

2015 Activity Report

10/29 Th - Fayetteville - Sierra Club & Beer + Green Drinks NWA [Please join us! OHG Sierra Club, Green Drinks NWA, and Apple Blossom Brewing Company, have partnered to bring you an evening full of ...](#)

10/20 Tu - **CAG** - General meeting - Speaker: Bruce McMath (CAAS President) - Presentation on need to work towards a dark skies objective for the Little Rock area.

10/20 Tu - **CAG** - General meeting - Speaker: Ross Nolan to talk about the Buffalo River Foundation. [presentation postponed until 2016]

10/3 Sa - LR - **Sierra Club Event:** CAG Outing Canoe Cleanup

9/15 Tu - CAG - General meeting - Note PROGRAM CHANGE - At this month's meeting, our own battle-scarred Sierra Club Arkansas Director [Glen Hooks](#) is fresh out of the trenches to give us an update on the White Bluff Power Plant, Regional Haze, and the Turk Plant settlement. Come grab a cold one, listen to war stories, and learn how you can aid in the fight against dirty coal. There have been some major battles fought lately in our war on people who would rather make money by burning dirty coal than, you know, be able to breathe clean air.

August - No meeting in August

7/21 Tu - **CAG** - General meeting - The regular Sierra Club Meeting at the Oyster Bar will feature Becky Williams on Sierra Club activism and the Wolf Project.

6/16 Tu - **CAG** - General meeting - Join us on Tuesday, June 16th for our regular Monthly Meeting at the Oyster Bar at 7pm. Chuck Bitting from the National Forest Service will speak on the Hog Farm Nutrient Run-off studies in the Buffalo Watershed. This should be very informative!!! Please come early to socialize and eat n' drink.

5/19 Tu - **CAG** - General meeting - **Fracking in the Fayetteville Shale** - A Focus on Air Quality & Regulatory Responsiveness - This presentation will cover the basics of Fracking in Arkansas, but will focus largely on the results of recent air sampling that community

members took in the Fayetteville Shale. It will also cover the response by regulators who have been presented this air quality data. An upcoming, local environmental justice conference will also be discussed. **Speaker:** Emily Lane, Director of ArkansasFracking.org, PhD Candidate - Leadership Studies.

5/9 Sa - **CAG** - Spring Picnic at Allsopp Park 4 - 8 pm - Leaders: Gary Cawood & Rel Corbin - The rain held off until all had a chance to eat. Most participants then left before the rain started falling around 6 pm. Leaders planned to donate leftover food to a local charity.

4/29 W - **National** Sierra Club Election for Board of Directors - Wednesday April 29 at 11 am CDT was the deadline for ballots: 540,541 ballots were distributed; 54,025 valid ballots were received - slightly less than 10%. Of the valid returns, approximately 73% were by mail and 27% by internet. Nine names were on the ballot for 5 open positions. Thank you for casting your ballot. (If you did not vote, your ballot may have made a difference. The 6th place finisher was five votes behind the 5th place finisher.) For election results, check our [About Us](#) page.

4/21 Tu - **CAG** - General meeting - Anna Weeks, the Environmental Policy Coordinator at the Arkansas Public Policy Panel, will provide a rundown on the state's legislative initiatives and legislative trends as she sees them for the next session.

* 4/18 Sa - **CAG** - 11 am - 4 pm - Arkansas Earth Day Festival, at Heifer International in Little Rock (southeast of Clinton Library). Stop by and say hello to the folks manning the Sierra Club booth.

3/28-29 - Chapter - ExCom member Rel recently attended a Club leadership training session in California. It appears that he enjoyed meeting a number of other environmental-minded members of the Club. Click [HERE](#) to read his comments after returning from the trip.

3/18 W - OHG - Ozark Headwaters Group Meeting at 6 pm - Apple Blossom Brewing Company, 1550 Zion Road, Fayetteville

3/17 Tu - CAG - General meeting - Eric Sundell, who recently completed work on the

new color edition of the Forestry Commission's book Trees of Arkansas, discussed the book, showing previous editions, and emphasizing novelties in the new edition. All 15 available copies of the book (\$5 each) were sold.

3/8 Su - CAG - Originally scheduled for 1 pm at Lake Sylvia; re-scheduled for Burns Park due to rain. RSVP to Carolyn Shearman at tucshea@gmail.com for more information.

3/2 M - Chapter - Sierra Club & Beer at Vino's Pizza-Pub-Brewery, 923 W 7th St, Little Rock, AR 72201 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. We got snowed/iced out last time, but I'm feeling good about our chances to get together on March 2nd. Come on out and join us for SIERRA CLUB & BEER NIGHT--a mere \$3 gets you a souvenir Sierra Club & Beer pint glass AND your first beer is free. We'll play some environmental trivia (prizes!), get an update on what's happening at the legislature, take a positive action for the state, and make tons of new green friends. Hope to see you there--RSVP, and bring a friend!

2/24 Tu - See [Other Events](#) page for info on Glen Hooks appearance on Science Cafe radio program.

2/21 Sa - **CAG** - [Outing](#): Hike cancelled due to weather.

2/19 Th - Clean Line Energy - Chapter Director Glen Hooks is looking for others to join him at a Department of Energy hearing in Morrilton to support the proposed Clean Line Energy wind-generated transmission line. If you can join him and testify in favor of 4000 MW of wind energy, contact Glen. This is one of six meetings the US Department of Energy is holding across Arkansas to take public comments on the project's environmental impact: M 2/9, T 2/10, W 2/11, T 2/17, W 2/18, Th 2/19. [See Glen's call for action](#).

2/17 Tu - CAG - General meeting - Meeting cancelled due to icy roads.

2/16 M - Chapter - 5:30-7:30 - Sierra Club & Beer Night at Vino's Brewpub (923 W. 7th Street, Little Rock) - Pizza, craft beer, environmental trivia, and updates on Sierra Club activities in The Natural State. Just \$3 gets you a souvenir Sierra Club & Beer pint

glass AND your first beer for free. Kid-friendly event--come on out, bring your friends, and let's get to know each other! Event postponed to 3/2 due to icy roads.

1/27 Tu - **Web Site Update** - If you have not been to this web site in a while, it probably looks different than before. This new site was launched on January 27. Check out the [Web Site Map](#)

1/20 Tu - - CAG: General meeting - Dan Scheiman, bird conservation director with Audubon, works on the Fouche Creek Project, will speak on cleaning up urban environments.

- [Rel Corbin's comments](#) after 1/15/15 EPA Hearing on Haze Restrictions for Texas Coal Plants

1/15 Th - - Chapter: Bus Trip to EPA Hearing (on sulfur dioxide emissions from seven Texas power plants) - Bus trip to Oklahoma City for members to attend and offer comments at the EPA hearing. Bus leaves Little Rock by 10 am with stops to pick up people in Conway and Fort Smith. Hearing (at Metro Technology Center Springlake Campus, 1900 Springlake Drive, Oklahoma City) is from 5 to 7 pm. Bus will return immediately after the hearing. RSVP to glen.hooks@sierraclub.org or on the Chapter Facebook site.