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Newsletter of the Coulee Region Group

OCTOBER 2014

OCTOBER MEETING

**Tuesday,
October 28**

7pm at the
**HoChunk
Three Rivers House
at 8th & Main**

6pm Board Meeting

Kayaking Down the Mississippi

Speaker: Ellen McDonah

From the comfort of her home art studio, Ellen McDonah knew that she would have to dig deeply to find the inspiration needed to create Adventurism Art. And dig she did, with her paddle and kayak all the way down the Mississippi River from its source at Lake Itasca, Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico. The solo art adventure started May 25th, and ended September 8, 2014, for a total journey of one-hundred and seven days of living outside and along the banks of the mighty Mississippi River.

Ellen came to know the river and its varying habitats personally after about 2,340 miles of observations and experiences. Join Ellen as she shares and relives the highlights of this unique expedition on our nation's largest river. This is a presentation not to be missed!



Photo by Ryan Johnston, Winona



Pick Your Passion—One or Both Meetings on the 22nd

Amping Up!

Join the **Coulee Region Goes Solar** team on **Wednesday, October 22nd at 6pm** at the **Ho Chunk Three Rivers House, 724 Main Street**. We will be working on three projects to ramp up our campaign. Take your pick of working on a community solar project, making our community and neighborhoods more energy efficient, and ensuring that energy efficiency and clean energy installations are a priority in the city's policies and development projects. **Questions or RSVP?** Contact Liz Wessel, lizard59sc@yahoo.com or 608.238.9934.

21st Century Transportation for Wisconsin Presented by the Move Wisconsin Alliance*

**Wednesday, October 22
7pm at the HoChunk Three Rivers House**

A comprehensive, well-maintained transportation system is vital to our state and our local economies. To thrive

and grow, communities like La Crosse need good local roads, efficient transit service, and safe access for pedestrians and bicyclists. But state funding for local transportation needs has been declining for years and has resulted in deteriorating infrastructure, inadequate maintenance, and transit service cuts in all too many Wisconsin communities.

The Move Wisconsin Presentation will explore the challenges we face, delve into problems that have often been ignored, and lay out a road map for getting Wisconsin's transportation priorities straight.

**Move Wisconsin is an alliance of advocacy groups, including the Sierra Club, working to improve mobility and transportation options around Wisconsin. This diverse group made up of faith groups, aging and disability advocates, riders and environmental and public interest groups demonstrate that transportation issues affect everyone and have an impact on the economy, the environment, our communities and our quality of life.*

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La Crosse Bike Survey

Your opinion counts! Imagine borrowing a bicycle to pedal around La Crosse with a simple swipe of a credit card. Over the last year, The City of La Crosse, La Crosse Area Family YMCA and several partners have rallied to assess the possibility of bringing a bike-share program to the La Crosse Area.

Now the group needs your help! This 5-minute online survey (ending October 18) is one of many steps that are part of this bicycle-sharing feasibility study.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/laxbikesharesurvey>

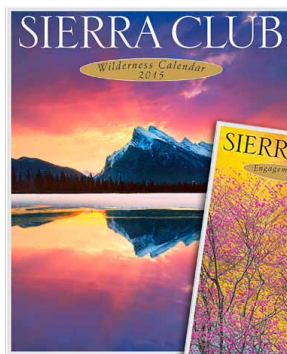
Bike-sharing provides short-term use of a one-size fits all bicycles that are accessible in various docking stations at key locations throughout the city. A rider can pick up a bike in one location and return it conveniently to another location. Such programs already exist in places such as Madison, Milwaukee, and Minneapolis.

Lewis Kuhlman, Associate Planner
City of La Crosse

Fall Highway Cleanup

It's almost that time again—for the third of three annual cleanups of River Valley Drive in the La Crosse Marsh. The cleanup will be held **Tuesday, October 14, at 5:30 p.m.**

Meet at the city water well building near the intersection of County Highway B and River Valley Drive on the north side of La Crosse. Wear old clothes and bring work gloves. Orange vests and garbage bags are provided. We'll work for an hour to 90 minutes. There's a traditional stop at Rudy's Drive-in after the cleanup. For more information contact Maureen Kinney: 784-9324 or maureen@johnsflaherty.com.



Support the environment with these lovely gifts The 2015 Sierra Club holiday calendars, our group's primary fundraisers, are now available. These gorgeous calendars (wall for \$13.95 and desk for \$14.95) have been best sellers for 30-plus years featuring photos worth framing. They will be available at Sierra Club meetings. Or, you can order from Maureen Kinney: 784-9324 (H), 784-5678 (work) or maureen@johnsflaherty.com.