

# Past Tents

Mental meandering by SOLAR historian..... vol. 17 November 2018

Most every month we will dig into our archives and ponder on the past and present minutia of our club.....

I hope in the future to also be a bit of a document of record and comment on current event and perhaps give a historical context.

Welcome to my mad mad world of run on sentences and mental meandering

## Memory Palace

History, Remembering and Retelling is one thing we do around a campfire, in a book, in letters and recalled by pictures, think of all those emails you keep to look back on.....we all build our memories. Recently I heard about a concept to aid recall and it involves imagination of a building that when you envision walking through the rooms it evokes memories with symbols of what you are trying to retain. This is much too complicated for me to be good at but I realize the my world is my memory palace, every path taken, every trip planned, every article read bubbles up some recollection and generally good thing that is enhancing my day to day. In my endeavor to look back and review the SOLAR articles, I have had other folks come along in that as well, giving pictures, recalling trips and pulling forward good memories. The next section "RAFTING" is one such trip, it ties into an article that I will look for but in telling I hope you remember your times in this club with fondness and we build a place that we can recall our times together in the company of traveling companions, fellow adventurers and friends.

## Rafting

Margaret Martin, longtime member and canoe enthusiast as well as an all-around fine person, came up to me to show picture from a past trip, told me about it and asked if the pictures were something I was looking for as historian. This 2001 trip has all the excitement and drama as well as those flags I have been looking for..... and memories..... T

The trip was on the Chattooga River in April 2001. Margaret didn't know where the flags went but she knew they were returned to the club when they got back. I asked about all the writing on them and was told tradition was to sign them. I assume in groups from each trip.....





The folks in the boat are - port bow: Margaret's brother Don Martin, behind him: Sue Tavidian, I was starboard bow and John Moffett was behind her. My legs in the green pants are the ones in the middle. The rapid was Sock 'em Dog, which was listed as class 5/6.

EJ Brooks was the guy with the beard. Margaret could not remember the couple, they only came to that one trip with me and she never saw them again.

The Chattooga is the river where Deliverance was filmed. It is listed as a Wild and Scenic river. It is also the border of Georgia and South Carolina. This was a 2 day trip and they did the whole river.



There is probably an article about it in the May or June 2001 Ray according to Margaret, I will look for it to include here or as a link.....

Thanks to Margaret for contributing.....

Someday I hope everyone will be putting memories up into our blog site.....and YES this is what content I am hoping for, past and current memories that can inspire.

### **TIP, Photography**

The club has recently got bandanas to sell and some have been given to the equipment chairperson for photographing on adventures. I went out and tried that, my tip to you is to have a better background. We were in the dynamic inspiring Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, you cannot tell in the picture, could have been in my back yard, please do better than me.....inspire, contribute and include SOLAR in your story telling.....but do it better than this.....(pretty lame TIP, I know, pretty lame photo submission too).....



### **SOLAR Swap Meet Success**

Just an image to show success coming from our last gear swap this past summer at the picnic. Got lots of items that have potential but how often they live up to our hopes is in my experience lower than expected. I got a fine Bat Box from some folks that were moving out west and I had wanted one for years, I read the instructions, put it up and it became the best front porch perch for the young squirrel siblings that are living in the large maple tree in my yard. I call that a success, perhaps someday I will have bats as well.....



### **SOLAR Ray in Retrograde 2011**

Another review of the archived newsletters. ( Edition - Trip - Why it matters ) is the format I will review and report trips found in past Ray articles. If relevant pictures are found may include but most likely if you're interested in going or running an activity, this will give you leads enough for contacts and curiosity.....many authors are still in the club and active and open to talking about it over a beverage.....have fun out there.....

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