

news briefs

WCA FALL MEETING Reserve the weekend of 23 - 25 September for this year's Fall Meeting at the Minden Wild Water Preserve. Arrive Friday evening to set up camp, chat with friends, and prepare for Saturday's events and Sunday's adventures. Details will be sent to all members by separate mail in August. For more information and/or to volunteer to help, contact Sandy Miller in Toronto at 416-323-3603.

WCA PHOTO CONTEST In February 1989, there will again be a competition for the many photographers in the WCA. The four categories are: 1) wilderness, 2) wilderness and man, 3) flora, 4) fauna. The official announcement will be published in the autumn issue of Nastawgan.

OPEN CANOE RACE Don't forget to attend, as participant or spectator, the Gull River Open Canoe Slalom on 10 and 11 September 1988 at the Minden Wild Water Preserve. A great opportunity to paddle, learn, see, and enjoy! For more information contact Wendy Grater at Trail Head in Toronto at 416-862-0881.

WCA FALL PARTY This popular, annual get-together, marked by happy banter, wine, cheese, other delicacies, and slide shows, will be held on Friday, 25 November 1988, again at the Casa Loma Campus of the George Brown College in Toronto. Mark this date on your calendar! Don't miss it! More details later.

NASTAWGAN MATERIAL AND DEADLINE Articles, trip reports, book reviews, photographs, sketches, technical tips, and anything else that you think might be of interest to other members, are needed for future issues. Contributor's Guidelines are available upon request. The deadline dates for the next two issues are:

<u>issue</u>	autumn 1988	<u>deadline date</u>	14 August 1988
	winter 1988		13 November 1988

WCA MEMBERSHIP LISTS Membership lists are available to any members who wish one for personal, non-commercial use. Send a \$2.00 bill (no cheques, please!) to Cash Belden, 77 Huntley Street, Apt. 1116, Toronto, M4Y 2P3.



White-tailed deer

CONCRETE, ANYONE? The first American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) National Concrete Canoe Race Finals will happen 17-19 June on Lake Lansing in Michigan, hosted by Michigan State University. The competitors will be teams of engineering students who won regional contests throughout the USA. Regional competitions with concrete canoes started in the 1970s; the engineering students design, build, and race the canoes. Concrete canoes evolved from barges made of concrete during World War II to conserve steel. The idea is to make the canoes as light as possible without making them too weak. One of the design requirements is that the canoes float when filled with water. To ease the strain, flotation material may be used near the bow and stern. Concrete may be made with polystyrene beads or hollow glass spheres instead of gravel to improve its floatability.

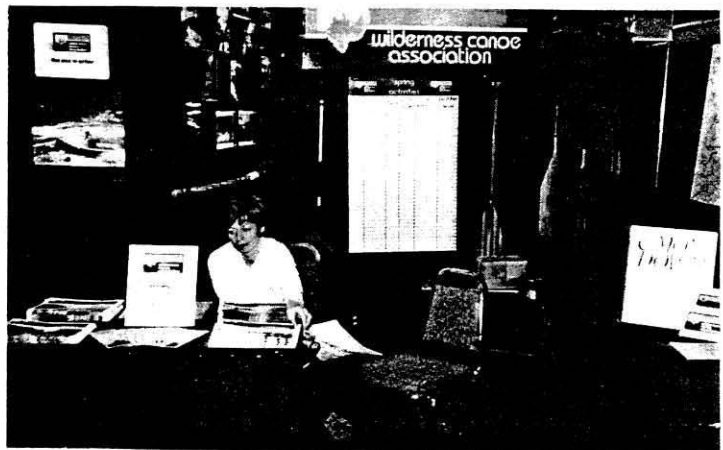
(From: Chemical and Engineering News, March 7, 1988)

POSTAGE METER FOR THE WCA The work of doing WCA mailings would be greatly simplified by the use of a postage meter. However, the cost of renting one by the year cannot be justified when it would only be used four or five times. Would any member who has access to a meter, through work, etc., which might be loaned to the WCA for four weekends per year, please contact Bill King in Toronto at 416-223-4646.

WCA TRIP INFORMATION GUIDE

The Board of Directors has initiated a plan to explore the pros and cons of a WCA Trip Information Guide. This book would contain an extensive collection of useful information on many canoe and (sea)kayak trips WCA members are familiar with, directly or indirectly. It could be produced along the lines of the existing Ontario Voyageurs guide which is mainly concerned with whitewater paddling, whereas the WCA guide would cover much more: lakes, rivers, flatwater, whitewater. The book would only be available to members/friends of the WCA; it would not be sold to the general public.

Anyone with constructive ideas, comments, and criticism about how to organize this ambitious project and produce the guide, please contact Dee Simpson, 36 Albemarle Ave., Toronto, M4K 1H7, phone 416-463-1821.



Sportsmen's Show, March 1988

PARTNERS AND INFORMATION WANTED

GEORGE RIVER Tom Elliott needs a partner for a trip down the George River in Québec, 12 July to 6 August 1988. This trip will be made by a total of six people in three canoes. Contact Tom in Brantford, Ontario, at 416-648-1560.

TEMAGAMI WILDERNESS Marcia Farquhar is organizing a canoe trip in the Temagami area for the beginning of August. Anyone interested, please contact Marcia in Richmond Hill at 416-884-0208.