## **Our Design**

- EZ Loader boat trailer, standard width. Should have gone with wider width for stability. Oil filled bearings.
- Spare tire, 2" ball, 4 flat electrical connector.
- Aluminum tree, 2" square tube. Too prone to cracking, should have gone with steel.
- Flat rubber contact cemented on tree horizontals to protect gunwales. Have found that U shaped slip on rubber is available; that would be better.
- 2" square rubber caps on ends of tree horizontals. Sourced from weight lifting equipment retailer.
- Large storage box. Can fit 30 litre barrels. Main compartment has doors on sides so it can be loaded/unloaded with canoes attached. Did not try and make compartment dust/waterproof.
- Eyebolts on tree with stainless snaplinks for fastening canoe hold down straps.
- Measurements TBD.

## **Design Ideas**

- Starting with a pre-built base would save a lot of time, especially with alignment and balance, though it might
  be a bit more expensive. EZ Loader appears to come highly recommended. Mike has also found some
  aluminum snowmobile trailers.
- Pre-built storage boxes would save time, but might not be as flexible
- Having small storage box (for the odd forgotten life jacket) on the tongue, accessible when the canoes are loaded, would save worrying about having the main storage area inaccessible when the canoes are loaded.
- Should we have a spare tire?
- Solid rubber bungee cords connecting to eye bolts for fastening the canoes.
- Rubber or vinyl strips.
- If we want to make the storage or trailer lockable, we should try and use the same key as we currently use.
- Though we currently only have six canoes, I thing we should go for eight or ten spaces as I hope to increase our canoe inventory. It would be easy and cheap to add more spaces now, but much harder afterwards. Unless we felt that two six canoe trailers would make more sense than a single ten canoe model once we get to that quantity.
- Swing away tongue jack with wheel.
- Torsion axel versus leaf springs?
- Painted steel versus galvanized steel versus aluminum.
- 2" coupler.
- Wheel size: 10", 12", 13", 14", 15".
- 3500 lbs axel?

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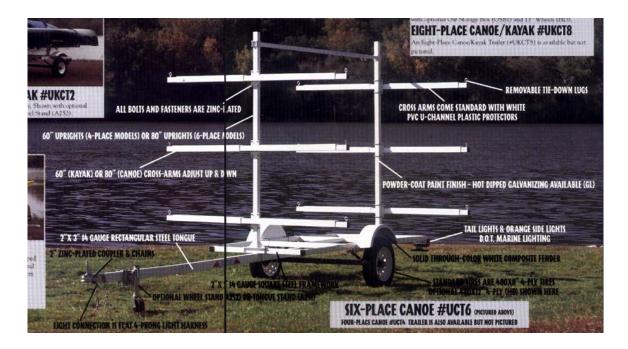
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