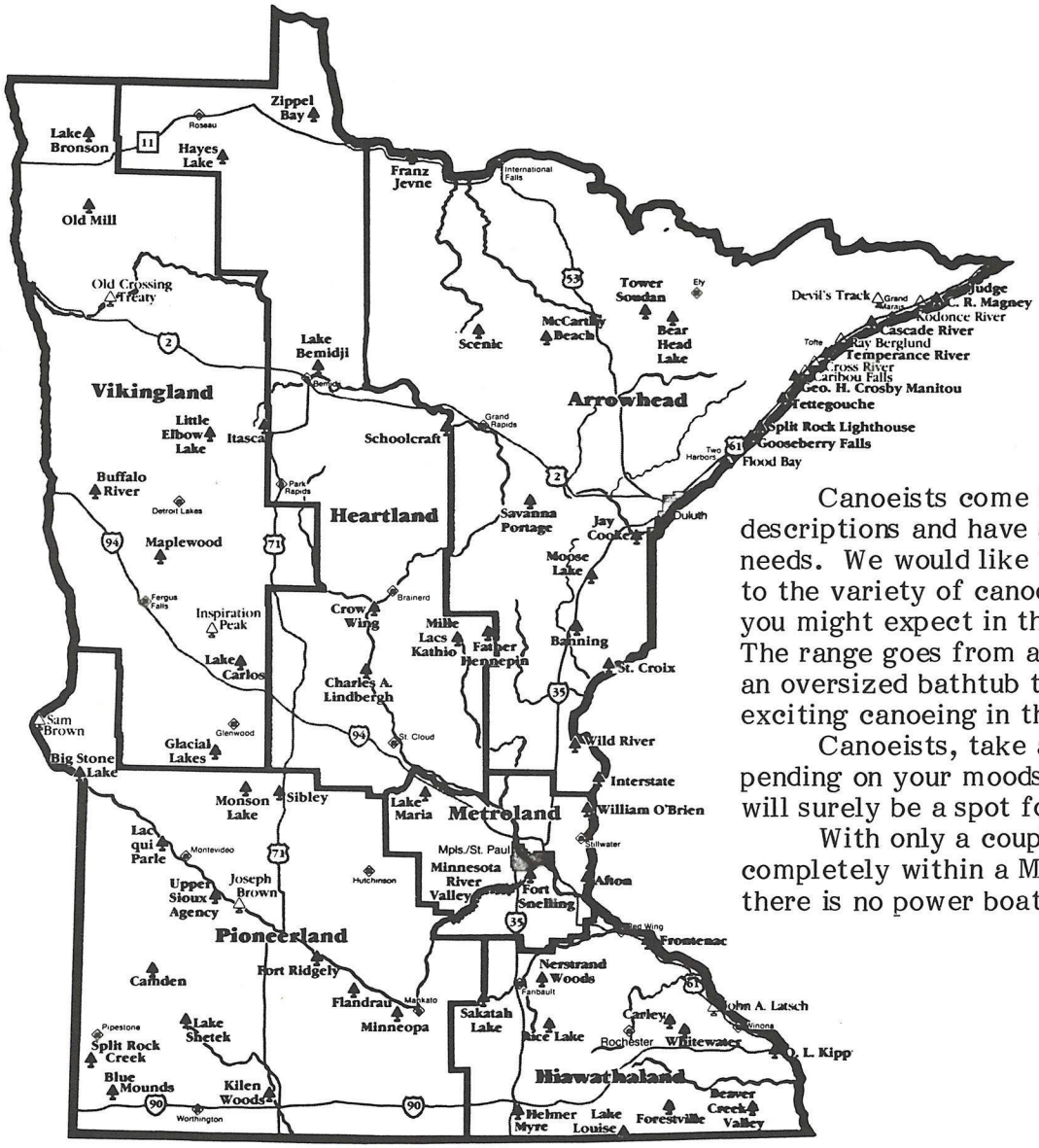
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OUR STATE PARKS



Canoeists come in all sizes, shapes and descriptions and have a number of different needs. We would like to give you a hint as to the variety of canoeing opportunities that you might expect in the State Park System. The range goes from a quiet sunset paddle in an oversized bathtub to some of the most exciting canoeing in the Midwest.

Canoeists, take a look at the parks depending on your moods or expertise. There will surely be a spot for you to dip your paddle.

With only a couple exceptions on lakes completely within a Minnesota State Park, there is no power boating allowed. This makes

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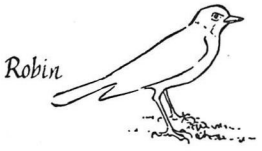
LETTERS

Dear Editor:

In strolling through the Burger Brothers' Bloomington store last week, I noticed the Phoebus model 625 stove which they were selling at the unbelievably low price of $19.95. The Phoebus is a proven expedition stove that runs as hot and efficiently as an Optimus 1118. The stove has a silent burner (which is quickly field-maintainable) and an excellent windscreen. The stove starts easily and is eminently reliable. I consider it a much better stove than a popular model which costs twice as much.

Check out the Phoebus 625 at Burger Brothers if you're looking for a very good all-weather canoe stove at an almost unheard of low price. Burger Brothers advises that they will mail order these stoves to customers. I have found no other source of the Phoebus 625 in Minnesota. **Cliff Jacobson** ■





MONTH'S PROGRAM

COME TO THE OCTOBER PROGRAM

The October program will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 1983. There will be a slide show on the season's quiet water cruises.* It will be from 7-10 p.m. We have slides on the Upper Iowa River, the St. Croix, the Big Fork, and should have the slides back from the Color Cruise on the St. Croix by the time of the program. The program will be at:

Brooklyn Center Civic Center
6301 Shingle Creek Parkway

This program will be presented by Jim & Verna Robinson. For more information call us at (612) 588-5402.

*Please note, there is a change from the September HUT! The calendar announced that there would be a slide show on this season's white water cruises, and it will be on quiet water cruises. ■

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.

BOARD MINUTES

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Venice Barsness, President at 7:30 p.m. Membership problem was discussed. Review of 16 projects outlined for 1982-83 was discussed. We have accomplished at least five of these items.

1) Display at the Minneapolis Boat Show. 2) Canoe Days at the State Fair. 3) Canoe Days at Hoigaards. 4) Minnesota proclaimed the Canoe Capital of the USA by Governor Perpich. 5) Major New Event: Governor's Cruise on the Mississippi.

We discussed the outline of programs for the next few months: October 12 slide show of this season's quiet water cruises; November 9, Al Gustaveson is doing a program with the DNR; December, no program, but maybe we could have a tall tales night or a big trip report; (December 7th); January 21 white water and kayaking demonstration, John Wexler; February 18 canoe building show by building director; March 17, Enjoying the BWCA by Penny Mielke?

I was asked by Venice to send a letter to all chapter presidents for their roster.

Winnie DauSchmidt, Education & Safety: Program for September will be camp cooking and bake-off. Winnie was also asking for any reservations for the Kickapoo trip in Stueben, WI on the last weekend of September.

Steve Stedman, Membership: We have 882 members, 24 renewals, and 28 new members. Steve also mentioned that turnaround mail is a problem, and we should look into that situation.

Verna Robinson, Secretary: A final copy of the guidelines for the editor of HUT! was sent to every board member, the editor, and every chapter president.

Jim Robinson, Cruising: October cruises are as outlined in the October Calendar.

We also discussed which members of the board were planning on running again, and we outlined the potential officers. There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. **Verna Robinson, Secretary** ■



MCA ANNUAL BANQUET

6-7 SOCIAL HOUR (BYOB)
7-8 DINNER
AWARDS
AND
PROGRAM
TO FOLLOW



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29
VIKING VILLAGE SMORGASBORD
501 SNELLING AVE. NORTH
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

$ 5.50
PER PERSON

Reservations should be received no later than October 20. Plan now and send yours in early.

This year's Banquet will be held Saturday, October 29, at The Viking Village Smorgasbord, 501 Snelling Ave. No., St. Paul. The dinner will cost $5.50 per person (tax and gratuity included, for sure).

Dinner will be a smorgasbord line. The menu is as follows:

Variety of 6 entrees
Salads
Soups
Rolls
Vegetables
Beverage
Dessert

RESERVATION FORM

Name(s) _____

Address _____

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Number of Reservations Having Smorgasbord Dinner _____

Send this reservation form plus a check or money order for $5.50 per dinner (made out to the Minnesota Canoe Association, Inc.) to:

Darla Nickerson
2012 Excelsior Ave. West, Lot #406
Hopkins, MN 55343

No phone reservations will be accepted, and a check or money order must accompany all reservations no later than October 20.

CRUISIN' ALONG

We are coming to the close of this year's canoeing season. I have enjoyed all the trips I have been on. I enjoy canoeing, and I like to meet other people who enjoy the sport also.

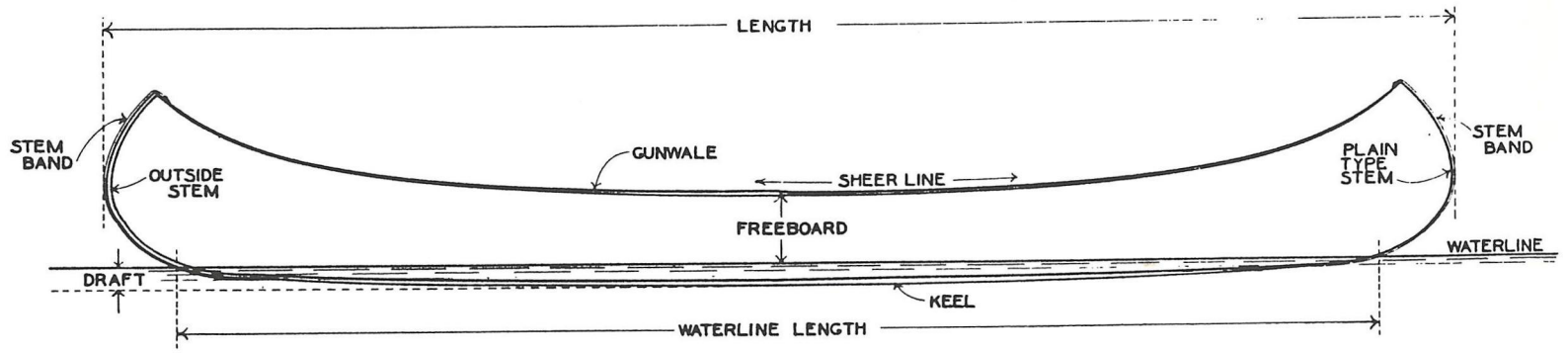
I have tried this year to have cruises scheduled on several different rivers. It seems as though I have ended up as leader on a lot of these, simply because I wanted to canoe on a particular river, and no one else called me to say they would lead it.

We have some rivers that have become annual events: the Crow River and Upper Iowa River led by me in May, the Crow Wing River led by Bill Marcoulier in June, and the Namekogan/St. Croix Rivers led this year by Winnie DauSchmidt in July. We hope that the Big Fork River trip that was led by Al Gustaveson in June will also become an annual trip. The Color Cruise on the St. Croix is annual, also.

It is not difficult to lead a cruise. If you would like to canoe a particular river, and you haven't seen it scheduled, call me and let me know. If you are unsure of how to work out details for leading a trip, I will be happy to help you organize it. If you want to lead a trip that has been led by me or someone else, let me know. I am willing to let someone else lead any trip that I have led this year.

Unscheduled cruises may still be arranged if the weather is still nice in October after the Color Cruise. 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.

Jim Robinson, Cruising Director ■



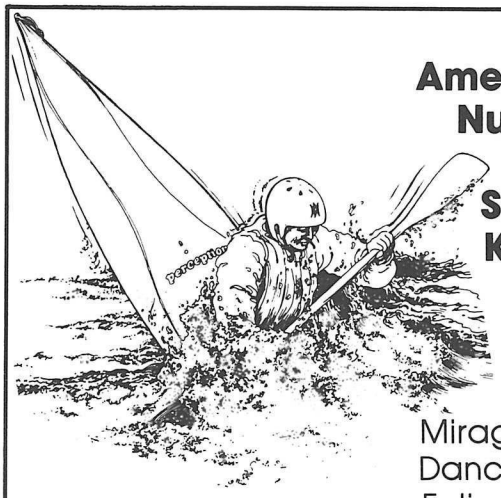
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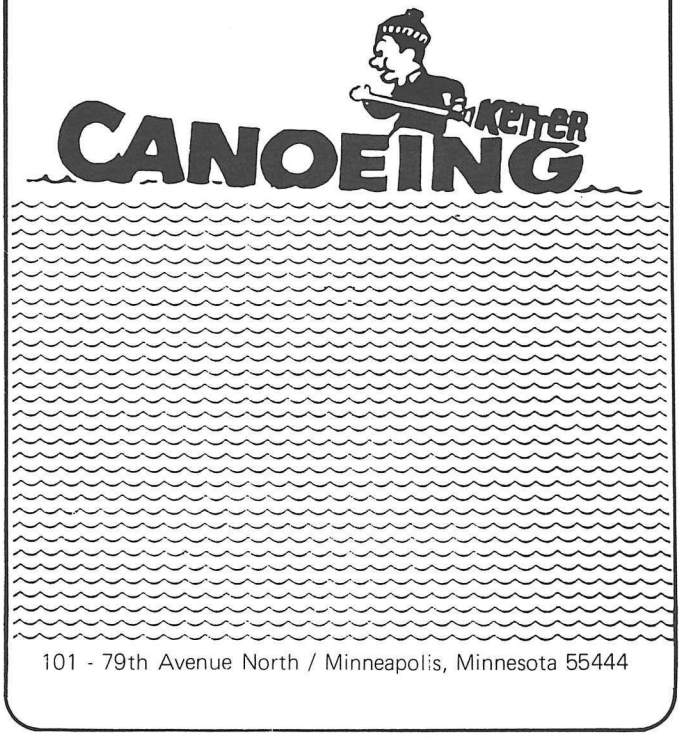
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CLIFF'S CORNER

For years, I've yearned to canoe alone down a wilderness river in Canada, but until now, I've never managed to pull it off.

The idea was to make a Henri Vallaincourt style trip (see John McPhee's excellent book, "Survival of the Bark Canoe"). If you recall, Vallaincourt doesn't take canoe trips too seriously. He never plans anything! At the last moment, dear Henri grabs a smidgen of this, a dash of that, and hopes he hasn't left out anything. What gets left behind, he does nobly without.

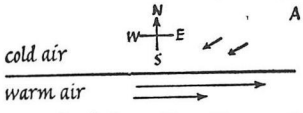
Invariably, all my wilderness trips are meticulously planned, usually around the whims of others. I figured Henri had a point. Why not just head north, find a river, and ding around. I decided to give selective irresponsibility a try.

I threw together a standard light outfit (57 pounds sans camera gear), tied my aging woodstrip "Mantoy" onto the car, and wheeled up route 61 to the Canadian border. My destination was the "Weikwabinonaw" river which lies just east of the Quetico.

My lack of planning exacted an immediate toll: Without an Ontario road map, I was not quite sure how to get to the river. No matter, I'd inquire at customs. Then there was the matter of the river itself. The only map I had was an ancient "Fisher" which showed none of the portages between the lakes at the trip's start. I had no idea of the river's topography, drop, or "canoeability." Again . . . no matter; I'd buy a topo in Grand Marais.

I dismissed the unknowns and pigeonholed them into the realm of "adventure!"

When I arrived at Grand Marais, I could find only outdated Fisher maps like the one I owned. Ah well, I figured. It'll be a challenge!



A 1. A cyclone begins to form along the line of contact between a warm air mass and a cold air mass.

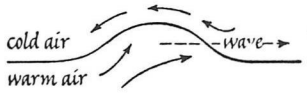
A friendly Canadian customs agent routed me to Northern Lights Lake Landing—end point of my trip. Now to find the beginning—Hand Lake, about a mile inland.

It was 9:00 p.m. when I at last discovered Hand Lake and pitched my old Gerry Fireside tent along its murky shore. I fixed a hasty supper of soup on my old Primus stove, grabbed some oatmeal cookies from my pack, and dove headlong into the tent to escape the determined horde of mosquitoes. Within seconds I felt a penetrating warmth ooze along my ankle. Damn! Hot beef soup all over the tent. What a way to begin a canoe trip.

Morning came hot and sultry. By 8:00 a.m. it was already 80 degrees. I mixed some Tang in a poly bottle, wolfed down a granola bar and stick of Jerky, then paddled hopefully across Hand Lake in search of the portage which wasn't marked on my map. Ahead were three bays. The middle one looked most promising so I searched it first. Twenty minutes later I abandoned the effort and struck out for the bay to the east. Almost immediately I saw the small yellow triangle which marked the trail.

For several hours I just lollygagged along, swimming when I chose, stopping at will. There were neither friends nor clocks to prod me on. It was beautiful.

By around 4:00 p.m. the thermometer stood at 100 degrees, so I camped along a nice beach and swam and swam and swam. I figured to be water bound by 6:00 or 7:00 at the latest the next morning.



2. The faster moving warm air is deflected toward NE and pushes into and over the cold mass.

Frankly, the upper "Weik" is not very exciting. Just meandering low lands punctuated by an occasional barely runnable rapid. But after the first 15 miles or so, the river changes its character from Ontario tag alder to spectacular pink granite. Hooray! I was back on the shield (precambrian shield) again. I camped the third night above a breathtaking falls. It was spectacular. Just me and the river. But evidence of man was everywhere, defiling the land. Cans, bottles, plastic, the works. Someone had chopped haphazardly on a half-dozen green trees, and one dirt ball had built a fire at the base of a particularly nice black spruce.

I was outraged and spent the next hour burning and flattening cans—doing my best to make the place tolerable. Then I left a note in a tin can pleading for help from fellow travelers.

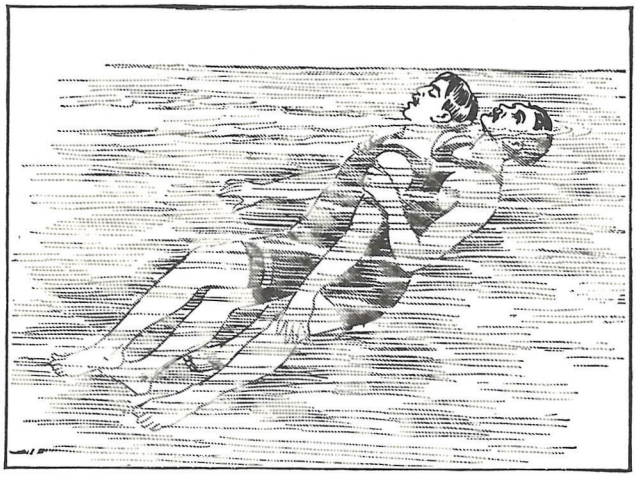
The lower "Weik" is a delightful solo run. There are at least four sets of complex but runnable rapids which are ideally suited to small maneuverable boats. Back home, I vowed to run only those drops which I was 100% sure to make. But the river tempted my judgement. I'm not sure what it was that made me run that last questionable pitch in which I solidly smacked a rock wall. A strong back brace and violent lean saved the day, but a quarter-sized chunk of fiberglass was left behind as an offering to the Gods and my own misjudgement.*

COMMENTARY

Of real significance was the fact that here I was, just 30 miles from Quetico, which in early August is teeming with people. Except for four casual fisherman, the Weikwabinaw was deserted. For a few days, it was "my river."

There are dozens of relatively untraveled routes in Northern Ontario; many, like the Weikwabinonaw are just outside popular parks. Often, these rivers are no farther away than typical BWCA entry points. The payoff is solitude, challenge, and complete freedom to paddle and camp where and when you please. The bitter pill is the litter and occasional logging roads and fishing boats you'll encounter.

Whether you prefer the programmed cleanliness of the Boundary Waters/Quetico, or the abuses and freedom of the unprotected wilds depends, of course, entirely on your perspective.



(84) BEST POSITION, AS A RULE, IN SAVING LIFE

Fortunately, there are still free-flowing rivers which have not been despoiled by the hand of man. But they're fast disappearing. Together, we can save "what's left" if we care enough to clean up after those who "don't understand" and educate those who follow. It will be sad irony if the only medication we can prescribe for our ailing wilderness—Canadian or American—is a tangled web of rules, regulations, and visitor distribution quotas.

Cliff Jacobson ■

*To run this rapid successfully, you had to duck below a downed tree on the right, do a fast cross to left to clear a rock, then immediately get on the right to avoid being swept into a rock wall at the river's bend. I was fairly sure I couldn't make the run successfully without nicking something . . . but then "Mantoy" was old and battle scarred, so I figured, "What the hell."

For those of you who have missed canoeing with Walt Jones this season, and part of last season, I would like to take this opportunity to let you know about him. Walt has suffered from some illnesses this year and last year, and has been unable to do any canoeing at all. He was, in fact, ordered by his doctor to stay away from canoes for this year.

I have talked to Walt on the telephone, and he is reaching the point of recovery. He is able to drive again for short periods.

We have missed Walt with his terrific sense of humor and all of his jokes on our trips this year. We hope that he can join us again soon on our river trips. **Verna Robinson** ■

RIVER CRUISIN'—IT'S A MATTER OF STYLE

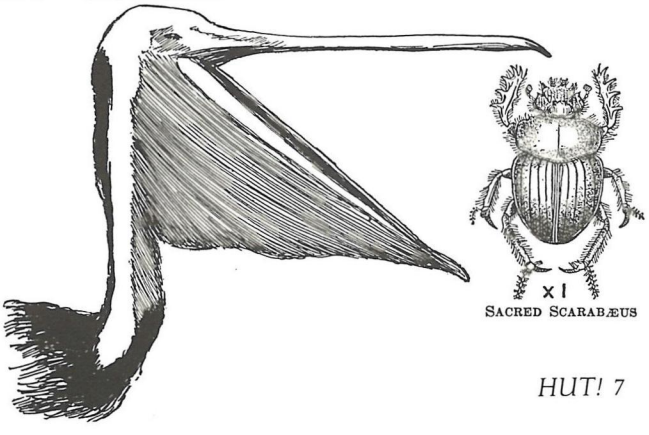
On the shallow, scenic Namekagon we saw herons, kingfishers, clouds, and sun in the sky. We watched deer, turtles, crayfish, and trout in the water. We felt the heat of the sun, the cool of the breeze, and, once, the refreshment of a small rain squall. We climbed the sand dune and we frolicked in the water. In the evening we gathered for that special comraderie of canoers round the campfire.

I enjoyed the "Namekagon experience" on two trips. The first weekend of 20 miles and 15 miles was easily done with a consistent paddling stroke. We weren't rushed or racing, but the paddling stroke was pretty steady. It was a trip for people who enjoy paddling a canoe in the wilderness.

The second weekend of 15 miles and 10 miles was a lazy, laid back trip. Sometimes the canoes drifted together in the current, and sometimes we paddled. It was a relaxed trip for people who enjoy being in the wilderness in a canoe.

I enjoyed both trips, each with their own emphasis. It adds to my enjoyment when I know the trip cruising style. Let us know your style and we'll match you with a trip.

Winnie DauSchmidt ■



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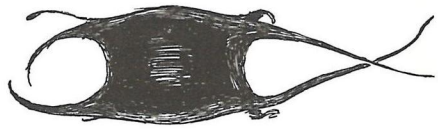
CALENDAR

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UPPER IOWA CRUISE
FMI—Jim Robinson (612) 588-5402
or Harlan Nickerson (612) 933-6601.
See article inside.

Saturday, Sunday **1, 2**

FLAMBEAU RIVER CRUISE
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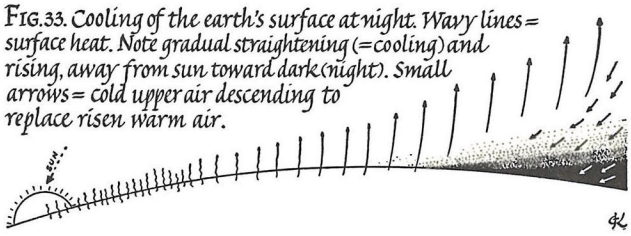


FIG. 33. Cooling of the earth's surface at night. Wavy lines = surface heat. Note gradual straightening (= cooling) and rising, away from sun toward dark (night). Small arrows = cold upper air descending to replace risen warm air.

Wednesday **5**

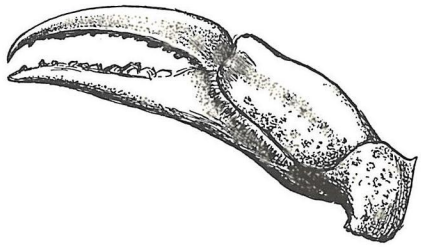
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Dave Logeais (612) 825-4040
316 W. Diamond Lake Road, Mpls.
All members welcome. 7:30 p.m.

Saturday **8**

ANNUAL MCA DIRECTORS'
CRUISE, St. Croix River
FMI—Jim Robinson (612) 588-5402
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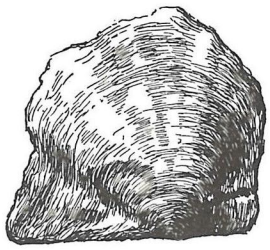
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MCA ANNUAL COLOR CRUISE
St. Crois River. FMI—See article inside or Jim Robinson (612) 588-5402.



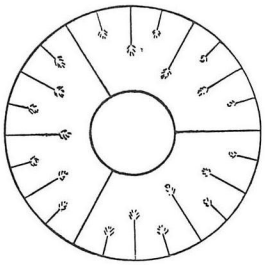
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MCA MONTHLY PROGRAM
Slide show on this season's quiet water cruises. 7-10 p.m.
Brooklyn Center Civic Center
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See article inside.



Wednesday **19**

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708 East Minnehaha, St. Paul.



Saturday **29**

MCA ANNUAL BANQUET
Viking Village Smorgasbord
501 Snelling Ave. No., St. Paul.
FMI—Darla Nickerson (612) 933-6601. See inside for reservation form.

DENOTES CRUISE:

November Wednesday **2**

MONTHLY DIRECTORS' MEETING
7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
FMI—Venice Barsness
(612) 332-3549

Wednesday **9**

MCA MONTHLY PROGRAM
The DNR and Al Gustaveson will cooperate on an interesting program. See November HUT! for details.



ACTIVITIES

UPPER IOWA RIVER CRUISE
October 1st & 2nd

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 October 1st and 2nd.

Join us for the Kendalville, Bluffton, Decorah cruise. We plan to camp at Bluffton both Friday and Saturday night.

Saturday we will 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.

Unless Iowa gets some rain, this cruise will be cancelled. Please call Harlan Nickerson no later than Thursday, September 29th.■

ANNUAL FALL COLOR CRUISE ON THE ST. CROIX RIVER

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. For more information, call Jim Robinson at (612) 588-5402.■

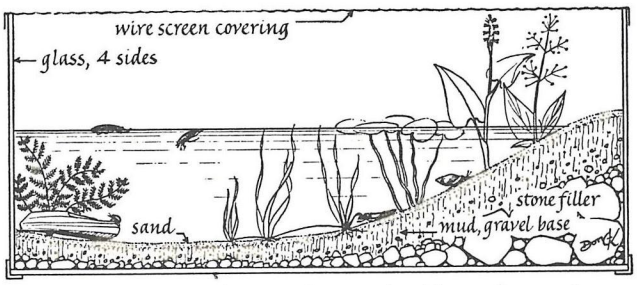


FIG.50. An aquarium for water insects should reproduce as far as possible the nature of the pond or shallow stream margin from which plant and insect specimens are taken. Carnivorous insects will, of course, destroy your other stock.

Who went: Jan Wallin, Joyce Boos.
River/lake: St. Louis, Forbes to Cloquet.
Length of trip/dates: 82.5 miles/21-25 of August.
Weather: Warm.
Problems: Water a bit low last 20 miles, for some rapids.
Enjoyments: Some beautiful scenery. Wildlife signs everywhere, saw no other canoes or boats on river.
Type and number of canoes: 17 standard Gruman.
Unusual observations: Very little of housing or cabins on river, RR running on the left for most of the middle stretch of the river.
Advice for others: DNR map is right on locations of campsite, rapids, etc.
General comments: Some neat rapids above Gowan, good scenery. Most campsites pretty good, except one at mile 22.5 was pigged up (beer cans, etc.). Signs for campsite and rest stop Mile 5 were missing, island rest stop on south end.■

Instant Trip Report Form

Who went _____

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Fall Color Cruise — October 8 & 9th

The Apple River section between Amery and Somerset has been chosen for this year's fall color cruise. This section offers a variety of both scenery and river conditions. Maples and oaks line much of the river with their beautiful colors scattered amid portions of farmland and residential areas. The rapids rate up to class 2 and there are short stretches of backwater behind 2 small power dams. Portions of this stretch are overrun with tubers all summers but should be almost exclusively ours now. Our put-in will be the Black Brook County Park which is between Highway 46 and County Trunk C on County Trunk CC south of Amery. We'll camp overnight Saturday at the Star Prairie Municipal Park on the water's edge (some of us will also camp here Friday night which will eliminate the need to carry camping gear in the canoes). The take-out will be in Somerset.

Contact Byron Selbrede, (h) 715-392-6350 (w) 715-392-7101 ext. 179 for more information.

WHITEWATER RIDERS RAPIDS

September 13, Safety on River and Mike Vande Vyver's Upper Amazon River Expedition at Midwest Mountaineering. Mike's slide program is full of tall tales.

October 11, Cavalcade of Rivers, location to be determined—suggestions? I urge all of you to gather your pictures of this year's whitewater runs and share them.

Starting in November, meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month.

Flambeau River Run on Friday, September 30 through October 2. This will probably be a beginner trip because river levels will be low. Let trip leaders Greg Pothoff, 894-4480 and Mike Pease, 222-3191 know if you are planning on going on the trip. Please don't wait till the last day to tell them.

Two river scouting trips will be held this fall on the North Shore of Lake Superior. These will be hiking trips up the rivers we would like to run next spring. All members are invited to go on these trips. The dates are Friday night through Sunday, October 21-23, and November 11, 12, 13. Call John Wexler for information, 722-7069.

Rapid Riders will be going up to Taylor's Falls on October 8th to help some of the Long Distance Racers rid their fear of whitewater. Call John if you'd like to help.

Request information about joining Rapid Riders by calling or writing Paul Rem, 645-3538, MCA, Box 14207, University Station, Mpls., MN 55414. Old members call to verify that Paul has your correct information.

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NEWS

FIRST CRUISE

The move to our new place in the sticks was in mid-June. Not much paddling prior to that. Mostly the Creek and some lakes.

Our little girl was 11 months old. No canoeing experience yet for her, no family outing yet for us. Then a proclamation from the Governor, and a special summer cruise is planned.

Miranda Sue already has a PFD, tried and tested in a lake. But she was walking already. How about leg room in a long, slender canoe. Wait and see. Saturday, July 30th rolls around. The two older girls, Debbie and Wendy, have a friend Kari along in their canoe.

Miranda stands in the bow with Sharon. Just before the cannon blows the wax out of our ears, we see another new canoeist. Josh Lemke, with his parents Terry and Sandy. Bill Sander shows up with his young son, Blair. Looks like they could use a bow paddler.

Wendy takes this opportunity to paddle. Debbie and Kari are now tandem with just the cooler. The paddling starts. Oops, we might have lost a NUK pacifier. Miranda isn't real happy about that. She likes dropping toys over the gunnels.

Time for a bottle of milk. The cooler is with the girls. They are almost up with the Governor. Sad moments during the hard paddling but the milk is recovered. Hanging ten and playing in the water is discovered. Endless fascination. Almost. First a hand at paddling with Mom, from her lap. Then some navigation from the thwart in front of Dad.

Soon we are at the takeout, and hike to the picnic area. A nice lunch. A few speeches. Nothing said by the Governor, the DNR or the park board about the MCA. Maybe we need to wave our own flag more.

Time to shuttle back to the Coon Rapids Dam. No bus. It's lost. Back on course, those who shuttle avoid the heavy rain.

Except for the dash to the car. Those waiting visit the library. The DNR does a nice job of watching the canoes. Things are all loaded up for the trip home. Goodbyes said, Miranda made herself comfortable in her infant seat. Sleep comes easy to her after a long day on her first cruise.

Sweet dreams for the next time out.

Mike Gilman ■

WARNING: WATCH OUT FOR THAT OLD DEBBIL, "HUMIDITY"

The other day, a man called from Ames, Iowa. The problem? His just-glassed MCA Guide had turned a smoky white. "Did you prime the hull?" I asked. "Yep . . . used no-wax on the first coat, waxed resin when we laid down the glass." "Any delamination?" "Nope, not a bit," he replied.

"What's the weather like in Ames?" I asked. "Hot and sultry," was the answer.

I told the man I thought he'd gotten moisture in the resin during the glassing operation and suggested he set the boat in the hot summer sunshine. Maybe take a hair drier to it. Then I gave him Bob Brown's phone number with the suggestion . . . "If that doesn't work, call Bob!"

It didn't work. In all likelihood, the man is stuck with a "smoky" boat. Our experiences with polyester suggest it's fickle stuff: sometimes everything goes as planned; other times you've got a mess on your hands.

My best advice? Glass your boat on a relatively dry day. Avoid periods of 75% plus humidity. Once you get moisture in the resin, it's often difficult to get it out. Mid July or August may not be the best time for fiberglassing.

In a previous article I suggested that you always prime the bare wood with no-wax resin before you apply the fiberglass. I'll stick solidly behind that advice and Gene Jensen will bear that out. You might also try applying your resin with a plastic squeegee instead of a roller which may trap too much air and cloud the finish.

Don't forget to varnish your completed wood-strip hull. Unvarnished polyester often clouds up when it gets wet (in my experience) and clears out when it dries. Gene Jensen does not varnish his racing hulls and seldom experiences problems with clouding. However, our experience suggests the varish seals the finish and eliminates all potential problems.

Virtually everyone who has done considerable boat building with polyester resin has a wealth of horror stories to share. No wonder those of us who've tried the special boat building epoxies are so enthusiastic about them.

Cliff Jacobson ■

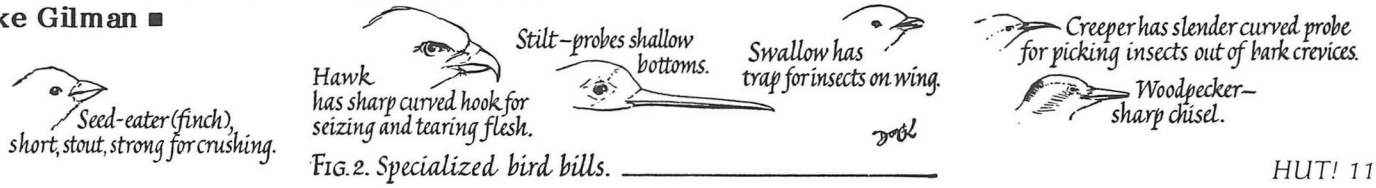
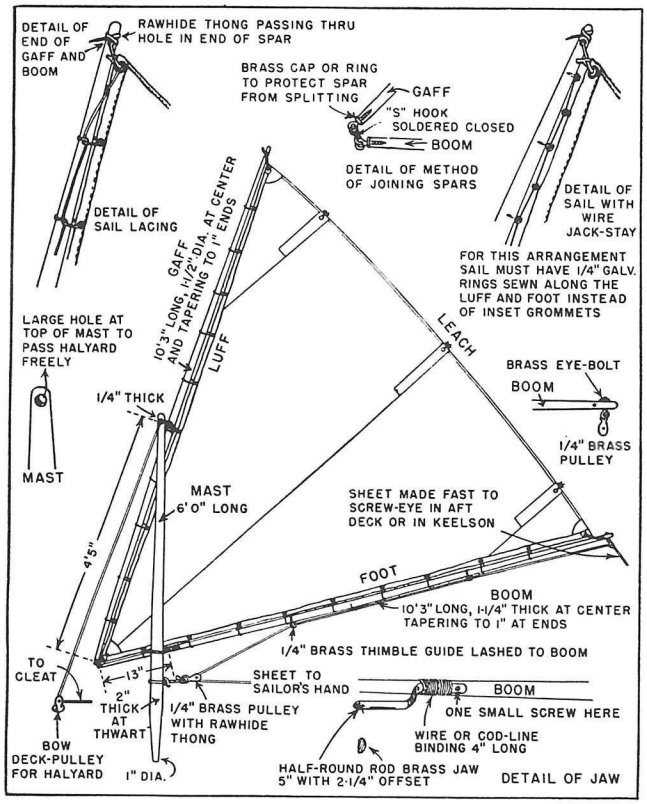


FIG. 2. *Specialized bird bills.*

an ideal situation for the people who want to get away from power boats or those who want to get a little experience. You still need to be careful in case winds would come up. A good example is Bear Head Lake, a beautiful, peaceful lake of the Boundary Waters variety but if there was an open sweep across one of the bays the water can get pretty rough. In some cases such as Blue Mounds in the Southwest corner—here is a small reservoir with a "lake" that is just a good sized pond, but since there isn't anything for miles, you may spend a very pleasant hour or two watching the wildlife from your canoe.

Park	Lake
Bear Head Lake	Bear Head
Blue Mounds	(Res.)
Fort Snelling	Snelling
Glacial Lakes	Signalness
Hayes Lake	Hayes Lake
Itasca	Lake Itasca
Lake Maria	Lake Maria
Little Elbow Lake	Little Elbow Lake
Maplewood	Various, 12
Monson Lake	Monson Lake
Moose Lake	Moose Lake
Rice Lake	Rice Lake
Savanna Portage	Various
Scenic	Various
Sibley	Various
Split Rock Creek	(Res.)



Details of sail and rigging.

The state parks have state canoe and boating routes. In the cases of both Afton and Frontenac, you are dealing with a wider portion of the river—either the St. Croix or Mississippi for practical purposes a large lake.

The following state parks are on a designated canoe route. I would suggest you refer to the canoe route maps for a precise location of access and facilities.

Park	River
Afton	St. Croix
Banning	Kettle
Charles A. Lindbergh	Mississippi
Crow Wing	Mississippi
Fort Snelling	Mississippi & Minnesota
Interstate	St. Croix
John A. Latsch	Mississippi
Kilen Woods	Des Moines
Lac qui Parle	Minnesota
Mille Lacs Kathio	Rum
Minneopa	Minnesota
St. Croix	St. Croix & Kettle
Wild River	St. Croix
Schoolcraft	Mississippi
Upper Sioux Agency	Minnesota
William O'Brien	St. Croix

Still another category of state parks are on water, usually small streams that might be interesting to investigate. They are seasonal and they may be good one weekend, and just not enough water the next weekend. I would suggest contacting the park manager before travelling very far if you are planning any use of these marginal rivers.

Park	River
Buffalo River	Buffalo
Camden	Redwood
Flandrau	Cottonwood
Forestville	Root
Franz Jevne	Rainy
Lake Louise	Iowa
Old Mill	Middle
Sibley	Chain of Lakes

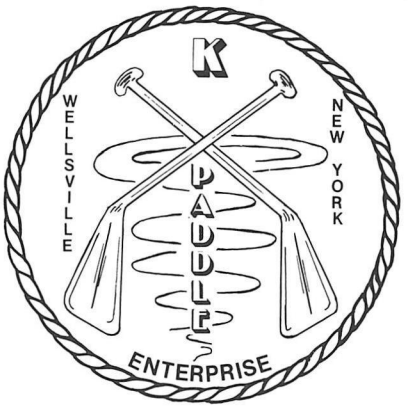
Note a relatively new mini-canoe route at Sibley State Park. There happens to be a small chain of lakes in Sibley which is located in West Central Minnesota. The portaging from the larger Lake Andrew to some of the smaller lakes could give someone from West Central Minnesota a day experience of the Boundary Waters type, including loons that you really don't expect in this part of the state.

This only gives you a little hint as to the canoeing possibilities. For instance, at Itasca, although it is a fairly heavily used park it would not be difficult at all to portage your canoe into one of the 100+ lakes in the park and have a completely wilderness type of experience even on busy 4th of July weekend.

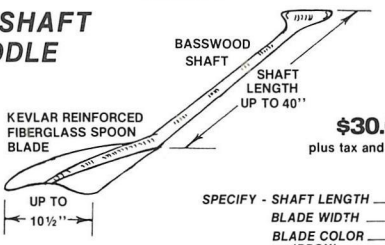
A new guide to Minnesota State Parks is now available which offers a flavor of each of the parks plus a detailed chart of facilities and services. These may be picked up at any park or sent to you by calling (612) 296-4776.

Take a good look at a park brochure, maybe ask for a detailed park map and report back to us about this time next year to let us know where your favorite lesser-used lakes or rivers are.

There are two parks in the system that are very closely related to the voyageurs type canoeing. If you feel the need to experience the days of the voyageur, and want to take a long portage over rough terrain, try a one-and-a-half mile "woman's portage" at Jay Cooke State Park. You can learn some of our early history. If that goes pretty well, try the seven-mile Savanna Portage. Make sure you do the couple miles of muskeg, and another five miles of up and down quite steep hills. After you have travelled both routes, try to visualize that this is one of "the" highways of the centuries before the 20th. **Milt Krona, Recreation Systems Coordinator, DNR** ■



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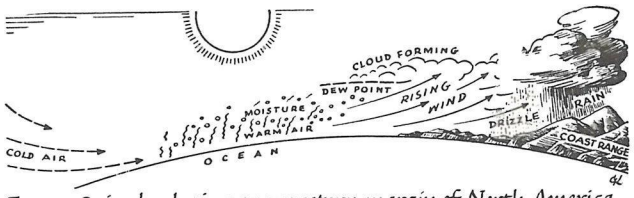


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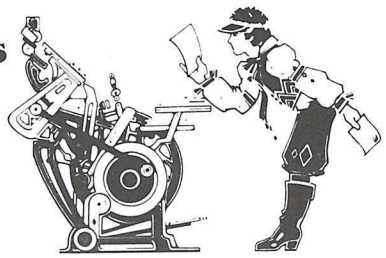
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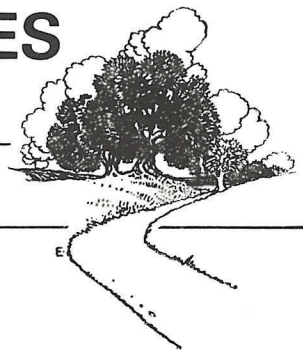
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