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Nastawgan is an Anishinabi word meaning 'the way or route'

The WILDERNESS CANOE ASSOCIATION is a non-profit organization made up of individuals interested in wilderness travel, mainly by canoe and kayak, but also including backpacking and winter trips on both skis and snowshoes. The club publishes a quarterly journal,

Nastawgan, to facilitate the exchange of information and ideas of interest to wilderness travellers, organizes an extensive program of trips for members, runs a few basic workshops, and is involved in environmental issues relevant to wilderness canoeing.

EDITORIAL

Articles My thanks to those members who so quickly and generously responded to the request for material, resulting in several fine articles that will be published in our journal. Please keep up the good work by sending me submissions of all kinds; see the first item in the News Briefs for what and how. *Nastawgan* is your publication, make it live.

E-mail You can now submit your articles and other written text and correspondence by accessing my e-mail address: aharting@netcom.ca To keep the procedure simple and avoid tricky conversions, the material should be sent as a text file. In the near future I will also be able to handle graphics such as maps, but photographs will have to be sent (prints or slides) by regular mail.

Index I have finally been able to bring the index of our journal up to date. It now covers the years 1974 to 1996 incl. and presents lists of articles, trip reports, technical subjects, and more. Hardcopy printouts can be ordered by sending \$5.00 to my address mentioned on the back page.

Teacher I want to enthusiastically thank Roger Harris for his patience and optimism when explaining to me the intricacies of modems, Internet, and e-mail, as well as helping me get the Index into a new database and then printed out. Where would we be without him?!



NEWS BRIEFS

NASTAWGAN MATERIAL AND DEADLINE Articles, trip reports, book reviews, photographs, sketches, technical tips, or anything else that you think might be of interest to other readers, are needed for future issues. Submit your contributions preferably on floppy computer disks (WordPerfect preferred, but any format is welcome) or in typewritten form; contact the editor for more information. Contributor's Guidelines are available upon request; please follow these guidelines as much as possible to increase the efficiency of the production of our journal. The deadline dates for the next two issues are:

<i>issue:</i>	Summer 1997	<i>deadline date:</i>	27 April
	Autumn 1997		3 August

WCA MEMBERSHIP LISTS are available to any members who wish one for personal, non-commercial use. The list can be ordered as hardcopy or on a 3½ in. DD computer diskette. Send a five-dollar bill (no cheque, please!) to Cash Belden at the WCA postal address (see WCA Contacts on the back page).

MAINE CANOE SYMPOSIUM will take place at Winona Camps, Moose Pond, Bridgton, Maine, on 6 – 8 July 1997. For information contact Jerry Kocher at (617) 237-1956 or at e-mail Jerry-Kocher@msn.com

DON RIVER PADDLE

Metro Region Conservation and the Wilderness Canoe Association invite you to our 3rd Annual "Celebrate the Don" on Sunday 4 May 1997. Beginning at Serena Gundy Park (located in Sunnybrook Park, City of Toronto) where registration opens at 10 a.m., the first leg of the paddle is on the West Don River until you reach the east Branch. The trip then continues south down the Lower Don to the two take-out points at the Keating Channel and Harbourfront.

Much of the route is flatwater but there are a few stretches of mild whitewater to test your skills; see note below. The scenery varies from wild and wooded to uninspired urban, but all in all it's a very interesting trip. Buses will be on hand at both take-out points to transport all paddlers back to Serena Gundy, where you can