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Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

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14 Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	LONG DISTANCE RACING CHAPTER MEETING--Planning projects to improve 1983 season, scheduling X-Country ski outings, socializing, munching and more! Racers and all interested paddlers cordially invited. Penny Mielke's 1880 E. Shore Drive Maplewood, MN. 776-1935

JANUARY

4 Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	LONG DISTANCE RACING CHAPTER MEETING--Planning session for 1983 season. Have some fun, too. Racers and all interested paddlers cordially invited. Chris Berne's 5057 Ewing Ave. So. Minneapolis, MN 929-5714
5 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	MONTHLY DIRECTORS' MEETING Minnesota Federal Savings and Loan Bldg. 31 9th Ave. S. Hopkins, MN. All members welcome.
12 Wednesday	EDUCATION & SAFETY PLANNING SESSION Have ideas about what kinds of clinics or educational programs the MCA should offer this year? Come and tell us about them. Winnie DauSchmidt's 1679 W. Minnehaha St. Paul 644-6115
26-30 Wed.-Sun.	BOAT SHOW--MCA will have a display. Volunteers needed to populate the booth. A great way to see the Boat Show-free. Minneapolis Auditorium.

New HUT! DEADLINE

Please have all material to the new editor by the 10th of the month preceding publication for inclusion in that issue. We are looking for fresh material. Please submit articles, ideas, photos, letters and recipes today!

From the BOW

by Venice Barsness, President

Your new Board of Directors had its first meeting. Many of them left with sagging shoulders, but smiling faces. Each director left with a list of projects to complete, wondering what they got themselves into but happy that the outlook for the coming year is bright, with many new programs in the planning.

There will be a Directors' meeting the first Wednesday of each month, with alternating locations. All members are welcome to attend.

There will be no monthly program in January.

February will see our building show expanded to nine hours, with something going on every minute. If you never plan on building a canoe, you will still enjoy this program.

March will see two programs, one on Whitewater open canoeing, and one on planning your BWCAW trip.

April will also have two programs. Solo canoeing is one topic and the other program is on Whitewater canoeing in a kayak.

May the program is on Small River Canoeing. Also, don't miss the Jensen Handicap.

June, July and August will each have on-the-water paddle nights, with a different type of canoe featured each month.

September will have another great program on Camp Cooking. Start putting some ideas together for our annual Bake-off.

October we will gather to listen to tall tales on our experiences by some very good story tellers.

November we will learn about what is happening in the world around us as it relates to the outdoors.

And December will be saved for an outstanding trip report.

While these programs will all be in the Metro area, we are also looking at taking several of them outstate and putting on similar programs for some of the chapters.

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:

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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.

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.

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TRIP/CRUISE REPORTS

TRAINING CRUISE PAYS OFF

by John Wexler

Lora Lakin and I headed up to School Croft State Park on Friday, July 30, where we awoke Park Manager who for years managed the wild Minnesota gem, Banning State Park. We chatted with him and listened to his reminiscences of the MCAers who used to spend most of their spring weekends running the Hells Gate area of the Kettle River. Just before I left his house, he affectionately pointed to an MCA award he received just before he left Banning State Park.

The next morning, we broke camp at 7 a.m. and headed into Grand Rapids to start our 6-day training run. Lora had been training a couple times a week at rookie racer training sessions all summer, except when she was out on other canoe trips. I was training a little less, but over a longer period of time. At Grand Rapids, we registered for a race in hopes of at least capturing 5th place. It was a short race and we paddled hard--at least we thought we did. We lost some ground with one team on the way up river, but changed places on our way back, especially at the portage. We missed winning the 5th place prize money, but we felt respectable, since this was our first race together and Lora's first ever.

The rest of the day was spent shuttling cars. Early Sunday morning, we loaded our two 73-1/2 lb. packs and paddled off in my new We-No-Nah Whitewater II canoe and paddled north through Crane and Sand Point Lakes, stopping only for lunch at the north end of Sand Point. We both remarked how well the canoe was gliding through the water. We camped that night at your island--no, it was my island--no, it was my island. Anyway, it was somebody's island.

Up the next morning early so we could catch the morning calm, we started to cross the wide expanse of Lake Namakan--four miles of open water. As we continued forward, the quiet water we perceived before we started changed to bigger and bigger swells. We were paddling from the leeward to the windward side of the lake, and there was marked contrast in wave height by the time we finished.

We searched for the portage for two hours and finally found it. We were both tired after that portage and took it easy for the rest of the day by paddling leisurely and touring the Kettle Falls Dam and Hotel. After eating lunch, we paddled out to the west end of Lake Namakan. There, we were blown off the lake so fast that I don't think I have ever seen a canoe go so fast. The canoe was moving so quickly through the water I could only control it by ruddering.

The next day was to be the longest--finish Namakan and paddle the entire length of Lake Kabetagoma. So we paddled, and paddled, and paddled.

Wednesday arrived and we canoed into Black Bay of Rainy Lake, portaging only the gear at Goldmine Portage. Happy to get out of that mosquito infested portage and bay, we finished up our fifth day out on Dryweed across from Bushy Island on old Gold Mine Shaft on Rainy Lake.

Thursday was a relatively short paddle to International Falls. Friday we completed our drive to the Twin Cities and had a good night's rest in preparation for the big race Saturday--the 1982 Mississippi Canoe Classic.

Saturday morning I met my race partner at the finish line for the day's race. We drove up to the Coon Rapids Dam quietly anticipating the long 4-hour-plus canoe race. As soon as we got there, the quiet broke and frantic preparation for the race started. Get the boat measured and registered. Tape the food containers in. Attach water tubes to our big water bottles. (Oops--tube's too short; will have to tape together.) Attach cover, take vitamins, go to pre-race meeting, few last words to my partner, and then the big race.

Paddle, paddle, paddle, hut, paddle, paddle, paddle, hut, paddle faster, paddle, paddle, paddle, draw, paddle, paddle--and four hours later--ah, we finished winning over $50 in prizes.

A MOONLIGHT CRUISE

by Verna Robinson, Secretary

Betty Ketter's Moonlight Cruise was very successful. We had lots of people and lots of canoes. Betty chartered a bus for all of the canoers, and used some trailers to get the canoes up to Dayton, where we put in. We had no rain, but we didn't have a moon either. There was enough cloud cover that we had light reflected from the city, and had no trouble seeing where we were going.

We had a very strong head wind (about 35 miles per hour, at least!) that was a challenge of strength. Because of the wind, the cruise took longer than expected. We put in at Dayton about 11:30 p.m., and after a brief stop at the Anoka bridge, we continued on our way to the Coon Rapids Dam. (This is a definite portage)

The river was very low there, and it was very challenging to see and avoid the rocks in the dark. We made it through with no problems, but a few scrapes.

We arrived at Betty's at about 5:00 a.m. We were then treated to a delicious pancake breakfast, and fresh fruit, including a variety of melons, sliced bananas, grapes, plums and nectarines. We were also served coffee and hot chocolate. Thanks Betty, for a nice trip and the delicious food that you provided us. This is always a fun trip to take. It's surprising how much a river's appearance changes in such a different atmosphere. It doesn't look like the same river in the middle of the night. I'm sure everyone had a great time.

MCA cruises into Boat Show

The MCA has been invited to have a booth (8 ft. x 46 ft.) at this year's Boat Show at the Minneapolis Auditorium. We will be displaying a selection canoes. If you would like to have your handmade masterpiece viewed by millions, or if you would like to spend a couple of hours talking canoes and canoeing (and see the whole show free) call one of the directors on the back page. The Boat Show runs from January 26-30. We will be there in the evenings during the week and all day on the weekend. See you there.

NoteZ from the EDITOR

FROM YOUR NEW EDITOR: GEORGE SORENSON

The 1983 issues of HUT! are on the drawing board. I'm George Sorenson, a freelance writer and will be working closely with Chris Berne the HUT! publisher who has promised to keep me in line. We've also had the good fortune to obtain the services of Mary Satre, a full time designer and layout professional to give HUT! a new, uniform appearance and help with the overall production look.

My first issue will be January 1983. To get this issue going and to insure complete coverage of Canoe Association activities WE NEED YUUR HELP.

Please start today by sending me letters, articles, anecdotes, information, reflections, and other interesting reports about your experiences, what you expect from the newsletter, interesting trips that you have taken, would like to take, or are planning. We need good canoeing recipes--send us your favorites with a little description about where you last used it and how it was created over a camp fire.

Beginning with January 1983, each issue will have a feature article. This will be selected from those submitted. If you are interested in writing about a topic please let me know and let's discuss it before you start writing.

Do you have environmental concerns, accidents, rescues, good safety advice or a special tip about storing a conoe for winter?

Please note:

Deadline for HUT! submissions is the 10th of the month preceding publication. Any exceptions must be cleared in advance.

Every Chapter in the Minnesota Canoe Association will have space reserved for information about their group. This will also be due the 10th of the month. If material is not received, the president's name and phone number will be inserted in the space so requests for information can be forwarded to them.

Remember we need letters from you. Also short articles about topics that concern you, input about what you'd like to see in HUT!, and pictures, stories, your darkest canoeing secrets and other tall tales.

Please send your material along to:

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CLIFF'S CORNER



by Cliff Jacobson

The other day, John Timmers called and inquired about what canoe (s) I was paddling these days. I replied I was down to a measly four boats, though I had plans for building a fifth. This led into a discussion of wilderness boats and the equipment we used on the Hood River expedition last summer.

Canoes: There are four in my stable. An old but very sound Old Town Ranger (Royalex), a new 18½ foot Mad River TW Special (S-glass over Kevlar), a glass Old Town CJ solo, and the Wood-strip CJ prototype. My next canoe will be a solo one...of course!

I took the Old Town Ranger to the arctic and I have no regrets. The first 200 miles of the route included huge lakes. Driving winds pushed big waves at us relentlessly. I'd have given anything for the big TW during those first 200 miles. Oh for the joys of a fast lean boat!

Then we hit the Hood River and the Old Towns began to shine. We scraped through miles of boulder strewn shallows and the boats really took a beating. The TW is up to the punishment, of course, but it wouldn't have looked too pretty afterwards.

There were mile after mile of slalom style rapids which required intensive maneuvering. Around one rock, into a chute, over a low ledge...eddy in, eddy out. The Old Towns bucked over the big waves ..and they turned! And turning was the name of the game. With due respects, the TW wouldn't have made it here. We'd have chunked her stems right off, possibly upset in the 45 degree water and...

The TW is a marvelous boat, but not on a very twisty arctic river which sometimes drops over 30 feet per mile.

Royalex has good insulating value which means it keeps your feet warm when you paddle chilly water. Some sort of padding is essential on the floor of a metal or glass boat when you paddle arctic waters.

An arctic tripping canoe must have good initial and final stability. You just can't afford to tip over --ever! And it must be STRONG! Mine blew off my shoulders on a portage. The wind deposited it on an unfriendly boulder 30 feet away. The Royalex shrugged it off with a simple crease.

Except in white water, Royalex canoes are no fun to paddle. But they are reliable; they turn when heavily loaded; and they're resiliant. And they slide over rocks like you wouldn't believe. Up north, personal safety comes well before the "joys of canoeing". (Sorry, Harry...but skinny boats aren't always best!)

TENTS

The Cannondale tents we used saved our lives--no exaggeration. We were storm bound twice, in winds of over 50 miles an hour. Lesser tents would have been demolished. Even my ancient Eureka Timberline with its old heavy walled poles and twin vestibules wouldn't have made the grade. Cannondale tents are expensive, but worth it. We could set them up singlehanded in three minutes flat on any terrain in gale force winds. Being able to pitch a tent quickly in big winds may save it from being damaged. Tents with separate flys are very vulnerable as the wind may parachute the fly right off the tent during set up.

STOVES

We carried two 111B stoves. One worked a little better than the other but neither let us down. I remain partial to the 111B despite its horrendously high price. It's the only stove that always starts and never fails. This stove is only worth the 90 dollar price if you really need it. When you're 400 miles from the nearest settlement (and tree)... you really need it.

PADDLES

Paddles were made by Clint Waddell of Minneapolis and Kent Swanson of Bemidji. We also brought along two Clements and a steel tipped "Daggar" for whitewater. We broke two of the Clements during the trip. The other paddles held up fine, incurring little more than minor damage to the tips. (Good job on those inset lexan tips, Clint. Keep building 'em that way.)

LIFE JACKETS

Old Town furnished Harishok life vests and Stearns gave us "Deliverance" models. Both vests were very comfortable. We made the Harishoks even more comfortable by cutting out objectionable foam under the arm pits. (no longer Coast Guard approved..tsk tsk.) The "Deliverance" vests were great as is.

CLOTHING

It gets cold up north! Once I wore wool long johns, Damart underwear over that (it worked great!), wool shirt and pants, nylon windshell, down jacket and wool hat. I was "barely" warm. Except for the Damart, everyone wore wool exclusively.

FOOTWARE

I ate crow on this one. Everyone but Kent Swanson and me wore knee high rubber boots. Kent and I stuck with L.L. Bean shoe-pacs with 10 inch tops. The Beans were great 'til we hit the river and had to do a lot of lining and wading in ice cold water. Then we wished we'd brought rubber boots. Next trip I will...and I'll switch to the Beans on the portages and in camp. For anything short of the arctic circle, Beans are still the best.

RAIN GEAR

Bob Dannert and I wore neoprene coated stuff made by Land's End (no longer manufactured). Everyone else brought tough but inexpensive suits from Viking Industrial Supply (St. Paul). These suits were marvelously strong and absolutely water tight. Check 'em out. They're a steal at the price.

SLEEPING GEAR

Half of the crew brought down bags; the rest brought synthetics. Both bags worked equally well. More important was plenty of insulation beneath us to cut the chilling permafrost. We all brought thick foam pads and never regretted it.

PACKS AND PACKING

Except for two snow white packs (which showed up well in the tundra) furnished by Kent Swanson, all our packs were made by the Duluth Tent Co. The only failure was a hole bored by a "Sic sic"(ground squirrel) to get at a smelly Musk Ox skull which Bob Dannert had collected. Packs were all lined with inexpensive 6 mil thick plastic bags furnished by REI in Bloomington.

TRICKING OUT THE CANOES

Canoes were all fitted with EVA (ethyl-vinyl-acetate) kneeling pads, curved ash yokes, and three piece splash covers of my design. The covers worked perfectly and were liked by everyone. Only alteration needed was to set a heavy snap at the waist closure to keep the skirt from shearing the Velcro closure when the bow plunged deep in rapids.
We kept the covers on the boats almost all the time. They cut the wind and warmed us. Covers were made from 7 oz. neoprene coated nylon--called "hy-car", available from Frostline Co.

OUR MOST VALUABLE PIECE OF GEAR

...was our own high level of skill. Without the proven abilities of the crew, the trip might have ended in disaster. We ran several big rapids without incident. There were times when we needed every ounce of our canoeing skill. Even our "close calls" were controllable.



Mississippi Mud

NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG DISTANCE CANOE RACERS

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Living in Minnesota may limit paddling to the seven warmer months of the year, but all that time between freeze and thaw gives us racers ample opportunity to give the organizational side of canoeing a little attention. Although racers are generally rugged individualists who prefer solitude and isolation to organized meetings and over-populated livingrooms, they are going to find themselves pretty lonely for partners and monied races if they don't show some concern for making arrangements for the future of canoe racing.

As was pointed out at a recent racers' meeting, Minnesota has one of the largest populations of canoe racers in the U.S., and yet we only increase the number of seriously involved racers by a few percent each year. Canoe racing is growing just too slowly. To be able to convince potential race sponsors that a race is worth putting decent prize money into, racers must be able to assure them that they will have a good response in terms of the numbers of canoes at the starting line. If canoe racing is to survive as a sport into the future, it is imperative that the people who are presently racing actively work to prevent it from dwindling off and eventually disappearing.

The biggest races, like Shawinigan, will always be there, but the smaller Minnesota races are reconsidered each year and are very dependent on the enthusiasm of racers- both in participation and in promotion- for their continuation. If the Minnesota professional races disappear, there will be almost no events for our few rookies to enter, less people will even hear of the sport, much less try it, and eventually Minnesota will have just a handful of racers; the good ones who attempt the big races, but who are bound to grow mighty sick of each other. Just a handful of racers in Minnesota, where canoe racing was just about born and where there is as much paddleable water as anyone could possibly want!

No one has to strain themselves much to make racing successful and keep it growing here in Minnesota. We need a racer in contact with the organizer of each race, helping to set times, courses and dates, assist with the prize scale, and let the organizer know how enthusiastic racers are about the event. We need to formulate plans for introducing more rookies into the sport, and encouraging other events like Womens', Juniors' and C-1 racing in order to broaden our base and appeal.

The 1982 season certainly looked promising in terms of new paddlers and races starting up, but we were not as organized a group as we could be. The burden of organizing has long been carried by a very few, but a little participation by everyone could accomplish a lot more and be largely completed in time to concentrate on spring training. Meetings will be held bi-monthly throughout the winter, so assure a good season for yourself next year by attending them and get in on the act! Canoe racing in Minnesota can't help but be better if you do.

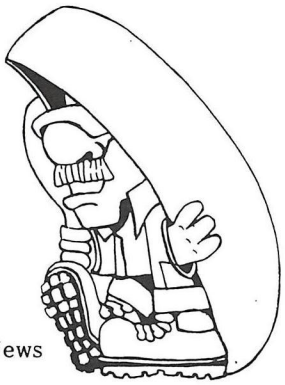
RACERS' MEETING

When: Tuesday, December 14 7:00 p.m.
Where: Penny Mielke's
1880 E. Shore Drive Maplewood (776-1935)
Who: All racers and interested paddlers
What: Encouraging new paddlers, firming up the race schedule, establishing organizer-racer contacts, planning cross-country ski outings, convivial conversations, eggnog slurping and MORE! Don't miss it or you will miss the boat (shouldn't that be canoe?)

Here are the results for the 49th running of that most famous of North American races, that most feared and most anticipated challenge to canoe racers anywhere- Shawinigan! Eighty-seven teams entered this year's competition, of which seventy-two finished the grueling three day course. Once again the Minnesota Canoe Association was well represented and represented well.

NAME	DAY 1 RANK	DAY 1 TIME	DAY 2 RANK	DAY 2 TIME	DAY 3 RANK	DAY 3 TIME	FINAL TIME	FINAL RANK
Richard Tetrault/Serge Corbin	1	7:53:58	1	2:53:57	1	3:18:45	14:06:40	1
Bruce Barton/Tim Triebold	2	8:00:14	3	2:54:56	2	3:18:47	14:13:57	2
Ron Williams/ Solomon Carriere	3	8:04:21	6	2:56:20	3	3:20:27	14:21:08	3
Mario Cloutier/Romain LaFontaine	7	8:06:31	7	2:57:44	4	3:20:33	14:24:48	4
John Baker/Tony Short	10	8:06:48	2	2:54:38	8	3:23:32	14:24:58	5
Jay Mitman/Mike Johnson	6	8:05:23	5	2:56:18	11	3:23:58	14:25:39	6
Dave Sipe/Steve Peterson	9	8:06:45	4	2:55:47	9	3:23:36	14:26:08	7
Everett Crozier/Mike Bohanon	12	8:07:04	8	2:58:12	7	3:23:28	14:28:44	8
Jim Hagen/Al Rudquist	4	8:04:35	13	3:03:51	5	3:23:00	14:31:26	9
Normand Mainguy/Louis Cloutier	11	8:06:49	11	3:01:39	12	3:24:06	14:32:34	10
Rich Hendricks/Bruce Hawkenson	23	8:24:11	23	3:21:51	22	3:30:54	15:16:56	22
Buzz Peterson/Gil Tinkler	29	8:30:15	21	3:15:58	32	3:34:14	15:20:27	25
Rene Boogemans/Rick Kloss	32	8:34:32	20	3:15:45	26	3:33:39	15:23:58	27
Al Dubois/Jeff Dubois	49	8:48:00	42	3:34:28	47	3:39:01	16:01:29	43
Scott Ankeny/Warren Thunstrom	35	8:38:06	66	4:00:22	40	3:37:31	16:15:59	49

The Duluth Traveler



Twin Ports Chapter News

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At a time when most of our canoes have been laid to rest for the winter, our thoughts are turning from whitewater to "whitestuff". Vocabularies are switching from holes, eddys and sidecurlers to special blue, red and klister. I've got to give our boats a lot of credit though, they haven't given way to winter easily. Just a few short weeks ago Dave Spencer and Fred Freeman, outfitted in their wetsuits, were playing on the Brule. Some of the rest of us have been breaking ice with our boats setting out decoys on morning duck-hunting trips. Nonetheless, try as we may to delay or ignore it, winter is here!

Survival in northeastern Minnesota (both physical and mental) lends itself well to the phrase "if you can't beat it...join it". Indoor people don't have a history of staying very long in this part of the country. Probably because spending six months of each year inside avoiding the cold is just too much for anyone. Other activities that our members participated in this past month really show how living up here can be fun. Examples include:

Greg Furtman led a group down to his cabin in the Port Wing area along the south shore of Lake Superior. They canoed the White River on Sunday, but it sounds like the highlight of the trip was the Saturday night sauna. I wish I could have seen Greg, Sue Marsh, Annette Marshall, Dave Spencer, Sue Weidman and Lee Quint standing in a snow-covered pasture singing Christmas caroles... in the nude.

Meanwhile, I was one of ten people having a mellow weekend sailing the 55-foot gaff-rigged ketch, SHEILA YEATS, in the Apostle Islands. We were all wearing our down jackets but it was a beautiful weekend for fresh air and sunshine. It's amazing how we can extend seasons once we put our minds to it.

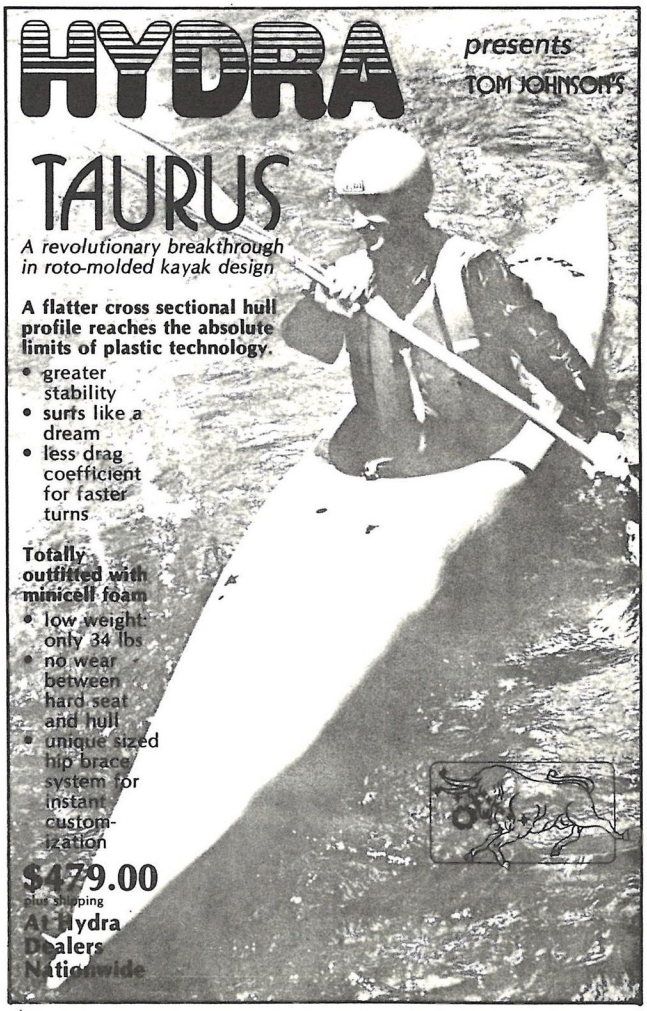
Not all of our activities were outdoors though. Inside events included a super Halloween party hosted by Annette Marshall and Sue Alden and some informal Wednesday night dance sessions at Tony's Cabaret. We were also very well represented at the Irish dance held at Greysolon Plaza. I never thought I'd see a West Virginian doing an Irish jig! Thankyou Gardner.

We don't have any organized events planned for December. The holidays make it such a hectic time of year it's difficult to plan events and get a good turnout. We do have some options for New Year's Eve however. I'm selling tickets for a New Year's Eve party at the Courthouse Racketball Club. It's not sponsored by our Twin Ports Chapter, but everyone is welcome. We take over the building for the night and play wallyball, racketball, sauna and whirlpool. There's even a three mile footrace for those interested. There's also been some talk of a New Year's ski weekend. So far there is nothing definite on this, but call me at 724-7992 or Sue Marsh at 879-5581 for an update on December activities.

I will be hosting an annual business meeting and party (how's that for a contradiction) in January. We have some business items to cover concerning getting a little more structure within our organization but I promise it won't be drawn out. See your January HUT! for details.

Also planned:

BWCAW Ski Outing: March 11, 12 and 13 at Gateway Hungry Jack Lodge. We've got cabins reserved for Friday and Saturday nights. They've got fireplaces and cooking facilities. We need a minimum of thirty people. The cost is $25.00 per person for lodging plus food and travel expenses as incurred. We need a $15.00 deposit by January 15. We'll organize the food and carpooling after that. Contact Sue Marsh, 620 Maple Street, Cloquet, MN 55720, (218)879-5581 for reservations.



Conservation

by Al Gustaveson, Conservation Director

More volunteers are being sought to conduct a survey to determine the kinds and numbers of birds appearing at winter feeders.

The annual survey is a cooperative effort carried out by Doug and Julie Keran of Brainerd and the DNR Non-game Wildlife Program.

Last winter, 235 people participated in the survey. The ten most abundant birds counted at winter feeders were the House Sparrow, Common Redpoll, Evening Grosbeak, Black-capped Chickadee, American Goldfinch, Dark-eyed Junco, Blue Jay, White-breasted Nuthatch, Downy Woodpecker and Starling.

Those who would like to take part in this winter's survey should send their name and address to:

Doug and Julie Keran
Kerdolian, Inc.
Route 7, Box 14
Brainerd, MN 56401

Senator Robert Stafford (R-VT) has been re-elected to another six-year term. Senator Stafford is the author of the Clean Air bill that will mandate a reduction in the annual sulfur dioxide emissions in the thirty one states of and bordering the Mississippi River. There is alternative legislation that would drastically weaken the current law.

Interested people should write their Senators and Congressman urging strongly that they support the Stafford Clean Air bill. Urge them to include provisions for phasing in reductions before 1995 so that states like Minnesota (with the BWCAW) will not have to wait another decade or more for sulfur dioxide reductions that are needed right now.

UNWANTED VISITORS FOUND AT
MINNESOTA VALLEY REFUGE

(Taken from Prior Lake American; submitted by Helen Olson)

Biologists at the new Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge in Bloomington are concerned about the arrival, colonization, and potential dominance of two invaders, one from Europe and the other from South America.

A monk parakeet (Myopsitta monachus), a serious pest on cultivated grain and fruit crops in Argentina, was sighted in a dead elm tree on the north shore of Grass Lake in Eden Prairie August 3.

Another brightly colored but perhaps more menacing invader of the Minnesota Valley is the European purple loosestrife (Lythrum salicaria). It is just beginning to show up as spectacular purple patches amid the green of cattails and other emergent plants in the wetlands at the base of the bluffs in Bloomington and Eden Prairie. It is also beginning to dominate marshes throughout the Twin Cities. One of the best places to see this beautiful but aggressive plant is in a small marsh adjacent to the old Cedar Avenue Bridge, just below the Bloomington bluffs.

Since last year, the purple loosestrife that was once confined to this pond has spread nearly one mile to the south, east, and west through the Long Meadow Lake Marsh. If this trend continues, the entire marsh as well as others along the Minnesota River may soon be blanketed by the plant, as they are already in many eastern states. What outwardly appears to be a new dimension of natural beauty turns out to be a natural disaster as the loosestrife chokes off native vegetation and thus eliminates the wetland wildlife that can't adapt to living in a relatively sterile thicket of brushy stems and purple darkness.

Controlling the spread of purple loosestrife is no easy matter, according to officials. Since the late 1800's, the plant has spread throughout the glaciated regions of the United States and southern Canada, reaching as far west as the Boise River in Idaho and several sites in California. Loosestrife's success is due mostly to its tremendous reproductive capacity and flexibility. Each of the seed capsules along its tall, slender flower stalk-which continually blooms from July into September--produces hundreds of thousands of pepper-like seeds that float on the water's surface or stick to the feet of ducks and the fur of muskrats to be carried to new locations. Its large, perennial root continues growing and sprouting year after year, while muskrats chewing pathways through the purple jungle aggravate the problem by leaving behind thousands of floating clippings from the plant, each capable of taking root.

At an August 7 loosestrife seminar held in the Twin Cities by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Dr. Daniel Thompson told a group of concerned resource managers that based on his research over the past several years, the best prospect for controlling the long-term impact of purple loosestrife may be through biological control, or introduction of insects from the plant's original range that help hold it in check. However, developing this technique could take another decade and in the meantime, refuge biologists may find it impossible to stop the invader's spread.

Canoe Building Contest

Show off your wood strip canoe at our not-so annual building contest. Any canoe built since our last contest is eligible to enter.

PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!

The building contest will be held in conjunction with our building show.

WHERE: Brooklyn Center Civic Center
6301 Shingle Creek Parkway
Brooklyn Center, MN

WHEN: Saturday February 19, 1983
Noon to 9:00 p.m.
Judging will take place about 6:00 p.m.

For more information contact:
John Kopp, Building Director
8425 69th Street
Cottage Grove, MN 55016
(612) 459-8290

Annual Banquet

The MCA's Annual Banquet again proved to be a very enjoyable evening. Although attendance was down somewhat from last year, it was nice to see some of our outstate members, with Duluth and Austin both represented. Held at the Edgewater East in Northeast Minneapolis, the buffet dinner was delicious and in more than ample quantities.

In the program following dinner, a number of awards and prizes were given out. Jim Robinson (St. Croix) and Kris Wegerson (BWCAW) were the winners in the drawing for everyone who led an official MCA cruise. Cliff Johnson (Hood River) and Mike Gilman (St. Croix) won in the Trip Report for HUT! category. Good Old Nels (alias Clair Nelson) was given a special award for the most complete trip report. Door and chair prizes were won by Karl Ketter, Yvonne Gorman and Jim Robinson (who says it doesn't pay to be Cruising Director?) Prizes were provided by Hoigaards, Midwest Mountaineering, REI and Four Seasons. A big thank you to these stores for their support.

The Long Distance Racing Chapter presented silver bowls to the winners of each category in their point system for 1982.

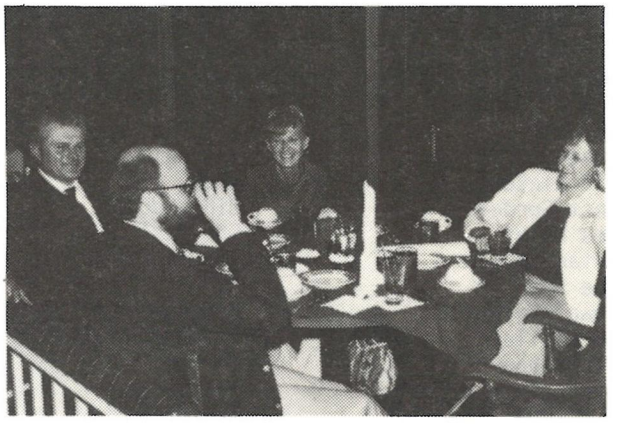
Grand Master:	Mike Bohanon
Expert:	Al Dubois
Intermediate:	Scott Ankeny
Rookie:	Kurt Kemppainen
C-1	Al Rudquist
Mixed:	Sheila Johnson and Mike Bohanon
Women:	Joanne Dahlen and Sheila Johnson

Following the awards, Terry Lemke presented his spectacular synchronized multiple slide and sound show featuring Whitewater paddling in the Midwest.

If you missed the fun this year, its your own fault. Don't make the same mistake next year.









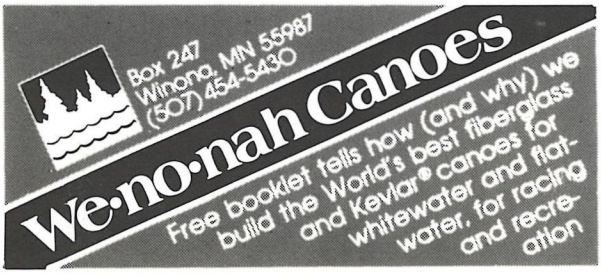


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Chuck Baker	Redlands, CA.
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Life Member

Richard Lowe	Bloomington



A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

to all the paddlers



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BOARD NOTES

NOVEMBER 3, 1982

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President Venice Barsness. At the beginning of the meeting, we had an introduction of the old and new board members.

The board had a lively discussion about programs for the coming year, and we have some very interesting events planned. Watch the HUT! each month for details of the program for that month.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to have the Annual Meeting in October, 1983 at the Olympia Rathskeller again.

Each board member had an opportunity to give a report about the past year, or what their plans are in their new positions.

Steve Stedman, our new membership director, is planning to set up a new computer system for the members and get everything coordinated.

Al Gustaveson, our enthusiastic new conservation director reported that he plans to check with other clubs regarding their involvement in conservation.

Kurt Kemppainen, the new director in charge of Program and News, has some good ideas about advertising our monthly programs.

Most of the activities board members are new this year, and they need some time to get used to their new jobs, and gain an understanding of the MCA and what their particular role is before definite plans can be made.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Verna Robinson, Secretary

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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.

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Free personal ads to MCA members

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