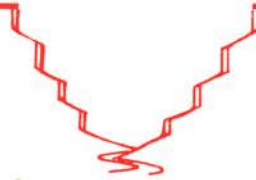


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MICHAEL JACOBS

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In that land that's out there somewhere
Where eternal Canyons wind
Where the sun is always gentle
and the wind is always kind.
Where the walls rise up in splendor
In their multi-colored hue
Michael rows the rivers of forever
In his Moki boat of blue.

In the late evening while camped at mile 120 in the Grand Canyon, Michael fell. A handhold pulled free while climbing in the tapeats. Under a blue tarp stretched on boat oars and with the rain coming down, Michael made a courageous fight but it was not to be.

The heart felt thanks of our grief stricken Moki crew went out to the medical people in our party for their valient efforts and to our good friends at AZRA for standing by us.

A night or two down river the moon came out and once more there were stars. There in the beauty of the Canyon that Michael loved we had a little memorial service and said good-bye to him.

I spoke some lines from a poem that is yet to be written.

"There are two worlds that I know of.
The one down here and the one above.
Between them only one small tie,
We share a strip of their vast sky."

"And Michael belonged to this world down here," I said, and I thought back to that day before our tragic camp. Floating down the river, Clair had talked about Michael to me. Told of their first meeting at Havasu and the strong bond that had since grown between them. Of what a good boatman and what a great person Michael was. No greater eulogy can ever be written than those praises given before the fact for they are surely true and I told the people this. Then we had a brief period of silence so each could in his own private way say their farewell.

I think that after this we all felt better and our trip made a turn about. Once more we could smile a bit and turn our attentions to our people and give them the trip they deserved.

GOOD-BYE MICHAEL, YOU WERE THE VERY BEST.
HOW WE WILL MISS YOU.

VAUGHN SHORT

On Professionalism...

Protecting the Canyon and producing a quality visitor experience on the River: for any Grand Canyon River Guide that's the bottom line. That's our job. For lots of us it's our life. We've got partners in this quest; it's the goal of the outfitters and the Park too. GCRG has worked hard to build a spirit of cooperation on the River because none of us can get the job done alone. But this important partnership is threatening to unravel.

To ensure we all take care of the Canyon and its visitors we have a set of rules to follow. We encourage everyone to do so.

But, as with all of society, occasionally individuals will break these rules. Sometimes the infraction is damaging and inexcusable such as building a fire right on a clean white sandy beach. But more often the infraction is a result of ignorance or misguided enthusiasm. None of us like enforcement but it's an unfortunately necessary part of our world. And punishments are too.

But unreasonably severe enforcement and punishments are threatening to unravel our important partnership. Punishments should be designed and administered to reinforce the community's resolve to obey rules. If they are perceived as inappropriate or too harsh they are interpreted to be vengeful and are counterproductive. Instead of encouraging the community to stick to the rules, they undermine the respect and cooperation we so desperately need in the Canyon.

Protect the Canyon. Give the visitor the best experience possible. These are still the most important objectives. We must all - guides, outfitters and Park - examine our actions carefully and constantly to assure ourselves that we are taking positive steps toward these goals.

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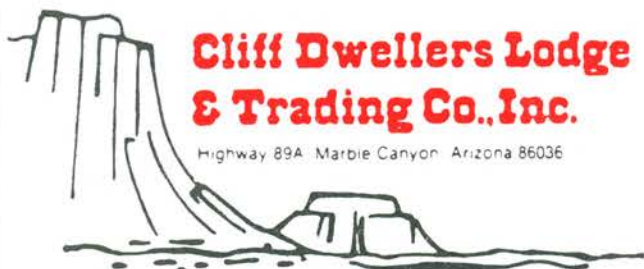
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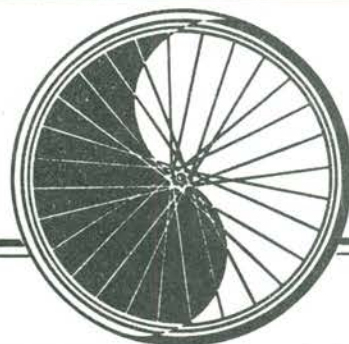
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GCES Update

THE STUDIES

The more the scientific community learns about the Canyon, the more they realize the integrated complexity of the system as a whole.

The studies continue and have been increased to look more closely at the Humpback Chub, the main corridor archaeology, and ramping rates of water release.

The studies on the river are scheduled for completion in July of '91.

These studies should be looked at as an ongoing activity in the canyon designed to monitor and learn from a dynamic system.

THE COORDINATING AGENCIES

The Bureau of Reclamation is the primary agency of this process and is responsible for the overall study. The Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, WAPA, AZ Game and Fish, USGS and others are cooperating agencies for the scientific end of things. The interpretation of the science is overseen by Dr. Duncan Patton of ASU. Dave Wegner, Larry Stevens, and Mike Yard conduct the science from the GCES office in Flagstaff. These findings will be used to identify the best alternative for managing the Glen Cyn. Dam water releases.



Treasurers Report

Cash 4/9/90	\$2,424
Received:	
T shirts	378
Dues	1,940
Donations	<u>1,239</u>
	+ 3,557
Spent:	
Postage & shipping	833
Printing	1,741
Supplies & misc.	<u>859</u>
	- 3,433
Cash 10/1/90	\$2,548

Grand Canyon River Guides:

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Providing the highest quality visitor experience**

Michael Jacobs Fund

Michael's wife Barbara has established a memorial fund with Grand

Canyon River Guides for Michael. Friends who wish to contribute should send their contributions to: Michael Jacobs Memorial Fund at Grand Canyon River Guides. Possible uses for the fund will be discussed at the Fall GCRG meeting.

Friends are planning a time to get together, a wake, for Michael. It will take place at the Hatch Warehouse on the evening of Oct. 31, 1990. All those who worked and played with Michael are invited to join.

First Aid Refresher

Bob Melville and Dan Dierker will teach an Advanced First Aid refresher course especially for GCRG members on December 7,8,9, 1990 in Flagstaff. If you're interested, a member of GCRG, and have a current Advanced First Aid card contact Dan (774-4274) or Bob(774-5594) for details.

GCRG Membership grows

Jeri Ledbetter reports that, largely due to the efforts of our guides out on the river, GCRG now has the following membership totals:

Guide Members	221
General Members	<u>100</u>
Total members	321

Keep up the good work; we need everyone's participation.

Legislation

Yes, the Miller Bill passed the House in July!! Since that time Senators McCain and DeConcini of Arizona and Bradley of New Jersey have introduced a similar bill in the U.S. Senate. The **Grand Canyon Protection Act of 1990**, if passed will:

- 1) Require the Secretary to operate Glen Canyon Dam in a manner which protects the natural resource of Grand Canyon.
- 2) Require immediate implementation of interim flows to reduce the erosion problems.
- 3) Establish a long term monitoring program in the Canyon.

This bill has now passed out of committee and will soon be up for vote on the Senate floor. If passed it and Miller's bill will go to conference committee to sort out the minor differences.

These bills are still our most powerful hope for permanent protection for the Canyon's resources. We must support them. Please write, or better yet, call your Senator and urge that he vote for the **Grand Canyon Protection Act of 1990. NOW!!**

And drop a letter to Senators McCain and DeCincini thanking them for their efforts on the Canyon's behalf.



Don't forget to come to the

Grand Canyon River Guides Fall General Meeting

Friday evening, 7-10 pm, November 9
Saturday, 8-12 noon, November 10

the Hatch Warehouse , Cliff Dwellers Lodge, AZ.
(just before Georgie's 80th Birthday Party)

Western Area Power Administration announces Environmental Impact Statement on Power marketing criteria

It ain't over yet.....

There's another Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the horizon that could be even more important than the Glen Canyon EIS. The **Western Area Power Administration (WAPA)** has just announced an EIS on its marketing of the power from Glen Canyon Dam and the rest of the Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP).

This EIS is just as important to the well being of the Grand Canyon as the ongoing Glen Canyon Dam EIS. Glen Canyon produces 80% of the power produced by the CRSP and the marketing of power drives the fluctuating flows from Glen Canyon that race through the Grand Canyon.

At the BuRec scoping meetings we urged that the WAPA EIS and the Glen Canyon EIS be incorporated into a single unit. This was not to be. So we must carry on the battle on two fronts.

Public scoping meetings have been scheduled almost immediately. Its important that we attend these meeting and voice our concerns. We urge each of you to go to the meeting nearest you, or send your written comments to WAPA before the November 16,1990 deadline.

Things to remember about the WAPA EIS.

- 1) Marketing of power** is the driving force behind fluctuating flows at Glen Canyon and the other Colorado River Storage Project (CRMP) Dams.
- 2) Daily fluctuating flows** have been identified as a primary cause of **beach erosion** in Grand Canyon.
- 3) Without the demands of the marketing of power** there would be no daily fluctuations, instead simply seasonal changes to meet water and flood control demands.



Attend a meeting,

write a letter today



Attend a Public Scoping Meeting

October 9, 7pm
Red Lion Inn
255 South West Temple
Salt Lake City, UT

October 10, 7pm
Denver Marriott West
1717 Denver West-Marriott Blvd
Golden, CO

October 11, 7pm
Phoenix Sheraton
111 North Central
Phoenix, AZ

October 15, 7pm
Holiday Inn Pyramid
5151 San Francisco Rd., NE
Albuquerque, NM

October 16, 7pm
Flagstaff High School Auditorium
400 West Elm
Flagstaff, AZ

For more info and to submit written comment can be directed to:

Dave Sabo
EIS Coordinator
WAPA
P.O. Box 11606
Salt Lake City, UT

The deadline for public comment is November 16, 1990.



The Western Area Power Authority Environmental Impact Statement must:

- 1) Identify the cause and effect** between the marketing of power and the daily **operations of the Colorado River Storage Project dams.**
- 2) Identify the cause and effect** between the marketing of power and the **degradation of the environments downstream.**
- 3) Include the managers** of the affected downstream resources as cooperating agencies. This includes the state Fish and Game Agencies of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.
- 4) Address power marketing strategies that promote energy conservation measures.**

Kenny Ross



1908 - 1990

"The San Juan at its best is the best in the West", Kenny used to say. And he knew. He got his start as a boatman there on the Rainbow Bridge Monument Valley Expedition in 1933 (Norm Nevills was a cooks helper on that trip). In the 1940's Kenny was possibly the first to run Cataract Canyon in an inflatable. Based in Mancos, CO, he served several years as Park Naturalist at Mesa Verde. By the mid fifties he was back on the old San Juan where he founded Wild Rivers Expeditions in Bluff, offering trips on the San Juan, Cataract, and Glen Canyon. His 11 day trip from Bluff to Lees Ferry was a classic.

He told endless stories - of meeting Delenbaugh ("he pronounced Sockdolager with a hard "g" you know"); of the amusing river exploits of Buckethead Jones; of doubling for Major Powell in Disney's "Ten Who Dared", (with fifty horse outboards under the deck of the Emma Dean); and countless others.

Kenny retired in the 1980's passing Wild Rivers on to the appropriate boatman, as it should be. He died of natural causes on October 2 in Cortez.

Bureau invites GCRG to EIS Alternatives Workshop

The Bureau of Reclamation's EIS office invited GCRG to participate in a two day workshop in July to compose a long list of possible alternatives for the Glen Canyon EIS. We were ably represented by Dan Dierker and Lew Steiger.

The members of this work session were to come up with a long list of possible alternatives for future operations of Glen Canyon Dam. Everything from "do nothing" to "take out the dam" was considered. We strongly supported a "seasonally adjusted steady flow "scenerio. We also pushed for lower highs and higher lows with a less radical ramping rate.

A full write up of the long list is available upon request from the Bureau of Reclamation. A short list of alternatives is to be formulated some time in November. Meetings of this type are not that exciting and take a lot of time but this is where important decisions are made. Thanks to Dan and Lew for taking the time.



Georgie's 80th at Hatchland - You're invited.

Ted Hatch, Billy and Patty, and the folks at Hatchland are throwing an 80th Birthday Party for Georgie White, who just about started it all. The party is November 10, 1990 at Cliff Dwellers. The object is to bring together as much of Grand Canyon river running history as possible. Put it on your calender, and don't miss the GCRG Fall meeting either. Same time, same place.

Chili, courtesy of the Hatch folks, is on the menu, bring your own beer.

Bio Bio Update....

Many of you have been down the Bio Bio River in Chile. Those of you who haven't will want to, take my word for it. But the Bio Bio is threatened just as the Colorado was, with a dam. The Panguue Dam Project will drown much of the runnable section. They're already dynamiting. But all is not lost....yet.

According to Gary Lemmer of the Bio Bio Action Committee all is not completely go on the financial side of things. That gives us some breathing room. With the recent change to a democratic government in Chile, public pressure, especially international public pressure, makes a difference. There is still a way to save the Bio, once again through our pens. Please take a couple of minutes and write a short, personal letter of protest, courteous and lucid, to:

Sr. Patricio Aylwin Azocar
Presidente de la Republica de Chile
Palacio de Gobierno
SANTIAGO - CHILE

Mention you're in the tourist industry and how much this industry means to the economy of the United States. Point out that Americans know more about the Bio Bio than anything else Chilean, except poison grapes and Pinochet. Suggest that Chile still has the chance to avoid mistakes such as we made at Glen Canyon. The Dam must not be built. Remember it takes 45 cents to send 1/2 ounce letter to Chile. Thanks.

For more info write or call:
Bio Bio Action Committee
P.O. Box 1303
Angels Camp, CA 95222
(209) 736-4818

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For a book about Grand Canyon Boatwomen after Georgie.

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- limited budget; more glory than cash
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Thanks!

Louise Teal
P.O. Box 3481
Durango, CO 81302
(303) 247-9364

Havazoo

An epitaph
for a version we knew
passed away
September 1990

Log jams
broken dams
a thousand trees
snapped off like matchsticks
or shot, roots and all,
to the river.
ashes to ashes
mud everywhere
covered with tracks
of puzzled beavers
searching for home
a small pale stream
winding among shattered ramparts

Gazing at the aftermath
feelings are tangled
awe, nausea, bewilderment
and gratitude for the memories
of an eternal childhood
when havasu was ripe

Those blazing days
in a blazing daze
running hell bent
to catch the group
you're leading to Beaver
they left an hour ago
it's so hard
to leave the harbor
ducking through the bushes
almost missing the overhanging branch
charging through the knee high grass
chasing a billion frantic lizards
up the trail
make that a trillion

Knowing every move by heart
the crossings filling and deepening
with the years
now you go left at this rock
trail used to be over there
always knowing right where you are

The harbormasters have moved on
to gin and tonics
a couple more motor rigs
jockey their way in

Teetering
step by step
across the travertine
light filtering down
dancing through the ash branches
staring, hypnotized
at the water
shooting across your feet
into the blue below
so perfectly clear
so exquisitely shaped
too beautiful to be real

Scaling the wall
after a power jump
alive, exhilarated, hungry
only to find the damned ravens
have figured out about zippers
bastards
even took my snickers

The harbor party rages on
and Whale falls off his boat
where are you guys camping?
the dories want National
how unusual
anybody spare a few rolls of t.p.?
here try some of this
better chase that with a cold one.

Taking the day off
out of sight alone
in one of so many private paradises
trying in vain to read
but it's impossible
the damselflies are mating
head to tail
flying united
they need to be watched

The harbormasters have shifted to the
other side
following the shade
it's story time
tales of great heroism
and riparian gossip
overhead
the anti gravity lizards
concerned about their fitness
do their inverted sprints
and push ups

Sheep dogging the footsore
back home
a little late as usual
with miles to row
before we sleep
dropping out of the tunnel
to face forty fleshy strangers
burned and wading
in the little kid's pool
while a young boy
chokes and grimaces
his abraded elbow
the lastest victim
of the vacuum cleaner chute

Back at the boats now
unbraiding spaghetti rope
and juggling boats
like numbered squares
in a chinese puzzle
see you at the follies

Havaspew
havaskew
now it's all erased
like Delgadillo's magic slate
time to order havanew
("with blue green water?" asks Juan)
it'll be different for a while
for our lifetime's anyhow
it'll havtado

Brad Dimock



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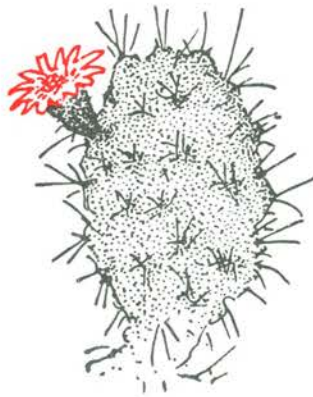
GCRG Letterwriting Campaign Big Success

The letter writing campaigns of the past two summers have paid off big time. Efforts of our guides and their outfitters have resulted in thousands of letters to the Bureau and Congress from our passengers. It's hard to see the results while you're on the river, but when the smoke clears the results are obvious. The concern over operations of Glen Canyon Dam and its damage to the Grand Canyon has generated more letters than the Alaska Oil Pipeline. These letters are what fuel the drive to pass protective legislation and to make this a credible and good EIS. We can all pat ourselves on the back, but we can't stop working (see the update on McCain's Senate Bill).

Some of us have done better than others. We must really tip our oar (or motorhandle) to AZRA whose office and guides have really done a GREAT job at getting flyers out and letters sent. Thanks y'all. And thanks to all the other outfitters that have helped us get the word out.

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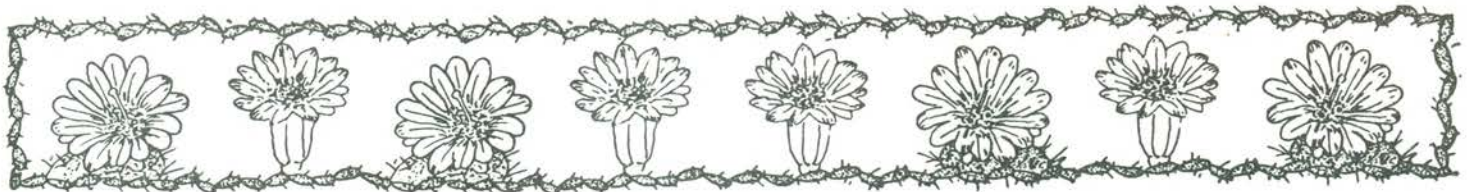
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Guides and the EIS

Many guides are actively involved in the on river aspect of the EIS studies. The logistics of carrying out the studies is a major operation in itself. The guides participating in these trips have worked hard and added an overall knowledge base that is evident in the success of these trips in achieving their goals.

The off river activity has been well attended by the guide community. The letter writing and general dissemination of information to the public is paying off.

We should not forget what an important part the guides play in this EIS.

Come to a GCRG Board Meeting

The GCRG Board of Directors wants as many members as possible to get involved in our organization. The best way to do this is to attend Board meetings. Beginning in October we will be holding regularly scheduled meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm at Dave Edwards' apartment, 9 1/2 E. Aspen in Flagstaff. The Board is elected by you to run this organization but you still have a big say in what we do. **Be there or be square.**

Next BOD meetings:

**October 17.
November 7 & 21
December 5**

Park creates panel on Colorado River Management Plan

Superintendent Davis has recently announced creation of the Colorado River Constituency Panel. This panel, with representatives from the outfitters, private user groups, commercial guides, fishermen, the scientific community, Bureau of Reclamation, and National Park Service, will review and make recommendations to the Park for changes to the Colorado River Management Plan. GCRG has been asked to be a member of this important panel. We applaud the NPS action as a positive step toward better communication and cooperation between the various user groups in the Canyon.