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KAYAKAROO



KEVIN, TWO FRIENDS, DOUG, ONE SON, RON BATH, ANOTHER SON

The Australians were here. Ron Bath, a paraplegic due to a childhood tumor operation, had kayaked the mighty Murray River. Since that was the longest stretch of water in Australia, paddling the Mississippi (first solo kayak, first paraplegic) was logically next.

A Buick station wagon, bought in L.A. when they answered an ad for an Oldsmobile and looking like a destruction derby car, limped into the Twin Cities with Ron, his brother Kevin and a landside assistant. A three member document film crew showed up a couple days later.

Now, the Mississippi is alot of water. And it is quite an undertaking to paddle the whole thing, and given the logistical problems and muscle needed the attempt is to be respected. Even though they didn't have maps of the river, they were prepared for the Grand Rapids of Minnesota—which had been gladly eliminated by 1930's dam building.

After a week of preparation in Minneapolis, they were ready to head north, but what! On a "biscuit" run (their word for cookies) to Tip Top Market the auto began belching blue, black and gray smoke. So coming from a rough and tumble country, they started immediately rebuilding the engine in the author's back yard with his carpentry tools. No problem they explained,

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HUT!

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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BOARD MINUTES

DIRECTORS' MEETING
August 3, 1983

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Venice Barsness, president.

Steve Kirk—Supervisor of River Recreation Department for the DNR; John Besse—from Trails and Waterways: Both John and Steve attended our board meeting to talk to us about Canoe Day, which is September 5th (Labor Day) at the Minnesota State Fair. We are coordinating some demonstrations with the DNA for that day. They want an "Explore Minnesota" theme.

1. Reach as many people as possible to get them interested in canoeing.
2. Promote diverse resources in canoeing.
3. Education in equipment, ease of canoeing, techniques, safety tips, planning trips, etc.

Winnie DauSchmidt: We had a discussion on the September program. Read the September HUT! for details. Sept. 14th, 7-10 p.m. at Newell Park in St. Paul.

The Kickapoo River trip is scheduled for September 24th and 25th. See the HUT! article for more details.

Al Gustaveson: We had news coverage for the Governor's "Family Canoe Day." Channels 4, 5 and 11 all had some news broadcast about the trip on the Mississippi. There was also an article in the Minneapolis Sunday Tribune, and in the St. Paul paper Monday morning and evening.

Al is working with the DNR for the November program.

John Kopp: John is still working on revising the building book.

Jim Robinson: Gave a list of upcoming cruises. See articles in the Sept. HUT! for Sept. 10th trip on the Crow River, Sept. 17th trip on the Minnesota River, Oct. 1 & 2 for Upper Iowa River cruise, and Oct. 8 & 9 annual color cruise on the St. Croix River.

Venice Barsness: Venice said that the annual meeting is scheduled for Oct. 19th, and will be tentatively at Rathskeller in the sky.

Darla Nickerson: Annual banquet will be at the Viking Village Smorgasbord. It is planned for Saturday, October 29th. More details to follow.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.
Verna Robinson, Secretary ■

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.

COMMENTARY

THE CANOE TRIP THAT WASN'T

On June 30th, 1983 Harlan and Darla Nickerson were to lead "THEIR FIRST" canoe trip. Harlan did not get the response he had hoped for, two people as of the 28th. On the 30th two more people were interested but it was too late!

Lack of interest was thought to result from the closeness to July 4th weekend. A day cruise was planned for July 9th. The weather was not very cooperative that day either. So goes the Pracna cruise that wasn't!!

However, on July 9th Harlan and Darla took a second chance at being cruise leaders. This trip went from the Camden Bridge between North and Nordeast Minneapolis to the Show Boat Landing at the U of M.

The group consisted of 7 people and 3 crafts. Not wanting to be an "Equipmentoholic" I will not mention that they were two We-no-nah's and one Aluma-craft.

We left Camden at about 10:30 and got to Pracna at 11:45. While having lunch we saw a man-eating shark. (Jim Robinson ordered it!!) Window shopped at Main Street til 2:30.

Back on the river we decided to go around Nicollet Island instead of going between the island and St. Anthony Falls. (Water moving a bit too fast.) Locked through the Upper Lock okay. The only spillway gate that was working at the Lower Lock was the one next to the lock. This caused some small waves we had to go through to get into the lock. In the lock a lockcrew member told us that there was some rough water outside the lower door. When they opened, so did the mouths. (We wanted to get out and portage.) We hit the waves (2½-3 feet high). Jim and Verna got a little close to the wall for a little excitement. They finally got it pulled away and joined the rest of us down stream.

We got to Showboat Landing at about 4:15. **Harlan and Darla Nickerson** ■



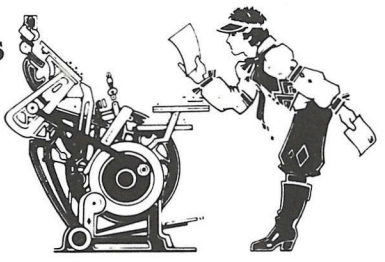
Warbler

CAMP COOKING PROGRAM

This program is to be held September 14th from 7 to 10 p.m. at Newell Park. Learn shopping, packing, and cooking tips. Watch open fire and camp stove demonstrations. See campfire safety techniques. You are invited to cook your own specialty or enjoy sampling the others.

Newell Park is located west of Snelling Avenue on Pierce Butler. We have reserved the two shelters and the open fire pit. If you need equipment for cooking your specialty or FMI, call Winnie DauSchmidt, 644-6115. ■

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CLIFF'S CORNER

Graduation time. Time to leave the predictability of the Boundary Waters, the familiarity of local streams. Time to branch out, broaden your canoeing and camping skills, expand your knowledge. What you're after is a real wilderness canoe experience—one which ever-so-gently perks your senses and broadens your perspective of the land and its people. An area without programmed campsites, red-dotted maps*, and annoying rules and regulations which are designed to protect each of us from the bad habits of the other.

The route should be non-intimidating (which means you can take your kids along), within a day's drive from the metro area; isolated, but with an easy out if the occasion demands; short enough so a week's vacation will suffice. . .and have spectacular views, superb campsites, generally good fishing, and a painless shuttle.

Sound too good to be true? It isn't. It's Ontario's English river, which is located some 450 miles from the Twin Cities, about 150 miles northwest of Thunder Bay.

You can go in by car or train. I've done both. The auto shuttle gets you into more remote country, but the train ride is easier, cheaper, and a real highlight if you've never ridden a Canadian bush train. Nothing plush; just an engine, a single passenger car and baggage car. You load and unload your own gear and either pre-purchase your tickets or simply pay the fare on board. Accommodations are spartan—lightly upholstered seats, linoleum floor, red-painted tin-can ashtrays, and a barely occupiable toilet stall.

We flagged down the east bound train (it runs east on alternate days so you better have a timetable) at the junction of Canada highway 599 at 8:40 a.m. on a rainy Wednesday morning. We loaded our three canoes—a 17' Alumnacraft, 18' Grumman, and 18½' Mad River TW Special—and 15 Duluth packs into the baggage car. The conductor figured our fare—four bucks per person plus $25 for the three canoes—a bargain.

Capacity of the car was about 40 people, though there were only six others aboard. Two elderly gentlemen had brought along an ample supply of LaBatt's blue and were doing their best to deplete it as rapidly as possible. An Indian man and woman and two exceptionally well behaved pre-school children sat quietly in one corner. Later, they got off at a trapping cabin in the bush.

It was an hour's ride to our destination, during which time the clanging diesel stopped a half dozen times to pick up and let off passengers. VIA rail in Thunder Bay admonishes riders to purchase tickets ahead of time, a regulation our conductor was in comtempt of. He knew nothing about "computer" selected stops. "Someone wants on or off, we stop," he said. "We don't leave no one stranded out here!"

The English river is a delightful mixture of large and small lakes with occasional demanding rapids, all of which have excellent portages around them. Fishing is generally good and scenery varies from typical uninteresting lowland tag alder, to spectacular BWCA vistas. Along the route are many breathtaking cascades and there's an old (and still used) Indian burial ground. Navigation is straightforward; even a novice should have no problem. And there are good campsites almost everywhere, many of which will handle three tents easily. A number of sandy beaches make swimming a pleasure.

We encountered no other canoeists along the way. But we did see several cabins and fishing boats. Despite the occasional intrusions by motorized craft, the quality of the experience was considerably higher than in the Boundary Waters. Though the area receives wide fishing use, we found it to be reasonably free of bottles, cans, and other trash.

Equipment: Whatever works on a Boundary Waters trip will work on the English river. My preference goes to a fast high volume canoe (I paddled a TW Special) as this is mostly lake country.

We used fresh and canned food all the way and never regretted the choice. Of course we burned out and packed out the cans.

Time: Five or six days on the water is plenty of time if you go in by rail and paddle out. If you start at the town of English river, you'll enjoy greater isolation, more rapids, and require two more days for the trip. And. . . you'll have to pay a $100 shuttle fee!

When to go: May and June are heavy fishing months so I'd delay until late July or August. Water levels on the English are almost always acceptable.

Details: A complete trip guide for this route is available from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources in Ignace. Give me a call or drop a line if you want more specifics.

Cliff Jacobson ■



A. Stages in the division of an Amoeba.

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"George, George, just the gaskets, yeh, mate. If the block's cracked, eh, just weld it, what? How about a meat pie? Borrow a torque spanner?" No matter it was the middle of the weekend, and the film crew in the middle of preliminary filming. The vehicle was pushed into position for a couple of shots during the initial engine work.



Brother Kevin climbed into the engine compartment early Saturday and emerged occasionally to show us pictures of kangaroo hunting.

Meanwhile life went on. The fine folks at AARCEE Rentals (Lyndale near Lake Street, they rent canoes and lots of camping stuff) were extremely helpful and forgiving in supplying the "chaps" with a Scanoe, to be used as a pursuit craft. The film crew reheated hamburgers in the toaster oven, setting it on fire. And down in the basement enough loads of laundry went through the machines to use an entire bottle of detergent (it's probably not concentrated in Australia), and fill the lint filter with an inch of fibers that looked like building insulation (probably no lint filters down-under either, eh?)



Kevin finished the engine rebuild, filled the radiator and. . .water poured out the side of the block like Minnehaha Falls. Saturday night, your engine's in pieces and you want to start out from the head waters the next morning, what do you do?



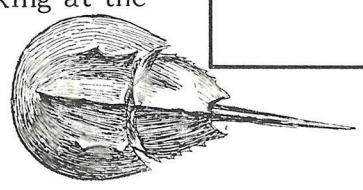
Look across the fence. To the rescue came the trusty next door neighbor. Doug Simpson, his gang of kids and several friends, jumped feet first into the engine Sunday morning. World class themselves, they completely rebuilt the engine (gasket was in backwards) and had the Aussies on their way in a rain storm as the sun was setting.

Kayaking began the next morning from Itasca. Ron tipped into the headwaters in the first 100 feet, then reportedly got lost for a while. The Bemidji paper carried a picture of him wet again, having fallen into a lake and been rescued by the film crew's half-inflated boat. Ron made the front page of the Minneapolis Tribune, but missed a gaggle of reporters at upper St. Anthony lock by four hours. Both kayak and Scanoe were sunk near Memphis when they hit a log.

But, eventually, the phone rang here, and it was Ron. "Hey, mate. Ron here. Called to tell you I've made it. Broke the Canadian Air Force kayak record by 24 hours, eh. World record stuff. Sorry, somebody's knocking at the door, got to answer it, bye."

Haven't heard from them since.

George Sorenson ■



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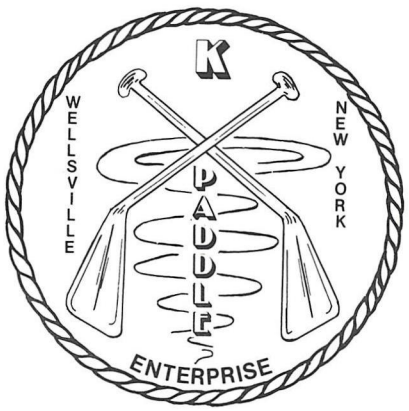
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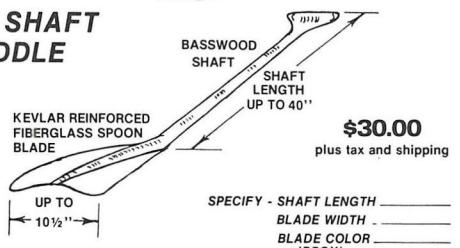
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CRUISIN' ALONG

Summer is nearly over, but the cruising season has not ended. September and October will still provide opportunities for cruising.

If the good weather continues late into the fall, unscheduled cruises may be arranged. If you are interested in leading or participating in an unscheduled cruise, call Jim Robinson at 588-5402 by Thursday evenings to see if others may be interested.

Don't forget to check your calendar for the scheduled cruises and other events in September and October. **Jim Robinson, Cruise Director** ■

CROW RIVER CRUISE, SEPTEMBER 10

September 10th, meet at 9 a.m. at the Hanover grocery in Hanover, MN. Plan on a light snack at the Berning Mill Dam portage point. There will be a pot luck dinner following the cruise at the home of Mike and Sharon Gilman in Rogers.

Please call Sharon Gilman to find out what to bring for the pot luck dinner. For more information, call Mike and Sharon Gilman at 428-4400. ■

MINNESOTA CRUISE, SEPTEMBER 17

This is a calm cruise to be done by families, couples or solo. Plans are to meet at Shakopee and cruise to the 35W bridge on Saturday, September 17.

As this cruise is close to the end of the season (OH NO), bring warm clothes and rain gear. Some spare clothes would also be a good idea. FMI call Harlan Nickerson at 933-6601. ■



Don't be surprised to see a few kayaks surfing off Park Point during the next northeastern. A few of us have discovered another backyard attraction this summer. The water may not be quite as warm as Hawaii, but when the easterlies blow the surface water in, it's warm enough so you don't need a wetsuit and it's a heck of a lot closer. Again, it's not recommended for solo paddling or being done without the proper group safeguards, but when the conditions are right it can be safe and exhilarating. ■

KICKAPOO RIVER CRUISE, SEPTEMBER 23-25

From Friday night, September 23, through Saturday, September 24, we will be joining the 11th annual Stueben Wisconsin Colorama Weekend for canoe maneuvering in an easy current.

The townspeople of Stueben provide camping, breakfast, hot lunch on the river, shuttle service, and supper with an evening program. There is a charge of $13 per adult and $6 per child, and preregistration by September 15th is necessary.

On Sunday, September 25, we drive upstream to a church pancake breakfast, and continue on to Ontario where we leisurely paddle through statuesque rock pillars. Plan for a picnic lunch on the river and an early start homeward.

To register and FMI call Winnie DauSchmidt, 644-6115. ■

UPPER IOWA RIVER CRUISE, OCTOBER 1 & 2

For those of you who missed the Upper Iowa River cruise in May, and those who wish to repeat the cruise, plan now to join us Ocotber 1st and 2nd.

Join us for the Kendalville, Bluffton, Decorah Upper Iowa River Cruise. We plan to camp at Bluffton both Friday and Saturday night.

Saturday will be a cruise from Kendalville to Bluffton, and Sunday we will paddle from Bluffton to Decorah, Iowa. The scenery on this river is not typical of Iowa. Beautiful limestone bluffs reaching heights of 250-300 feet border the river.

Trips each day will be about 15 miles, taking about 4½ to 5 hours each day. For more information, call Jim Robinson at 588-5402, or Harlan Nickerson at 933-6601. ■

ANNUAL FALL COLOR CRUISE ON THE ST. CROIX RIVER, OCTOBER 8TH & 9TH

Now is the time to plan to attend the MCA annual fall color cruise. Again we will have a two day event. There will be camping Friday and Saturday night at the group camp at the Interstate State Park, Minnesota side.

Saturday will be the second annual directors' cruise from Wild River State Park to St. Croix Falls. There will be an opportunity Saturday evening to meet the MCA board of directors and candidates for the upcoming election.

Sunday will be the traditional color cruise from Interstate State Park to O'Brien State Park. This cruise is scheduled for October 8-9. ■



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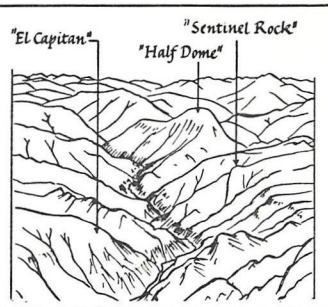
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September Sat-Mon 3-5

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Monday 5

CANOE DAY AT THE FAIR
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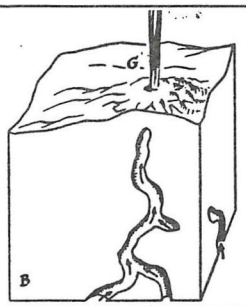
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Sunday 11

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FMI—Karl Ketter (612) 636-8116.



Saturday 17

MINNESOTA RIVER CRUISE
FMI—See article inside or call Harlan Nickerson, (612) 933-6601.

Saturday 17

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MISSISSIPPI RIVER MOONLIGHT CRUISE. FMI—Betty Ketter (612) 561-2208.

Saturday 24

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI RACING CLINIC with Steve Gaskill of U.S. Ski Team & Mpls. Ski Club.
FMI—Paul Sollie (612) 377-8849.

Sunday 25

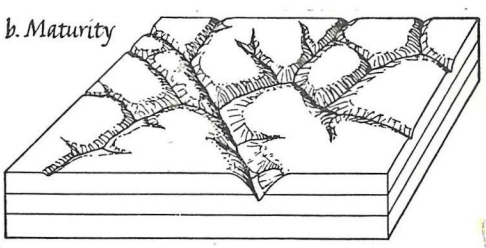
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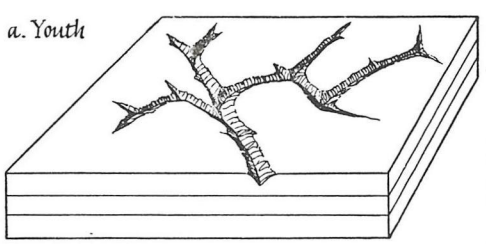
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FLAMBEAU RIVER CRUISE
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MCA MONTHLY PROGRAM
Slide show on this season's white water cruises. 7-10 p.m.
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See October HUT! for details.



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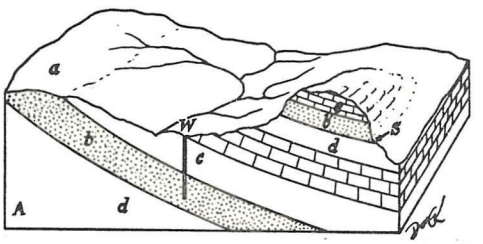
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All members urged to attend. Doors open at 7 p.m., meeting convenes at 8:00. Beverages furnished.
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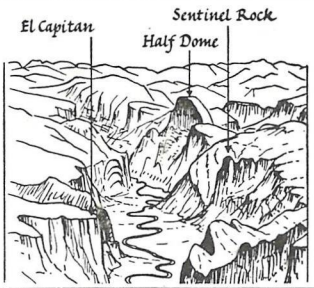
Wednesday **7**

MONTHLY DIRECTORS' MEETING
Brooklyn Center Civic Center
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Arts & Crafts Room, 7:00 p.m.
All members welcome.

Wednesday, Thursday **7-8**

WEEKDAY OVERNIGHT CANOE CRUISE. $15.00 fee. Sponsored by Wilder Foundation.
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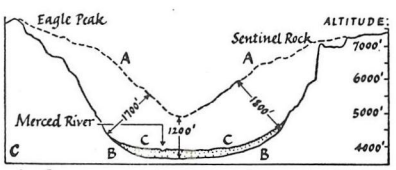
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Wednesday **14**

MCA MONTHLY PROGRAM
Camp Cooking—Tips & Bake-Off.
Newell Park, St. Paul, 7:00-10:00 p.m. FMI—See article inside or call Winnie DauSchmidt (612) 644-6115.

Saturday, Sunday **17, 18**

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Friday-Sunday **23-25**

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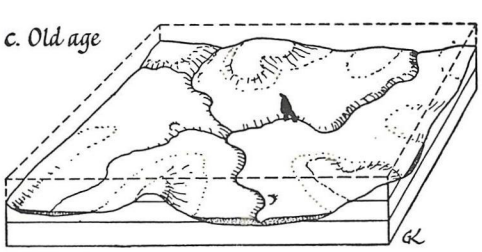
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Saturday **8**

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Sunday **9**

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Saturday **29**

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Viking Village Smorgasbord
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LONG DISTANCE CANOE RACERS

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FLIN FLON

The LaBatt's Gold Rush Canoe Derby, in Flin Flon, was held the first weekend in July. Stephanie Jarvis was this year's race organizer and did a stupendous job. Dinner was free each evening, with one evening's meal being moose steaks, delicious. Canadian hospitality is something to be admired, and Flin Flon certainly has more than their share. Thanks to everyone who made our visit so enjoyable.

The race is held over a three-day period. The first day's lap was held on Phantom Lake. The course was three laps around the lake with one portage of about 1/3 of a mile. The Womens and Mixed race was a one-day race, held in conjunction with the Mens race on Phantom Lake.

The lead pack consisted of about 7 or 8 teams and continued that way until the last lap, when the leaders began to push, and the pack dissolved into more of a chain. At the end, Fries/Rudquist led by 2 seconds over Barton/Triebold, followed by Hassel/Bastian, Williams/Stockton, and Mittman/Crozier, in that order.

In the Womens race, it was close all day between Johnson/Gardner and Hagen/Schluter, with Hagen/Schluter doing most of the leading. In the last half mile, Johnson/Gardner gained a small lead and then sprinted into the finish for about a 6-length lead. The question was whether Johnson (who has a weak knee) could get the boat across the finish line, 30 yards up the beach, before their competition. They did, with about 2 lengths to spare.

The second day's lap was Bakers Narrows. This is the longest day, 4 hours, and the most challenging. It consists of paddling lakes, river, stream, and a total of 5 portages for a total of about 2.5 miles. During the sprint lap, Wick/Hawkenson overturned and had to swim to shore. While crossing the lake, there were some moderate waves (1-2 feet), and this caused Jarvis/Fieber to have to pull over to empty out (bow heavy), and Schluter/Davis became the second overturned boat of the day. Unfortunately, they tipped in the middle of the lake and had to be pulled out by the rescue boat. On the portages, Rudquist/Fries lost time to Triebold/Barton, but would work hard to gain the distance back on the water before the next portage. Towards the end of the day is a 1.2-mile portage and here Triebold/Barton gained distance and ended the day 49 seconds in the lead.

The last day was on Beaver Lake and consisted of a short portage and three laps around a course. Fatigue was setting in over the whole group, and the lead pack set a noticeably slower pace, not that it helped the slower teams much, they were moving slower themselves. Rudquist/Fries were unable to shake the pack and gain back the time they needed to win the race, while an attempt by Hassel/Bastian to break away succeeded, but after about 3/4 of a lap the lead pack gathered them back into the fold.

Place	Team	Final
1	Barton/Triebold	9:46:42
2	Fries/Rudquist	9:47:34
3	Williams/Stockton	9:49:27
4	Hassel/Bastian	9:50:47
5	Bohanon/Johnson	9:52:28
6	Crozier/Mittman	9:59:49
7	Hawkenson/Wick	10:06:53
8	Davis/Schluter	10:13:00
9	Fieber/Jarvis	10:13:40
10	Wride/Turner	10:18:19
11	Ankeny/Thunstrom	10:19:55
12	Constant/Budd	10:23:13
13	Dumas/Burghardt	10:37:45
14	Gardner/Persma	10:37:49
15	Chadwick/Chadwick	10:48:18
16	Young/Michelle	11:03:45
17	Zusek/Ketter	11:23:06 ■

COOK CANOE-A-THON

The Cook Canoe-A-Thon was held July 23 on beautiful Lake Vermillion. This was the second year that Cook had a pro class, compliments of race organizer Dave Culbert. There were 18 teams entered, but only 15 finished. Why? While Vermillion is a pretty lake, this year it was also pretty rough, with waves of 1-3 feet crest to trough. The newer rookie teams had the worst of it, but most finished and their persistence is to be admired. However, even some of the more experienced teams had their problems. Waddell/Herschey found out they were slightly bow heavy when the water they took in would not go back to the bailer.

The start of the race was quite chaotic, with most teams just doing their best to stay upright and out of each other's way. Wave riding was minimal at first, and this permitted the teams of Hassel/Johnson and Bohanon/Ankeny to pull away from the rest of the pack. While it would be expected to see Crozier/Bastian also in the front runners, Stuart's inexperience in the stern, coupled with the rough water, proved to be too much a handicap to run with the leaders. The two lead teams raced neck and neck throughout the race. In the last 100 yards of the race, Bohanon/Ankeny caught a wave wrong and gave up 1½ lengths to Hassel/Johnson for the win.

Hassel/Johnson	1:51:21
Bohanon/Ankeny	1:51:25
Crozier/Bastian	1:53:11
Bush/Gardner	1:55:25
Hagen/Hagen	1:56:57
Sipes/Kemppainen	1:58:26
Dubois/Dubois	1:59:34
Dickey/Patzoldt	2:00:17
Johnson/Thunstrom	2:01:46
Waddell/Hershey	2:04:25
Ketter/Zuzek	2:06:00
Palzewic/Palzewic	2:14:31
Colter/Primus	2:35:34
Macken/McGelvey	3:03:10
Kivlea/Johnson	3:12:54 ■

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Two of the organized events for this month include the Apostle Islands Cruise on Sept. 10th & 11th and an open boat slalom race at Taylor's Falls on Sept. 17th & 18th. You can check with Rick Luck if there's any space still available on one of the 34-foot canoes they're cruising the Apostles with. If history repeats itself and the weather cooperates, it should be quite a trip. The Taylor's Falls race was a highlight last year for the few of us who'd never tried slalom gates until last year's inaugural event. It's promoted for the whitewater paddler who's never tried running gates before. Beginning and advanced whitewater paddlers are made to feel very welcome at this race. Saturday is devoted to setting the course and practice. There's a campground nearby where a lot of us will be staying and a get-together Saturday night. Sunday is devoted to timed runs. For more information contact Rick Luck, Kevin Lee at (612) 571-7052, or Joe Kellogg at (612) 699-6006.

In case you missed any of them, the women's BWCA trip, KZIO-Ski Hut canoe race, poling clinic, moonlight paddle and park point paddle all went well. Many thanks go out to the hard working organizers of each event. The moonlight cruise was especially ambitious this year. Most of the fifteen paddlers didn't get back to Duluth until the wee hours of the morning. It was a pleasant trip but we'll look at alternatives next year, possibly a little shorter and closer to town.

Closing Notes: Discovered by many of our members this past summer, the lower St. Louis River from Hwy. 35 to Thompson Reservoir is one of the finest intermediate whitewater stretches in the area. Situated in our backyard, it has more to offer than many of the streams we've been driving 100 miles to do. Depending on water levels, advanced experience isn't necessary, but beginning paddlers shouldn't try it without at least one experienced person along who's done the river and knows the drops and their difficulty.

Fall ideas which have been mentioned and we'd like input on are a wild rice outing and an MCA duck hunting outing. If you've got interest in either, contact Rick Luck. ■

WHITEWATER RIDERS RAPIDS

Tuesday, September 13th there will be a safety and equipment program at Midwest Mountaineering near Cedar and Riverside in Minneapolis. The meeting will start promptly at 7 p.m. Safety equipment and rescue techniques will be discussed at length, especially self-rescue.

Our October meeting will be a cavalcade of rivers. Bring your slides or movies from past trips. Call Julie Alonso at 824-3312 or John Wexler at 722-7069 if you want to bring slides.

Mike Pease and Greg Potthoff will be leading a trip down the mighty Flambeau River in Wisconsin on the weekend of October 1 & 2. This will be a great trip for beginners and intermediate experienced canoers. Please call ahead for reservations to Greg at 894-4480 or Mike at 222-3191.

Rapid Riders and Long Distance Racers will be going up to Taylor's Falls for a day in October. Call me and let me know if you want to join us.

There are distinct possibilities of other trips. Please keep in contact with Mike Vande Vyver at 922-7633. ■

TRIP REPORTS

SAME TIME NEXT YEAR

It was Gary's idea. Now we've made that trip four years in a row. Some routes have been pleasantly laid back, others downright overambitious, and have taken us to little Saganaga in the BWCA.

Sometime between ice out and the state-bird hatch we launch a veteran Grumman—17 years of aquatic wisdom—and point the bow towards the first portage.

Actually the first thing we do is assemble the fishing rods and choose a bait. Then a ceremonial toast and we're off.

We fish the whole way, so the pace we set is very slow. Often the person up front doesn't paddle; we figure, there's no hurry.

Each lake, on the way, is distinctly different. A drop or rise in altitude seems to change the chemistry, some are green and sandy, others rocky and red. All are worth the trip, including Whipped Lake, which we stumbled into once via a bad decision (i.e., always scout uncharted rapids).

Everytime we've entered little Sag we've been greeted by our quarry, the elusive lake trout. Little Sag is purported to be 150 feet deep and from its icy reaches we've pulled some respectable trout, usually with a silver spoon or a gold or silver rapala. We've poached them in wine, fried them in a pan, baked them in foil, but have found that we like them best cut in 3 inch steaks and grilled right on the DNR grate. Times like these were made for Courvasier.

We somehow always end up cooking in the dark, but that's all for the better, it hides the dirt. And out of that dark comes the Northern lights, those mother-of-pearl, luminous shafts in endless flux, with back up vocals by those crazy lullaby loons. Dave saw it like this. **Tim Faricy and Gary Jurek** ■

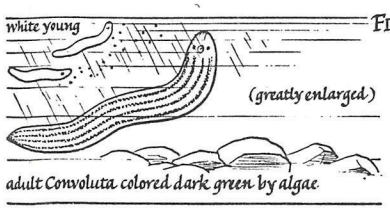


FIG. 203. *A plant-animal "partnership". Free-swimming algae of tide water enter young of tiny flatworm Convoluta. Adult worm shelters algae, depends entirely upon food they photosynthesize.*



JUREK FARICY AND PETIT

LOONER OBSERVATORY

Record spins, petals fall,
flowers bloom, a tree falls.
Rain goes and comes again,
Things change, all becomes still.
The first call. . .a response
Another loon calls out.
Which are the calls?
Which the responses?
Loon songs reflect off islands,
Moon glow echoes off lakes,
The moon in the sky,
The moon in the water.
A melancholy Garberesque* sound,
Calls out in the darkness,
And is answered by itself.
Another lonely call echoes its way
Into some primeval part of ourselves.
Silence is followed by changing patterns.
Call and response, can I get an Amen over there?
I become enveloped in this song and gloat on it
Like the loon floats on the calm water.
Silence speaks a primitive language to
An earlier, less cluttered ear.
Listening to the stillness as
It moves within me.
Out of this quiet darkness,
Echoes of moon light
And shoreline bounce off calm waters.
Ripples of loon songs reflect off island rocks.
Chorus and refrain circle
Around the campsite,
Fading into the distance.
Dave Petit ■

*Norwegian tenor sax master

Perhaps it was the female comradery and adventurous spirits that once more brought nine women and one female dog together for our paddle into the BWCA. The all women group, including Sue Weidman, Sue Alden, Sue Marsh, Annette Marshall, Martha Mars (our Minneapolis recruit), Thelma Kimball, Gail Peterson, Carolyn Herstad and Kris Wegerson left Duluth for a four day paddle which took us through the Saganaga-Ogishkimuncie-Seagull loop with a side trip into Kekekabec Lake.

One of our goals on this trip was to spend as much time on the water as possible. It was five short portages into Ogishkimuncie with some of these being carry-overs or refreshing walks upstream.

Since half of our group could only make a three day trip, we planned a rendezvous campsite on Ogish. We found our campsite early, then spent the rest of the time picking bountiful blueberries. Thelma was in her glory! Welcome pancakes! Welcome blueberry sauce! It was a relaxed day of swimming, napping, dreaming, and hoping the other half of our group would find us. Meanwhile, they were paddling against some whitecaps on Seagull. Carolyn, Gail, Sue Alden, and Kris were just starting to catch fish when the second group arrived. Our noodle casserole was supplemented with ample walleye and bass that night. Thanks, Dad, for all those filet lessons!

With every trip into the BWCA, I begin to notice the finer qualities of the wilderness such as the water variations, fish and plant life and geology. This trip included high wooded bluffs and red rock cliffs. There was an abundance of loons and blue heron and even one friendly mallard which came on shore to check out our breakfast. Gail and Carolyn took special interest in identifying the greater and lesser species of water lilies. The most beautiful area was a day's paddle into Kekekabec Lake. We left our base camp and portaged in nine lakes. There we found a clear blue lake surrounded by high green bluffs.

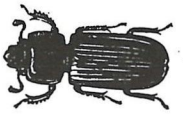
As that evening threatened rain, we decided to engineer a "big top" for our cooking area. Unfortunately there were no engineers in our group. Everyone got into the act with creative suggestions but nothing could replace that missing tree!

It becomes so easy to forget about the life style one comes from while in the wilderness. I noticed that as day four approached, the conversation returned more and more to events at home and future projects.

We paddled out through a torrent of rain to much appreciated warm, dry cars. With promises of future areas to explore and friendships to renew, we concluded our wilderness adventures. **Sue Alden** ■

Sue's Trail Lunch

1 2x2" cracker or bun (depending on what day it is)
1 piece sausage
1 tsp. peanut butter
1 tsp. blackberry jelly
1 slice cheese



Top with 2x2" cracker. Repeat the above several times, then serve apple slices and peanut butter. Note: If there are nine people in your group, you will need 96 slices of sausage.

REPORT ON MANKATO TRIP

We met Saturday morning at the municipal park in Mankato. We then set up our campsites.

We were met at the park by a friend of Terri Stoneburner's. He took us to the take-out point where the rest of the people were waiting.

We left a car there and then left for the put-in point. We put in below the dam on the Blue Earth River. This river has some grade ½-1 rapids, that made the day interesting and fun.

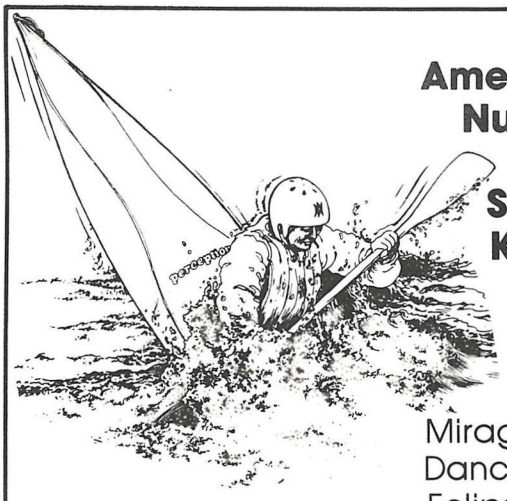
We stopped for lunch by a big gorge. We went way back into the gorge, which is full of water in the spring. We ate our lunch where there is a falls in the spring.

That afternoon after the cruise, we went to a nice warm spring-fed lake for a swim. Mankato has made this area into a real nice park. Terri Stoneburner brought her kayak and we all tried it and rolled over in it. Some of us with the help of others, and some of us did it alone.

That evening we met with five people from Mankato who want to form a Mankato chapter. Venice went through the format for forming a chapter, and they are going to try to meet the requirements this fall.

On Sunday, we canoed on the Le Sueur River. This river is very interesting. It was shallow, about 1 foot deep in most places, and it was full of rocks. We did a lot of maneuvering to avoid all the rocks. It made the trip very fun, and Jim and I really got a work out.

We will continue to communicate with Terri and the other people in Mankato to let them know we want to help them as much as we can to form a Mankato chapter.
Verna Robinson ■



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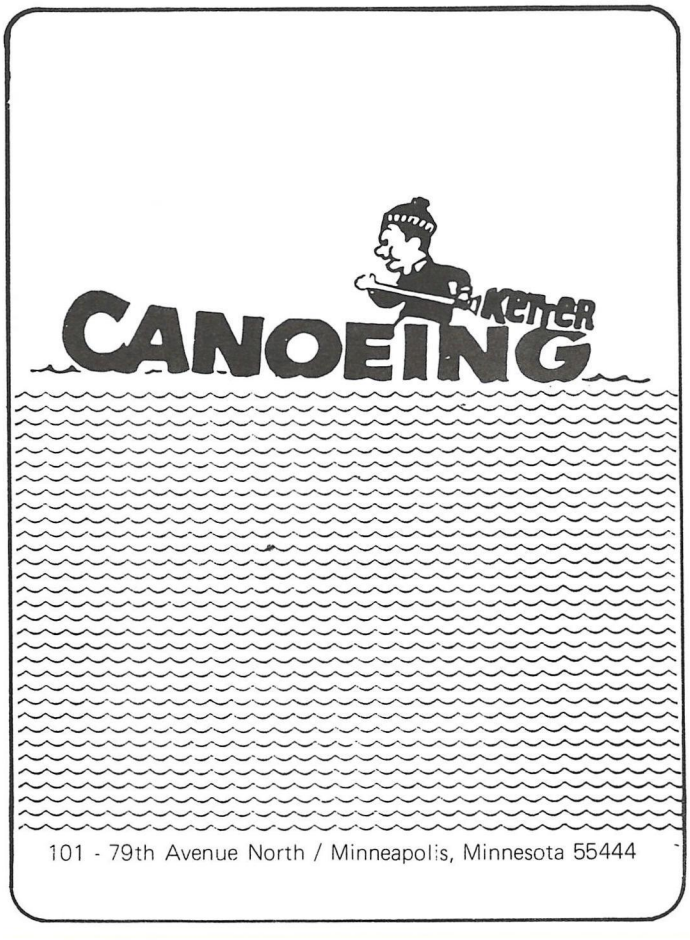
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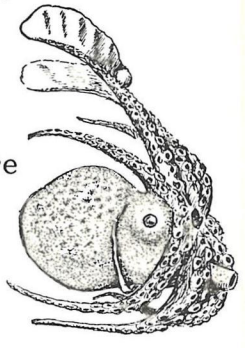


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FAIRMONT CANOE RACE

The 2nd Annual King Korn Days Professional and Amateur Canoe Challenge will be held on the beautiful lakes of Fairmont, Minn. This event will take place beginning at 1:00 on Saturday, September 17. This is one of several events within a several day period which is the annual King Korn Days celebration in Fairmont.

The professional race encompasses an approximately 20-mile course through five lakes which are all connected by channels or a very short portage. There is a $1,000 guaranteed purse to be split up among the winners of the pro class.

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