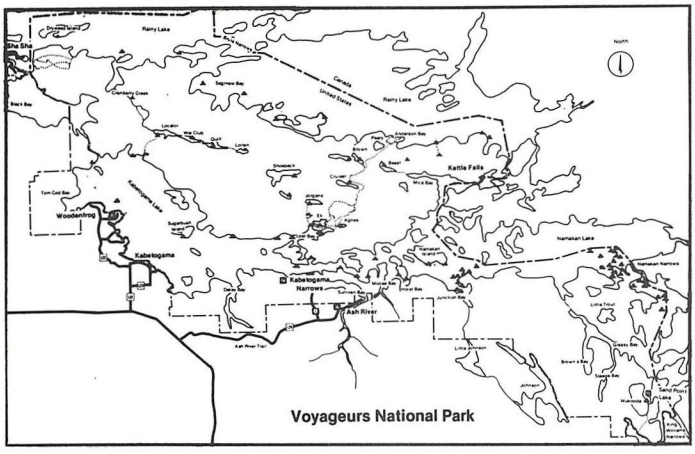
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VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK



Voyageurs National Park

Two centuries ago Voyageur country was a remote wilderness area traversed by brave and hearty souls in their birchbark watercraft. Today, the voyageur may be gone, but the land and waters he travelled through are still there for all to see. Voyageurs National Park sits in the heart of Voyageur country and offers the visitor a kind of experience found nowhere else in the National Park system. Ancient rock exposures, outstanding lake country scenery, abundant wildlife, and over 200,000 acres with 30 lakes and 1600 islands distinguishes Voyageurs as a water-dominated park.

Four major points provide access to the park along U.S. Highway 53 between Duluth and International Falls. Travelling north, County Road 23 and 24 from Orr lead to Crane Lake at the east end of the park. The Ash River trail (County Road 129) heads into Ash River and the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center. And Minnesota Highway 11 east from International Falls provides access to the Island View area on Rainy Lake at the northwest end of the park. All of these access points provide entry to canoe routes within the park.

Voyageurs National Park is adjacent to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA) in the Superior National Forest. Unlike the BWCA's network of small lakes and streams, Voyageurs is a vast and open space dominated by four large lakes and a myriad of islands and bays. Boating and fishing are the most common summertime uses of the park and canoes and motorboats share the waters. No permits or reservations are needed for canoeing or camping. Canoeists will find 100 designated individual campsites scattered throughout the park. Each site provides a tent pad, toilet, picnic table, and fire ring and are offered at no charge on a first-come, first-served basis.

Voyageurs offers several options for a wide range of canoe expertise from extended journeys for the ambitious canoeist to short voyages for the novice enthusiast. At the east end of the park, a suggested route would be to begin at Crane Lake, canoe north through King Williams Narrows and Sand Point Lake, continue through Namakan Narrows and into Namakan Lake, then portage south to Grassy Bay and some of the best scenery in the park and return to Crane Lake. Or perhaps, another route would be to put in at Ash River, make the short portage into Moose Bay, canoe among the islands of west Namakan Lake and return through Junction Bay to the point of origin.

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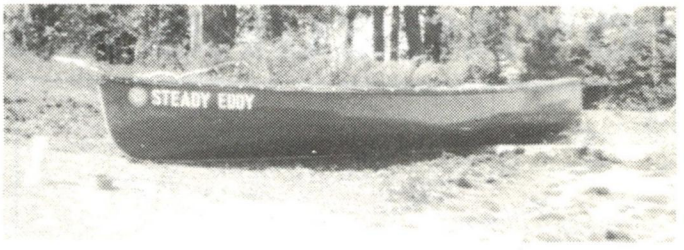
LETTERS

Dear Editor:

I enclose a note from my son Fred (III) and also a snapshot of his solo canoe constructed from your Pirate design.

We heard from him yesterday from The Pas, Manitoba.

I believe he is very happy with Bob Brown's canoe. He uses a spray cover which was useful on Lake Winnipeg. Sincerely yours,
Dr. Fred L. Rayman, Jr.



ARE EQUIPMENTOHOLICS GRODY TO THE MAX?

Dear Editor:

We feel that we must respond to Jim Maves commentary (Kevlar Soupspoons Make Me Gag, July 1983 HUT!).

Very little of our canoeing and camping equipment is the stuff we had when we joined the MCA in 1974. Our aluminum canoe is gone, along with our long, narrow paddles, leaky tent, bulky sleeping bags and uncomfortable PFD's. It has taken us 10 years to learn what any one of the "new elite" of the MCA could have taught us in 10 minutes. We do not say that everyone who comes on a cruise must have a fast Kevlar canoe, bent shaft paddles, Gore-tex rain gear and $100 stoves. We welcome the aluminum canoe and canvas tent family. If their canoe is a little slower, then their pace is the pace of the group. As has been said many times, cruises are not races. If someone wants to see how fast he can make it down the river, let him go. We go cruising because we love to canoe, enjoy seeing the scenery and above all enjoy the companionship of others.

We also welcome the "equipmentoholic." Most of the gear we are using today is the result of seeing others using it. After fighting to keep dry in a poorly-designed tent, we replaced it with one we had seen used by MCA campers. Our canoe is easier to paddle now that it is a "lean, mean, cruising machine."

HUT! looks forward to receiving your letters and articles. All submissions must be typed, double-spaced, on white, 8½"x11" paper. We reserve the right to edit for length.

We now have gear that can be packed into our canoe if we choose to go canoe camping. Are we having more fun? No, but we are not as tired at the end of a cruise, and if we are confined to camp by rain, we can sit in our tent and stay dry.

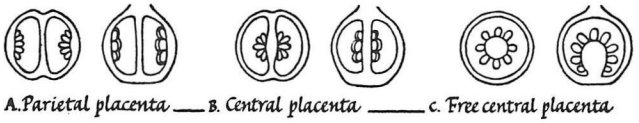
Jim Maves has pointed out a problem that does exist. In our enthusiasm to impart knowledge to the newcomer, we may become offensive. Those of us who have "come up through the ranks" must remember that we didn't learn it all at once. No one came up to us and said, "your aluminum canoe is slow, noisy, etc." We paddled with the group and saw that their canoes were easier to move. We saw paddles that were shorter and had wider blades. Tents were used that didn't leak. The list of better gear is almost endless. We asked what the difference was and people showed us. Don't try to ram knowledge down the newcomer's throat. Don't poo-poo his equipment. If you have something better, he will notice. Answer questions, let him try your paddles, canoe, or what-have-you. If he continues to show up with the same old equipment, don't forget what it costs to buy quality gear. Even if the newcomer never changes his equipment, he is always welcome on any cruise. The enjoyment of canoeing and the companionship of other canoers far outweighs any considerations of equipment. If you have never cruised with the MCA, come out and join us. Pick up some tips from the old-timers, if you want, but above all enjoy yourself. **Verna & Jim Robinson** ■

KICKAPOO RIVER CRUISE

The lively quaint town of Stueben will be our host for Friday night, September 23, and Saturday, September 24. They provide free camping, breakfast, hot lunch on the river, shuttle service, and supper with an evening program. All this for one small fee.

Saturday's canoeing is an exercise of maneuvering in an easy current. Sunday, September 25, we leisurely paddle through statuesque rock pillars south of Ontario, WI.

See September HUT! for last minute details. FMI call Winnie DauSchmidt, 644-6115.■



A. Parietal placenta — B. Central placenta — C. Free central placenta

FIG. 184. Main types of ovule arrangement: cross-sec., left; long. sec., right

BOARD MINUTES

DIRECTORS' MEETING

July 6th

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Venice mentioned that the governor proclaimed Minnesota as Canoe Capital, and June Rivers Month.

Kurt Kemppainen: Next Wednesday night paddle night is on. It will be in the Sunday paper.

Winnie DauSchmidt: There will be an article in the August HUT! about the September program. There will be an article in August HUT! about the trip on the Kickapoo River trip near Steuben, Wisconsin.

There is a basic canoeing class scheduled for July 16th. John Wexler is planning for kayak classes on Lake Nokomis, 7:00 p.m., August 19th, 11:00 a.m. August 20th & 21st.

John Kopp: John is still in the process of rewriting the building book.

Jim Robinson: Trips are as scheduled in the July and August HUT!s.

Dave Logeais: Dave gave the board his quarterly report.

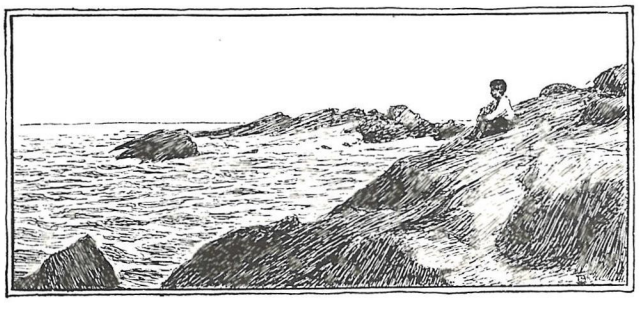
Steve Stedman: As of June we had 860 members, 85 renewals and 40 new members. Steve mentioned that EMS is opening a new store in Edina and had offered us some space for their opening and are calling it "Club Night."

Verna Robinson: Talked about Mankato forming a chapter. The cruise is planned for July 23rd & 24th.

Darla Nickerson: Darla has been asked to investigate the possibility of our banquet being held at a smorgasbord this year. She gave the board an update.

Chris Berne: Chris had the details for the Governor's Cruise, scheduled for July 30th on the Mississippi River from the Coon Rapids Dam to the Camden Bridge. The governor will be there and committees from the government. There will be a picnic at Weber Park. We will have a display there.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.
Verna Robinson, Secretary ■



CLIFF'S CORNER

Deep in the heart of Pine County, not far from an old stagecoach trail, there flows the perfect canoe stream. Fifteen miles of nearly uninterrupted Class I-II rapids with barely a pool to slow her speed. Beaver, otter, deer and bald eagle live here, as do white pine, birch and cedar. High sandstone bluffs tirelessly guard the continually dancing champagne-clear waters.

Not awesome like Hells Gate or technical like the Totogatic; more laughs than the Flambeau or Brule. This remote, barely-paddled stream may be the finest pure canoeing river in the Midwest.

Bob Brown, Maryls Reever and I, along with Mike Link (Director of Northwoods Audubon Center) and some staff from Northwoods Audubon, experienced this delightful route on April 11—the first sunny day since ?

This was to be a pure solo canoe run on Mike Link's "private river." Bob paddled his 13½ foot "Itty Bit;" I, my aging woodstrip "Mantoy;" Marlys had my old MCA 14 footer, and Mike Link danced along in "Pirate"—a high volume 15½ footer designed by Bob. Ken Gilbertson, a friend from Duluth joined the crew with his kayak, and somehow an Alumacraft 17 got into the act.

We dropped my Jeep at the bridge, transferred gear to the pick-up, and began the back-road trek. After a mile the road deteriorated from Class II to III; a few hundred yards later the muck thickened and it became Class IV. Ultimately a Class V rut stopped us cold—mired to the axles in lifeless ooze.

Then, the moment of truth. We're three miles from the put-in. What lies ahead is mostly muck. But beyond that . . . the river! I offer to drive my Jeep in but Mike thinks I'll get stuck, then we'll really have a mess. So he and I go off in search of a friendly farmer with tractor to haul in our gear. What we discover is an easier muck-free way to the river. It is already noon! There's no time to waste. We go back for the Jeep. I pick up crew and gear and we 4-wheel it back through the mud, only to encounter a stuck Opel 100 yards from safe terrain.

Out we pile, duty bound to help the poor man whom we discover is deaf, dumb and apparently slightly retarded. The man can't sign. He carried no note pad. We're able to communicate—barely. Lucky for us we came along as it's 20 miles by overland coach trail to the safety of civilization.

Within 20 minutes we've got the Opel free and running and we make a new start towards THE RIVER. We pile back into the Jeep—all six of us, three tiers deep . . . and paddles, PFD's, spare clothes, the works. Somehow, there's no room for Bob, who, to help out, climbs aboard the trailer. But that looks unsafe so I suggest he ride with the Opel driver to the put in. After all, that's the least the guy could do to repay us.

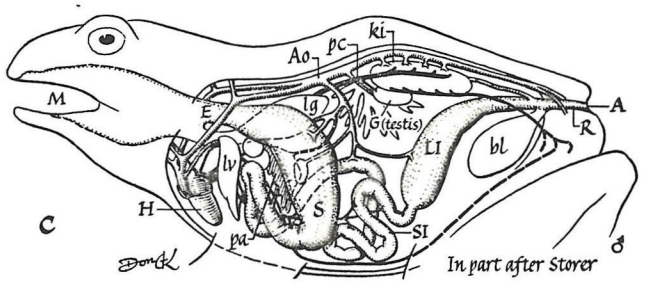
Ten minutes later I check the rearview. Whoopeedo . . . no Opel, and no Bob. I pull off onto the shoulder to wait. And wait. Still no Opel. We disconnect the trailer and I do a 180 to search for our friend. Five miles back I spot Bob, wearing his curious "Corps of Engineers" (THE CORPS CARES!) hat, jogging merrily down the road.

"Couldn't make the guy understand he was supposed to follow you," said Bob. "He just wanted to go to town so he dropped me along the road. Glad you guys came back!"

At 2:00 p.m. our solo canoes finally touched water. Then it all came alive. First a gentle set of riffles, then a couple miles of easy Class I; a dam to portage around, then increasing difficulty to solid II's. Bob and I depended on our fabric covers to keep out the heavy stuff, but Mike and Marlys left theirs at home (not on purpose). Mike dumped accumulated water repeatedly and Marlys bailed alot. Ultimately, she went down bravely while punching through a three foot roller at the base of a drop. The lithe little 14 footer split open one side, broke a gunnel, and punched a neat quarter size hole in the bow. Fortunately, the damage was all above the waterline and she was able to complete the run without further incident.

Each spring, the six of us, perhaps with a special guest or three, will again rendezvous on this magnificent "personal" stream whose name we vow to never divulge. Perhaps it was the joyful comraderie and the absurd happenings of the day, or maybe it was the beauty and challenge of the run—the whitewater, doing it alone in our own canoes, the wildlife . . . the sparkle of a sunlit day—no matter, it was perfect and that's enough for me.

Cliff Jacobsen ■



TREASURER'S REPORT 11/1/81 to 10/31/82

Income Breakdown:

Resin Depots	$ 5,752.85
Building Plans & Books	550.00
Product Sales	401.00
Total Sales to Members	$ 6,703.85
Total Membership Dues	$ 7,644.95
Miscellaneous Income	$ 25.00
Advertising	770.25
Banquet	990.45
Interest	123.46
Total Other Income	$ 1,909.16
Gross Income	$16,257.96

Expenses:

HUT!	$ 6,443.49
Printing	147.12
Activities	278.40
Postage	956.72
Banquet	1,296.60
Miscellaneous	216.14
	$ 9,338.47

Cost of Goods Sold to Members:

10/31/81 Inventory	$ 1,510.48
10/31/82 Resin Inventory	$ 914.07
10/31/82 Bldg. Book Inventory	325.00
10/31/82 T-Shirt Inventory	310.00
10/31/82 Total Inventory	$ 1,549.07
Net Increase in Inventory	$ 38.59
Resin Purchases	$ 6,647.46
Book Purchases	141.20
T-Shirt Purchases	513.89
Cost of Goods Purchased	$ 7,302.55
Cost of Goods Sold	$ 7,263.96

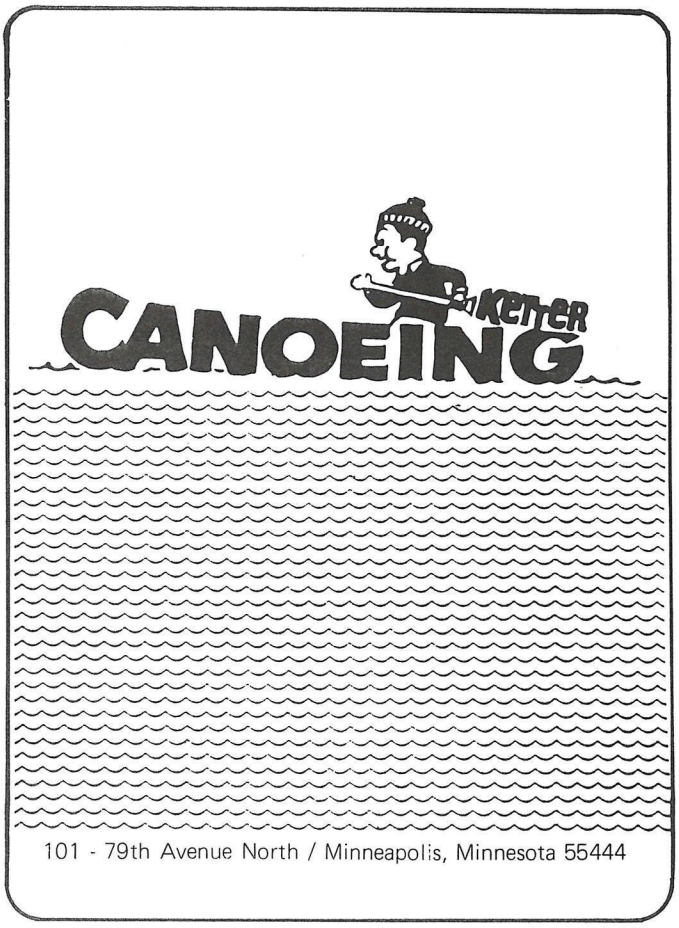
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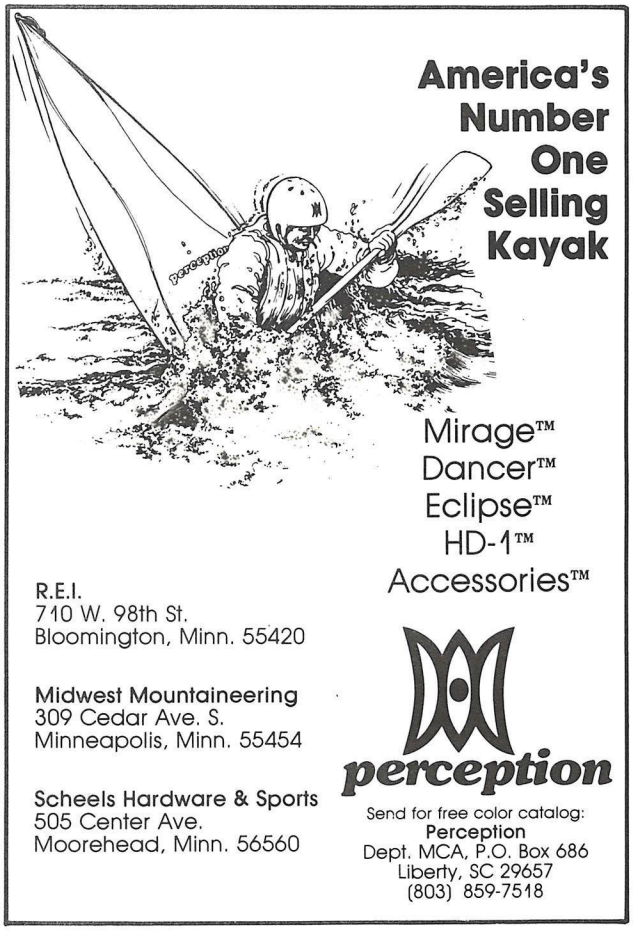
Sales to Members	$ 6,703.85
Cost of Goods Sold	(7,263.96)
Net Sales Income (Loss)	$ (560.11)
Membership Dues	7,644.95
Other Income	1,909.16
Total Income	$ 8,994.00
Less Other Expenses	9,338.47
Net Income (Loss)	($ 344.47)

Assets:

Checking Account	$ 1,274.92
Savings Account	2,068.02
Inventory	1,549.07
Total Assets	$ 4,892.01

Dave Logeais, Treasurer ■





MONTH'S PROGRAM

WHAT THE MCA KNOWS, THE MCA SHARES

Minnesota was recently proclaimed the CANOE CAPITAL of the USA. Now is the time to learn to canoe or to refine or perfect more efficient paddling techniques. The Minnesota Canoe Association is offering a class in Basic Canoeing on August 13th. An instructor is available for morning sessions if you wish to arrange a special class for your Scout troop or club. To sign up, at just a minimal fee of $5.00 per person, contact Winnie DauSchmidt at (612) 644-6115. ■

COME PADDLE WITH US

Paddle a big canoe! We will have three canoes ranging in size from 22-30'. These canoes will carry from 6 to 15 people at one time.

If you have a PFD and a paddle bring them, we will have some available for you to use. The canoes will start to arrive about 6:30 p.m. and will start to disappear about 9:30. Bring a friend and a change of clothes, your rain gear (just in case) and enjoy yourself.

Meet at the west side of the Mississippi River just south of the Broadway Street Bridge in Minneapolis on Wednesday, August 17.

For more information call 588-5402. ■

GOVERNORS' CANOE CRUISE

As was reported in last month's HUT!, the MCA is pleased to announce and co-sponsor the Governor's Canoe Cruise. The date is Saturday, July 30. The trip will be on the Mississippi River starting at Coon Rapids Regional Park at 10:00 a.m. and continuing downstream to the Camden landing in Minneapolis, arriving between 12:00-12:30 p.m.

Governor Perpich will be participating along with various government officials and DNR personnel. In addition, a number of legislators from various House and Senate committees concerned with natural resources and the environment will also be on hand. It will be an excellent opportunity to meet the people who make the decisions that affect our favorite activity.

Following the cruise there will be a picnic at nearby Webber Park. The MCA and others will have displays set up promoting various aspects of canoeing. Come early and plan on having a fun time. For more last minute information, please watch your local newspaper or call Al Gustaveson at (612) 778-8525. ■



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A third canoe route begins at Kabetogama Narrows and takes the canoeist across the Narrows into Lost Lake, over a short portage into Long Slu and into Lost Bay. A return may be made along the same route or continue westward in Lost Bay and head back to the Narrows via the main channel. Approaches at the west end of the park follow the north shoreline of the Kabetogama peninsula to Cranberry Bay, over a short portage into the chain of lakes (Locator, War Club, Quill and Loiten) where the visitor can experience the interior waters of the park. For the ambitious canoeist circumnavigation of the Kabetogama peninsula (Rainy to Namakan to Kabetogama and back to Rainy), a trip of approximately 75 miles, is possible with careful planning.

Canoeing in Voyageurs can be very rewarding, but must be approached with caution. Storms can rise quickly and generate dangerous waves on the big lakes. Staying close to shore, using the islands and bays for shelter from the wind, and avoiding long traverses across the main lake bodies will help to make canoeing safer and more enjoyable. Park Rangers patrol the large lakes daily and offer help and information to visitors. Ranger boats are identified by the National Park Service arrowhead on the boat hull and an American flag visible at the stern.

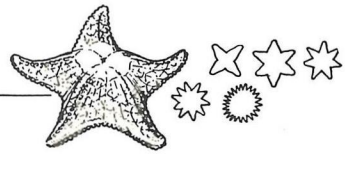
Whatever your skills and abilities, come, canoe and explore Voyageurs National Park. Experience the same natural features as did the robust canoemen of days gone by. For more information write or call Voyageurs National Park, P.O. Box 50, International Falls, MN, 56649, 218-283-9821. **Tamara Meyer, Naturalist, Voyageurs National Park** ■

CAMP COOKING—TIPS & TASTE TESTING

Get ready to cook up your favorite recipe for taste testing, OR

Start collecting your cooking tips for an idea exchange.

This delicious program will be held September 14, 7:00-10:00 p.m. at Newell Park, St. Paul. We have reserved the rain shelters and the open fire pit. See September HUT! for final program details.



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CALENDAR

July Saturday **30**

GOVERNOR'S CANOE CRUISE
Paddle with Gov. Perpich and various legislators and officials. Mississippi River, Coon Rapids to Camden. Picnic follows at Weber Park. FMI—Al Gustaveson (612) 788-8525



August Wednesday **3**

MONTHLY DIRECTORS' MEETING
Minnesota Federal Savings & Loan Ridgedale Center, Minnetonka 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.

Thursday-Sunday **11-14**

VERMILLION RIVER CRUISE
Beginner/Intermediate/Expert FMI call John Wexler, (612) 722-7069.

Thursday **11**

TWIN PORTS CHAPTER MEETING
General meeting and Alsek River slide show. Godfather's Pizza, London Road, Duluth, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday **13**

TWIN PORTS BEGINNING WHITEWATER CLASS
Learn basics of open and decked whitewater paddling.
FMI—Tom Anderson (218) 723-8376

Saturday, Sunday **13, 14**

LOWER CROW WING/ MISSISSIPPI RIVER CRUISE
See article inside.
FMI—Jim Robinson (612) 588-5402

Wednesday **17**

MCA MONTHLY PROGRAM
Come paddle with us. Canoes that seat 6-15. 22-30 feet long. Mississippi River, West Bank, south of Broadway Bridge. 6:30 p.m.

Friday-Sunday **19-21**

MCA KAYAK COURSE
Sponsored by Rapid Riders.
FMI—John Wexler (612) 722-7069

Saturday, Sunday **27, 28**

MT. LAURIER CANOE CLASSIC
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Karl Ketter 636-8116
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Roseville, MN 55113



MOONLIGHT MISSISSIPPI CRUISE
August or September. Date indefinite at press time.
FMI—Betty Ketter (612) 561-2208

Wednesday, Thursday **7-8**

WEEKDAY OVERNIGHT CANOE CRUISE. $15.00 fee. Sponsored by Wilder Foundation.
FMI—Wilder Forest (612) 433-5198

Saturday **10**

APOSTLE ISLANDS CRUISE
Sponsored by Twin Ports Chapter. Limited seating, sign up early.
FMI—See article inside or call Rick Luck (218) 724-7992.

Sunday **11**

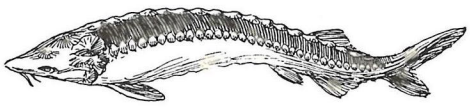
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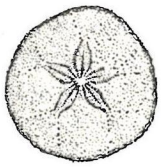
Friday-Sunday **23-25**

KICKAPOO RIVER CRUISE
Stueben, WI. FMI—See article inside or call Winnie DauSchmidt (612) 644-6115.

Sunday **25**

MIXED COUPLES' STATE RACE
Anoka (Dealer's Choice)
FMI—Karl Ketter (612) 636-8116



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Saturday **13** MCA BASIC CANOEING CLASS MCA membership plus $5.00/person FMI call Winnie DauSchmidt. See article inside. 644-6115	Saturday **13** SNAKE RIVER CRUISE — Also visit Northwest Fur Trading Post, Pine City. FMI—Dick Schram (612) 786-9076	Saturday, Sunday **13, 14** USCA NATIONALS Current River at Doniphan, MO. FMI—Bob Griffin 114 Washington St., Doniphan, MO 63935
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CHAPTER NEWS

Mississippi Mud

LONG DISTANCE CANOE RACERS

President — Allan Rudquist, 521-9734
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The annual running of the Jensen Handicap was held on May 15. This year's event, which teams an experienced racer with an up-and-coming new racer by lots, had the largest field in memory. Eighteen teams competed for the coveted pair of trophy paddles. Despite the large number of teams, we had the most closely grouped finish ever, with all teams finishing less than six minutes apart, a tribute to the emerging group of new talent in our area.

Cary Bush/Dave Sipe	42:52
Greg Colter/Steve Peterson	44:21
Bob Brown/Warren Thunstrom	44:28
Dan Hassel/Brett Thunstrom	44:52
Dave Primas/Walt Hirschey	45:51
Mark White/Clint Waddel	45:58
Dave Greenlee/Mike Bohanon	46:11
Les Martin/Karl Ketter	46:20
Bill Dickey/Larry Kriesel	46:22
Greg Robillard/Gary Neddermeyer	47:08
Pete Colas/Scott Ankeny	47:18
Scott Langlie/Al Dubois	47:39
Steve Fowler/Todd Johnson	48:28
Jenny Graham/Gail Robertson	48:32
Paul Patzoldt/Marge Gardner	48:34
Jeff Rozinka/Buck Broten	48:35
Monica Triebenbach/Bill Gardner	48:40
Joe Zuzek/Sheila Johnson	48:41

SNOW LAKE

Snow Lake is a town of 2000 located in northern Manitoba. It is also the site of one of the most enthusiastic races held. Virtually every civic group is involved in some capacity of the race. During the five or six days the racers spent in Snow Lake, the hospitality became almost overwhelming. Among other things, accommodations were found for all the teams, lots of free coffee and beer were consumed, meals were served, fishing tips provided (not that any amount of help could save a pathetic fisherman like me). There were free showers in the civic center, almost nightly entertainment, and all of the businesses in town wanted to sponsor teams. Always, there was the feeling of welcome and friendship.

The race was held on Snow Lake over two days. Each day was two hours long, having a sprint lap and portage, with prizes. The course in Snow Lake is unusual because all of the race is viewable by spectators. The course was laid out by two local racers, Frank and Milt, with a great deal of attention given to providing a variety of racing conditions and getting the crowd involved. The Snow Lake race aroused quite a few people this year with well-monied classes for both Women and Mixed teams, in addition to the Men's. This led to there being 5 Women teams and 10 Mixed teams. That is more women involved in a pro race than I have ever seen before.

The first day was calm and cool, Barton/Triebold took the sprint and portage money, but finished second to Rudquist/Fries by 25 seconds. Third was Wick/Hawkenson. Fourth was Hassel/Bastian by scant seconds over Mitman/Crozier.

In Women's, Shelhorse/Gausted opened up a wide lead with Nixon/Begley second and Graham/Rudquist close behind.

Davis/B. Schluter had a comfortable first place in Mixed with Drake/Stopyrd second and Bohanon/Johnson about 20 seconds later.

The second day found no major changes in the placings, but the lap itself held a few surprises. In Men's, Hassel/Bastian led for half the day and finished third. In Mixed, Bohanon/Johnson worked their way into a 1½-length lead into second place, but lost it in the absolute last second of the race when neither Mike nor Sheila could grasp the bow handle and drag the canoe across the finish line.

Womens

1 Shelhorse/Gausted
2 Nixon/Begley
3 Graham/Rudquist
4 Gilverson/Kirby
5 Carriere/McKenzie

Mixed

1 Davis/B. Schluter
2 Drake/Stopyrd
3 Bohanon/Johnson
4 Gardner/Gardner
5 E. Schluter/Palzewic
6 McEachern/White
7 Wilson/Wilson
8 Chapman/Chapman
9 Robinson/Robinson
10 Williams/Triebold

Mens

1 Rudquist/Fries
2 Barton/Triebold
3 Wick/Hawkenson
4 Bastian/Hassel
5 Crozier/Mitman
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Warren Thunstrom ■

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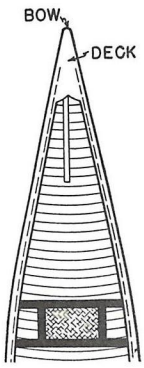


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TWIN PORTS CHAPTER NEWS

Well our club finally held its long-awaited election at our June 16th meeting. Newly elected officers are: President—Rick Luck, Vice President—Greg Furtman, Secretary/Treasurer—Susie Wilmes. Additional business at the June 16th meeting included Dave Spencer volunteering to chair a committee to study the matter of continued affiliation with MCA. His committee will examine the pro's and con's of MCA affiliation and bring resolutions back to the general membership for voting on. Fred Freeman volunteered to work on a club directory but will hold off until it's decided if the directory will list all members or just those belonging to MCA. That concluded the formal business and the rest of the evening included beer, pizza and a wonderful slide presentation by Bob Specht of his 40-day canoe trip from Yellowknife to Point Lake in the Northwest Territories. Bob's slides really showed the wildlife, geology and beautiful scenery of the Northwest Territories.

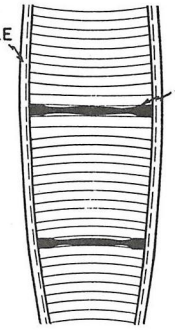
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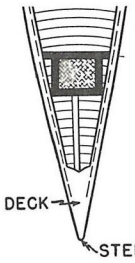
August 11th —General Membership Meeting
Thursday evening, 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room of the London Road Godfather Pizza. There will be discussion of the upcoming Apostle Islands Cruise and Beginners Whitewater Class. We hope to have Perception Kayak Company's slide program of the Turnback Canyon Expedition on Alaska's Alsek River. This river was previously considered unrunable and the expedition has been featured in several major outdoors magazines. Don't miss it!

August 13th —Sue Marsh's Wedding
Car caravans will be forming for the trip to Grand Rapids.

August 13th —Beginners Whitewater Class
Tom Anderson has volunteered to instruct a class on the basics of whitewater paddling for both open canoes and decked boats. He'll cover such things as eddy turns, downstream braces and ferrying. He'll pick a very safe and comfortable river with kayak rental possibly being available. If interested call Tom at 723-8376 for reservations and more details.

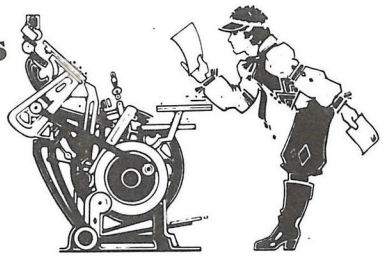


September 10th —Apostle Islands Cruise
Weekend cruise of several Apostle Islands in 34' Voyageur canoes. Trip limited to the first 30 people to send in $10.00 deposit to Rick Luck, 18 W. Owatonna St., Duluth 55803. Suggest sending in your deposit early as last year this trip filled up very quickly and was considered one of the best trips of the year. Details will be covered at the August 11th General Membership meeting. ■



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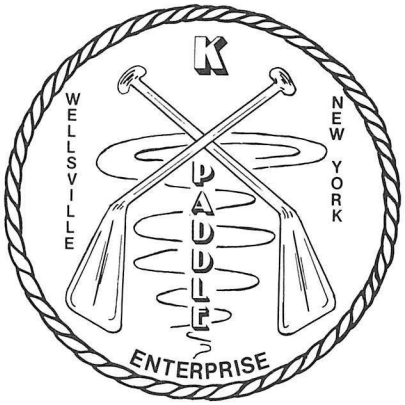


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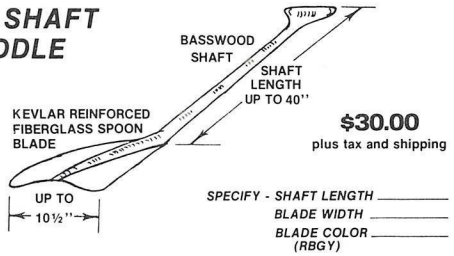
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CRUISIN' ALONG

Due to the recent heavy rains, river levels are high. While this means more possibilities for canoeing, it also can make for hazardous situations. On the July 9th lock cruise led by Harlan Nickerson, a severe situation was encountered. The normally placid Mississippi was very high. Coming down from the upper lock at St. Anthony Falls, some wild currents and waves were encountered. These were nothing compared to the waves and cross currents developed right below the lower lock. The water coming over the dam and through the Hennepin Island hydroelectric plant caused waves that were 2-3 feet high trough to crest. These waves were coming almost parallel to the river. Leaving the lock was extremely difficult, and the canoes were tossed around by the waves, but no one tipped over. Make sure that the high water levels have not made your favorite canoe run into an unsafe situation. **Jim Robinson, Cruising Director** ■

CRUISE, AUGUST 13 & 14

We will meet Friday evening, August 12th at Crow Wing State Park for a family fun weekend. The cruises will be kept short to permit sightseeing in the area. On Saturday we plan to canoe from Pillager to Crow Wing State Park (10 miles on the Crow Wing River). We will be camping both Friday and Saturday night at the group camp at Crow Wing State Park. On Sunday we will be canoeing from Brainerd to Crow Wing State Park on the Mississippi River (12 miles on the Mississippi).

Crow Wing State Park is the site of the historic Crow Wing village. The park also contains the site of a decisive battle between the Dakota and Ojibway Indians. Just a few miles away is Brainerd with attractions for all ages. Bring your fishing gear! Don't forget your swimming suits, either, and of course all of your other things you will need for camping and canoeing. For more information, contact Jim Robinson at 588-5402. Please call no later than Thursday, August 11th.

RUM RIVER CRUISE, AUGUST 27TH

The Indians called it the "River of Spirits." A too literal translation transformed it into the Rum River. Whatever you call it, this river is fun. Join us for a full day of canoeing without having to drive 200 miles. Bring your lunch, bring the kids. For more information call Jim Robinson by August 25th at 588-5402. ■

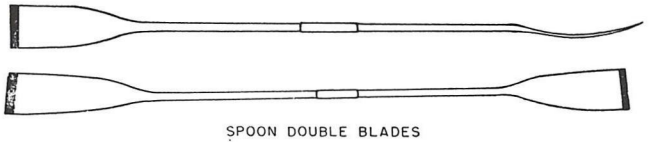
TRIP REPORTS

THE CROW WING RIVER CRUISE, JUNE 4, 5, 1983

Mother Nature's delay delivering summer to Minnesota did not dampen the spirits of our canoe comrades. Our cruise leader was Bill Marcouiller. The others in the cruise included: Harlan and Darla Nickerson, Carol Duke and Jim Robinson, Earl and Janice Liberko, Jim and Debbie Maves, Glen, Jack and Karl Kraywinkle, Mark Winterer and Pam Ohlhauser and Tom, myself, and our children Kevin and Lauren LaFond.

The river trip started out early Saturday, about 9:00 a.m. Put in was on the Shell River. The trip was beautiful and uneventful. Assorted canoes went toward shore for quick glimpses of the small wildlife. Turtles and muskrats paddled and dove under the water on their approach. The kids laughed and dashed any hope we had to sneak up on the little critters. Shortly after we entered the Crow Wing River we took a side trip into a small shallow lake off on the left. The lake is shown on the maps as Mud Lake, or Round Lake. Bill was poling and very nearly lost it in the mucky bottom. Suffice to say Mud Lake is a mud hole. A quick lunch was had at Tree Farm Landing and with a light rain upon us we put in again and continued on to our camp. At camp the sun broke through the clouds and we had a very pleasant afternoon and evening with pies and smores abound. Rain again in the evening retired the camp early, so we were back on the river early Sunday. Due to low water the rocks at the rapids were hard to miss, and we were quite busy bumping and dodging our way through all three rapids. Our canoes were out of the water by 1:30 p.m. in Nimrod. The shuttle came next and the day would be over, so we thought.

Without going into a great deal of detail, Tom LaFond and Mark Winterer left with the shuttle drivers but somewhere, bringing their vehicles back to the take out, they turned in the wrong direction and ended up burying their vehicles in the sand (naughty boys). With the help of a farm tractor and our cruise members, the vehicles were freed quickly and all were on their way homeward. So next time you see Mark or Tom, be sure to ask them about it.
Dale LaFond ■



12. Front and side views of spoon double blades.

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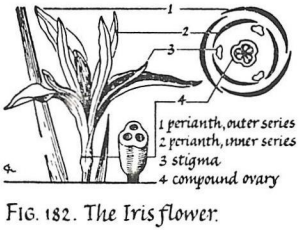


FIG. 182. The Iris flower.

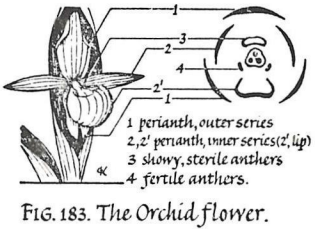


FIG. 183. The Orchid flower.

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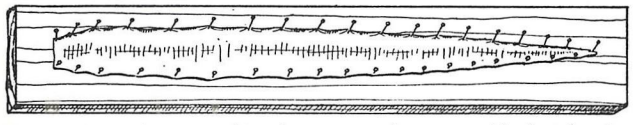


Fig. 24. Snake skin, pinned inside up to board to dry, rubbed with salt.

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