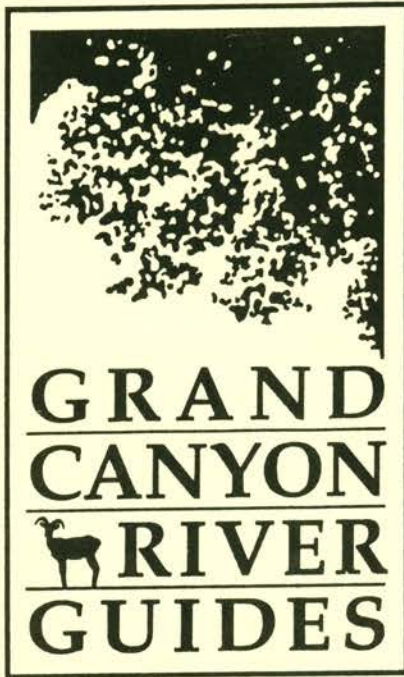


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## GCPA Quagmired

We are sad to report that in spite of phenomenal support for the Grand Canyon Protection Act generated in large part by guides, the bill is STILL stuck in congress. In part because of its popularity, congressmen from around the country have been tacking on little pork barrels of their own. Among the most offensive of these is Wallop's Buffalo Bill Dam in Wyoming. Mighty disheartening.

The importance of this bill cannot be overstated. Without it the EIS has no direction, no end goal. Our current thought is to swamp congress in letters again this year, our thrust being: **GCPA MUST PASS AS A SEPARATE BILL.**

Call or write your congressmen and senators today. Specifically, Senator Bill Bradley- he's holding the bill at present. We will have more information at the GTS.



# The News

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## Summer Flows

Interim flows will remain in effect until the completion and implementation of the Environmental Impact Studies. These flows are identical to the Test Interim Flows that went into effect last August.

HOWEVER, WAPA has included their Exception Criteria into the Flow plan. This means that, in an emergency, the dam could release up to 31,500 cfs and violate all ramping restrictions. WAPA's intent is merely to have that option, but not to use it. So far they have not. But they could. In the middle of the night. Just to piss you off.

Month (1992)	Approx. Monthly Average CFS	Daily Fluctuation in CFS
March	10,000	6,000
April	9,500	5,000
May	9,500	5,000
June	11,500	6,000
July	14,500	8,000
August	15,000	8,000
Sept.	12,000	6,000
October	9,500	5,000
Nov.	10,000	6,000
Dec	11,000	6,000

## New Kid On the Block

Jim Traub was recently hired to fill Mark O'Neil's position at the River Subdistrict Office. He wanted us to know a little about him as an introduction before river season.

He and his wife Marni moved here from Missoula, Montana, where they had lived and

worked as river guides for the past ten years. In addition to guiding Jim was a firefighter and EMT. Jim has been the river ranger on the Selway, and a guide on rivers in New Zealand and Canada. He has worked as an instructor for the Nantahala Outdoor Center in kayak, canoe, rafts and river rescue. Currently he teaches the river rescue seminar for Canyonlands Field Institute.

Jim has an undergraduate degree in geology and recreational resource management, and graduate work in resource management and public administration. For fun he rafts extensively around the West, skis and flies airplanes.

Jim seems like a good guy, straightforward and friendly. He's already taken an unprecedented step by contacting some of the outfitters just to get to know them and introduce himself. He's willing to talk; he wants to get to know us, he wants to work with us.

Welcome aboard, Jim.



## Michael Jacobs Award

A bit of confusion has arisen over what the Michael Jacobs award stands for. Michael was a nice guy, a quiet guy and a great boatman. Thoughts on who the award in his honor should go to run the gamut from "the boatman's boatman" to nationally prominent figures.

The award was established at the Fall 1990 meeting by popular vote. The wording was: ". . .for outstanding contributions to river running in Grand Canyon."

So we'll let you decide who best exemplifies the spirit of the award. Here are the nominations...

### Tim Whitney Karen Byerly Kazan.

...we consider the award as recognition for the "boatman's boatman". Tim and Karen are unsung heroes on the river. The story of Tim jumping in the flood at Havasu to save that girl is part of what boatmen are about. Karen is always helping someone. I don't know how many times I've heard of trouble at Hance or Crystal and here comes Karen to get boat or people off rocks.

Both of these people are admirable. They are hard workers, fun and love being boatmen. These attributes and qualities are what Michael was all about.

Clair and Pam Quist

### Jeff Aronson

Jeff conceived and implemented the Jumping Mouse program, which had its initial run of two trips last fall. These trips allowed people with life threatening illnesses or handicaps access to the Canyon and the river, and proved to the rest of the industry and the country that it could be done.

Dave Edwards

### Kris Campitelli

Kris was the mind behind the incredibly successful recycling program at OARS/GCD/GCES. This program recycles everything except wet garbage: all plastics, paper, steel, aluminum, glass, etc., and has provided encouragement to the rest of the industry to do the same.

Christa Sadler

### Ote Dale

Ote was the main energy in implementing the above recycling program and a tireless and cheerful woman throughout.

Kevin Chanler

### Martin Litton

But for him, there'd be no dories in the Grand Canyon;

but for him, there'd be no rafts in the Grand Canyon;

but for him, there'd be no big rigs in the Grand Canyon;

but for him, there'd be no river trips in the Grand Canyon;

but for him, there'd be no river in the Grand Canyon;

and therefore, not even a GCRG in Flagstaff.

So I nominate Him, Martin Litton, to be the next recipient of the Michael Jacobs Award  
Rudi Petschek

*\*Editor's Note:* David Brower calls Martin Litton "his conscience". He attributes much of the impetus for the Marble Canyon fight to Martin.

### Kim Crumbo

Kim has... done extensive work placing rock and log checks at beaches to mitigate foot traffic erosion; an enormous amount of trailwork and elimination of multiple trails; and made hundreds if not thousands of cuttings, propagated them and planted them in artificially denuded areas. Kim has done this work out of an over-riding concern for the Canyon, with very little support or encouragement from the NPS. It may be years, if ever, before his employers recognize his efforts. To quote one of his co-workers, "Rocks and plants don't write letters."

Dick Clark

### David Brower

David Brower is perhaps the sole reason that we are still able to run the Colorado through Marble Gorge. His fight against Marble Canyon Damn in the 1960's is legendary. David Brower's publications about the Grand Canyon and Colorado River form a small library. His continued work to preserve places such as the Grand Canyon should be recognized by those of us who have reaped the rewards of his labors.

Dan Dierker

Quite a line up, eh? Well think it over, pick the person you think best exemplifies the spirit of the Michael Jacobs Award, and mail your vote in today. The ballot is attached to the GTS sign-up form.



## First Aid & CPR

If you need to re-certify, Adv. 1st Aid Refreshers no longer work. You must now take the new Advanced First Aid-Responding to Emergencies course. One will be held March 24-26 immediately preceding the GCRG Spring Meeting and GTS at the WRA warehouse in Page, cost \$40 (\$20 deposit). CPR will be AM on March 27, cost \$15 (\$15 deposit). Send pre-registration dough before March 15 with the enclosed form.

Patty Ellwanger at Hatchland will also be offering the same courses:

Adv. 1st Aid-Resp. to Emerg. April 9-11 \$40  
 Adv. 1st Aid-Resp. to Emerg. April 22-24 \$40  
 CPR April 12&25 \$15  
 Deposits of \$20 for 1st Aid and \$15 for CPR due before April 1 to Patty Ellwanger, HC-67, Box 32, Marble Canyon, AZ 86036.

## Spring GCRG Meeting

You'd best plan on being in Page at the WRA warehouse on March 27. Conveniently sandwiched between First Aid/CPR and the GTS at Marble Canyon will be the Spring GCRG meeting. We'll be dealing, as usual, with all kinds of pertinent crises. Dinner will be served, followed by: Adventures in Outfitting; Conversations over Cutty Sark with Fred Burke, Ted Hatch, Tony Sparks and Jerry Sanderson. This will inevitably degenerate into a general free for all. With music. There's plenty of camping in the yard. Don't miss it.

## Guides Training Seminar March 28 - April 1

You probably heard about last year's GTS. Best ever. Well, we're helping the Park Service and outfitters create an even better one this year. We'll start with three days of talks and workshops at Marble Canyon and Lees Ferry. We have an all-star cast of speakers and several topics that we've never covered before. During lunch and after dinner we've got a great line-up of storytellers and oldtimers, some with slides and movies, others with a camp fire.

We'll be following that up with a two day clean-up trip in Marble Canyon, ending with a hike out the South Canyon Trail.

We're asking each outfitter to sponsor 6 or more guides for the seminar. We're asking a \$25 donation from freelance guides and other interested folks. The clean-up trip is limited to 2 sponsored guides per outfitter.

Take a look at the line up below, talk to your outfitter if you have one, then fill out your pre-registration form and mail it in today. Thanks!

### GTS pre registration

I plan to attend:  
 Adv. 1st Aid  
 CPR  
 GCRG meeting  
 GTS March 28  
 GTS March 29  
 GTS March 30  
 Clean-up trip (2 per co.)  
 Sponsoring Co. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unaffiliated

### Michael Jacobs Award

pick one:  
 Tim Whitney  
 Karen Kazan  
 Martin Litton  
 Kim Crumbo  
 Jeff Aronson  
 Kris Campatelli  
 Ote Dale  
 David Brower

PLEASE, cut this out and mail it to GCRG A S A P

### Saturday, March 28 8AM

Bob Chandler, Suptndt.	Welcome and hello
Bruce Wadlington, NPS	Concession Reform
Mark Law, NPS	Changes and Update
Dr. Walt Taylor	Skin Cancer & Carpal T.S.
Noel Eberz	Limestone in Gnd Cyn.
Martin Litton	Grand Canyon
Loretta Jackson	Hualapai Tribe
Helen Fairly	Archeology
On Golden Rapid	Health, Finance & Change
dinner	yum yum
Roy Webb	Nevills Journals
Bob Rigg, Tad Nichols,	stories, movies
Don Harris and others	and slides

### Sunday, March 29

Richard Begay	The Navajo
Andre Potochnik	Grand Canyon Geology
Ellis Richard	Interpretation
Forum	Congestion
Miranda Warburton	Flint Napping
lunch, bus to Ferry	yum yum yum
Tom Workman	Fort Lee Interp.
Jeff Aronson	Handling the Handicapped
Bego & Nels Niemi	River Rescue Basics
dinner at Marble	yum yum yum yum
Scott Thybony	Who Dunn It?
Ken Sleight &	Stories &
Vaughn Short	Poems

### Monday, March 30

Wegner, Stevens & Yard	GCES update and new facts
Jim Ruch	Speaking to your folks
Blair Davis	Food Sanitation
Ann Zwinger	Getting In to Plants
Catherine Elston	Ravens: Folklore & Facts
Kim Crumbo	Trails and Projects
Brad Ilg	Precambrian Metamorphics
dinner	yum yum yum yum yum
All star cast	Carrying on

\*Tuesday & Wednesday, March 31 & April 1  
 Marble Canyon clean up trip, finishing with a hike out South Canyon.

\*Limited to 2 guides per outfitter.



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Our next topic is:  
River Congestion:  
what to do?  
send your 25 words or less  
to:  
Whuddiyathink  
GCRG, Box 1934  
Flagstaff, AZ 86002

Governments must be  
careful not to make laws too  
trivial, lest the important  
laws lose their import by as-  
sociation.  
Andre Potocnik

We don't need tarps un-  
der our tables. Nor do we  
need tibs on our guests. It's  
all a bit ridiculous, I think.  
Bronco  
When the mules wear  
diapers.  
Brad Dimock

I think... Regulations are  
regulations; suggestions are  
not quite.  
Shane Murphy  
Do we have to unfold  
them?  
Christa Sadler

The topic: "Tarps under the tables?"

## Whuddiyathink?

### Condensation

Since last season a few Grand Canyon permits have moved. Sobek Whitewater is now with Grand Canyon Expeditions in Kanab, and Adventures West is with Arizona River Runners in Flagstaff.

Its great to see outfits of this size being run by boatmen who still run the river.

### Kayaks

Big Bruce at PRO has offered to store your kayak for the summer if he can rent it out and split the fee with you. Call (602) 779 1512 .



### On Golden Rapid

On March 28 at the Guides Training Seminar at Marble Canyon, Elena Kirschner, Charly Heavenrich and Les Hibbert will be presenting a workshop on: *Health, finance and transitions in an aging river community.*

Charly will be dealing with the change and transition part and would like some input from guides in order to help him develop material. Send your thoughts on the following topics to: 900 Miner, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

- What would make your job as a river guide more enjoyable (besides more money)?
- What makes you feel successful as a river guide? If you don't feel successful, what needs to exist to make this happen?

- What would you like to hear at the GTS and see in subsequent newsletters regarding career choices and transitions?
- Do you consider GCRG a resource and/or support group? If not, what would have to happen to make this so?
- I would appreciate any letters detailing the experience you or someone you know has had in making the transition from full time guide to the next stage. How did you, or they, go about it?
- I am gathering material about how the "Canyon Experience" has changed people's lives. Please send me any stories about passengers or guides whose lives were changed as a result of being in the Canyon. The more details the better.

