle.

The trip shouldn't be a rush to get from one place to another; it should be a new way of life, an alternate lifestyle. The more the group is able to view it that way, the safer the trip is likely to be.

My only injury on two 3-week trips in the barren lands of Canada's Northwest Territories (other than black fly bites) was stabbing my hand on the top of a dead spruce trying to stop myself from a fall. I was moving down a steep slope too fast, too early in the morning, irritated with my general lack of coordination. The wound became infected by wearing a glove over the hand, and a mild case of blood poisoning developed before my paddling partners recognized the symptoms and came up with some penicillin I didn't even know was there. That took care of the swelling, but knocked the hell out of my intestinal fauna. I was out of tune with my environment that morning.

Kroening's survey turned up the fact that most of the canoe campers felt that problems and hardships either add to the excitement of the trip or build character.

The big risk is deciding to take the trip in the first place. Once that commitment is made, it seems to me, no additional unnecessary risks should be taken. Rapids should be scouted, and you and your paddling partner should be sure you agree on the route you're going to take and how to paddle it. Sometimes it's hard to communicate clearly in the middle of the rapid, not just because of the noise, but because excitement tends to fog the ability to communicate. If anybody in the party is doubtful about their ability to manage a rapid, it should be portaged or lined.

If you can't see the destination on a straight course across a lake and there is uncertainty about the weather, follow the shoreline. If there are whitecaps, stay ashore. Allow for windbound days in your original planning of the time for the trip. Also extend the enjoyment of the trip by planning for days of exploration. Most of all, get to know your paddling partners as well as you can before the trip so that you'll know what the potential for personality conflict is and what can be done to minimize it.

Conservation



by John Kopp

The National Wildlife Federation, Isaac Walton League of America, Trout Unlimited, and the Canadian Wildlife Federation are appealing to sports fishermen to support a strengthened "Clean Air Act." The Clean Air Act in its present form does not address the problem of acid rain, which is caused by oxides of sulphur and nitrogen mixing with rain and forming acids. These pollutants come from burning of coal and oil in power plants, smelters, and automobiles. The toxic emissions are then carried across state and international boundaries before falling to earth as acid rain.

Anglers and fishermen are urged to write their congressmen to strengthen the Clean Air Act to deal with the problems of acid rain. Interested individuals should write:

Paul Hansen
Isaac Walton League of America
Acid Rain Clearinghouse
213-1/2 W. Whiteman
Yellow Springs, Ohio 45387

You will receive a fact sheet and choice of a bumper sticker, either "Save Sport Fishing/Stop Acid Rain" or "Acid Rain Burns My Bass".

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SUMMER CRUISE CALENDAR

RIVER RATINGS

Trips on this and other club schedules are designed to attract paddlers whose skill levels are:

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Rules Are Few, but IMPORTANT!

For meeting times and places and other trip and camping arrangements—call the leader listed. While Cruise Director Jim Robinson may be able to give you some of the information, it is imperative that you phone the leader listed
NO LATER THAN THURSDAY
OF THE WEEK OF HIS TRIP

Safety demands that he know:

* whom to expect
* skill level of ones involved
* how to reach if plans change

The cruise leader and the MCA assume no responsibility for accidents, injury, or damage to equipment. The leaders are inviting persons to go canoeing with them at their own risk. The MCA serves only as a clearing house to put canoeists in touch with one another.

AUGUST

7	Saturday N	1	Lock cruise in conjunction with Betty's International Canoe Classic.	Jim Robinson 588-5402
21	N	1	Presidential cruise through the locks. We will be inviting presidents of chapters along.	Venice Barsness 332-3549
26	Saturday	2	Midnight Moonlight Cruise Call and ask for reservations.	Betty Ketter 561-2208
28-29	N	3	Upper Iowa River cruise. Water level dependent; subject to cancellation. See article under upcoming cruises.	Verna Robinson 588-5402

SEPTEMBER

4-5	Weekend	4	Apostle Landing cruise (tentative).	Rick Luck 724-7992
11-19	Exploratory	5	Men's Crow Wing River cruise - Canoe the entire Crow Wing River (110 miles).	Tom LaFond

Unscheduled Trip Clearing House

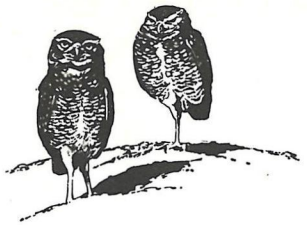
To find out about possible unscheduled trips or possibly to lead one:

1. Call "The Clearing House" Verna Robinson, 612-588-5402.
2. Call only on Thursday—only between 8 and 10 p.m.
3. Leave your name, phone and trip preference.
4. Take similar info from her on others who have called.
5. Call one of these others or wait for one to call you.

Note: Coordinator's function is to put people in touch...NOT to screen callers for competence.

This service permits reacting to spur of the moment good water without the risk of going out and running a stream alone.

DNR News



WATER DEATHS DROPPED TO NEW LOW IN '81

Minnesota's water death toll in 1981 was down from the previous year, according to Kim Elverum, boat and water safety coordinator for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

According to preliminary year-end statistics, 85 persons lost their lives in Minnesota waters during 1981.

"This figure is two less than the 1980 figure, and the second lowest total in the 38 years the department has maintained records," said Elverum. "Even though 1977 had one less fatality, 1981 had the lowest death rate when state population is taken into account."

Although total fatalities were down from the previous year, swimming and ice-related fatalities were up.

Another point Elverum noted was the significant connection between the use of alcohol and water accidents.

"It is not unusual to see a blood-alcohol content on an accident report exceeding the legal definition of intoxication by two or even three times," he said. "We estimate that alcohol contributes to at least half of our water accidents involving persons 16 years of age and over."

The 1981 water fatality toll is broken down as follows:

Twenty-six lost their lives in boating-related mishaps. (This is down 10 from 1980 and the lowest in 20 years when number of registered boats is considered.) The two most common types of fatalities were capsizing and falls overboard, with the effect of cold water contributing in many accidents.

Twenty-one died in swimming, diving, or wading accidents where overconfidence in swimming ability, diving into water of an unknown depth, or lack of youngster supervision were the leading factors.

Sixteen persons drowned as a result of non-boating falls into the water.

Sixteen died as a result of breaking through the ice (seven in motor vehicles and nine on snowmobiles). This is an all-time record high.

Three persons died as a result of falling from inflatable devices.

Two died attempting a rescue.

One person drowned while smelt fishing.

Non-fatal boating accidents reported to the DNR were down slightly from 1980. Most of the 91 reported mishaps were collisions with another craft or a fixed object resulting in personal injuries or property damage.

Failure to keep a proper lookout, along with the use of alcohol, stress factors, and a lack of boat handling experience were determined to be prime factors in these collisions.

MCA Canoe Building Supplies

For Sale: MCA resin and fiberglass cloth. Polyester resin with catalyst is $11.75 per gallon. Four ounce cloth, 50 inches wide, is $2.50 per yard; 7-1/2 ounce cheesecloth, 60 inches wide, is $3.50 per yard. Rules for purchase: Call ahead and schedule pickup time. Payment by check or money order to Minnesota Canoe Association. No cash. Bring a valid membership card.

Depots:

Bruce Kunz	454-7207	Eagan
Betty Ketter	561-2208	No. Minneapolis

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Plan to attend the Annual Meeting and Banquet

TRADING POST

Free personal ads to MCA members

For Sale: Kevlar C-1, 13' low volume slalom. Built by Angus Morison (it's gray). Includes front and rear split floation, neoprene spray skirt, saddle, and all bracing. Can be seen on weekends by calling Lee Swanson, 474-8253. For more info during the week call Kent Swanson, 218-751-7947. $325 or best offer. MUST SELL.

Position Available: Computer programmer. Must be able to calculate all combinations of conducting river shuttles and then explain the various possibilities to confused participants. Contact Twin Ports Chapter, MCA if interested.

For Sale - 1917 Old Town Canoe, Model OTOA. Rebuilt, all wood; history available. 16' Tomponson all cedar strip, fiberglassed, mahogany gum. John Lindquist, 1-629-3413

For Sale - We-No-Nah Jensen whitewater C-1. Excellent condition. Asking $300. Call Lou Lentsch, 778-0988.

Wanted to Buy: Small volume kayak for 12-year-old boy. Call or write Henry B. Roberts, P.O. Box 3136, Duluth, MN 55803-3136, (218) 724-3944.

For Sale: Klepper master, complete and in excellent condition; includes sailing rig. Call Scott Simenson at 715-835-5630 (evenings). 1517 Emery Street, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

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