The Newsletter of the Four Lakes Group Sierra Club

Fall 2012

Climate Changes

By Terri Gregory with Sierra Pope

This year's extreme weather events long periods of hotter than usual temperatures and serious drought in the Midwest, deluges in Europe and northern Wisconsin—demonstrate clearly what scientific data has shown for years. James Hansen, director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, states that world temperatures have been 3 times the normal standard deviation three years in a row. In 2012, the hottest year on record in the U.S., when corn crops shrivel and die, we experience how this planet's climate is changing. Yet claims continue that "this is cyclical, just like other periods of 'abrupt' change in Earth's history." Paleoclimatologists, who study past climates, show the differences between current change and others.

Dr. John (Jack) Williams directs the Center for Climate Research at the UW-Madison Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies. Like other paleoclimatologists, Dr. Williams reads archives such as ice cores or lake sediments the way the rest of us read books. "By drilling deep into ancient ice of Antarctica," he explains, "scientists can tell what the climate was hundreds of thousands of years ago." In his own research, he investigates how vegetation responds to the climate changes of the last major Ice Age, when glaciers covered most of the Northern Hemisphere, to the time of their melting. He compares those responses to current and possible future conditions. He says, "to find comparable analogs for the amount of

warming expected for this century under standard greenhouse gas emission scenarios, you have to go back to the climate changes accompanying the last deglaciation, about 20,000 years ago."

The More Things Change

Two to four degrees difference in temperature may not seem like much, but, in the last Ice Age

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Dave Blouin

The fall elections are upon us and we have the chance—make that responsibility—to vote to make positive changes in our leadership. Change is good after all, it can't get much worse than the current state administration and its legislative supporters, or can it? The iron ore strip mine bill failed only because a single Senator (Dale Schultz) bucked his party and voted against it. The only solution that prevents more bad legislation is voting irresponsible elected officials from office and electing new leadership.

Here's who we can count on to support our goals; our endorsed candidates for 2012 include:
Barack Obama for President,
Tammy Baldwin for Senate,
Mark Pocan, Rob Zerban,
Ron Kind, Gwen Moore, Joe
Kallas, Jamie Wall, and Rob
Kreitlow for Congress. At the state level, we have endorsed more than 80 candidates across Wisconsin and they are too many to list here. Go to:

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Order your 2013 Sierra Club calendar

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Four Lakes Group Outings Fall 2012

For all outings, wear weather and activity appropriate clothing, and good footwear. For work outings, wear work clothes and gloves. Bring fluids to drink, and a snack or food, and sun screen or insect repellant if needed. If carpooling, please be a little early. Please contact the leader to RSVP, if you have questions, or with concerns about weather and to cancel. Check the Four Lakes Group web site or Facebook page for updates or added events.

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Sierra Club Outing: Aztalan State Park Tour Sunday, September 23, 2 - 4 PM

Join your fellow Sierrans for a fascinating look at how prehistoric people lived right here in Wisconsin. Aztalan State Park features mounds built by the Mississippian culture of Native Americans around 1100 AD. Located just east of Lake Mills, WI, Aztalan is a 40-minute drive from Madison. The tour will take place, and will be led by, Bob Birmingham, former State Archeologist and author of Aztalan and Spirits of Earth: The Effigy Mound Landscape of Madison and the Four Lakes. Directions and information can be found at http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ parks/name/aztalan/.

At 5:00 PM after the tour, we will meet for an informal happy hour at nearby Tyranena Brewery, at 1025 Owen Street in Lake Mills, Wisconsin.

The outing is free, but note that all State Parks require a pass (\$7 daily, \$3 seniors, or \$25 annual). Please RSVP to sierra.g.pope@gmail.com, and indicate if you are interested in carpooling.

Badger Mill Creek Restoration Outing – **Verona Segment, Ice Age Trail**

Sunday, September 30, 9 AM or 1 PM

Learn about management of an urban IAT trail segment that feels more secluded. This urban section of the IAT feels more secluded. It follows Badger Mill Creek and needs some TLC so people can enjoy the creek and this Trail segment. We'll be cutting and removing invasives

to open up the view and allow native plants to flourish better.. Come prepared for work and fun. Both morning and afternoon sessions are available, so choose either, or

From Madison, take 18/151 to exit 81 (E. Verona Ave). Go ~ .8 miles to Lincoln St. and turn left. Go to the end and park in the cul de sac and walk across the bridge. RSVP to Don Ferber.

Night time Autumn Hike – Table Bluff Segment, Ice Age Trail

Monday, October 1, 6:30 PM

Hike this beautiful section of the Ice Age Trail for a wonderful moonlit trek. Sunset is at 6:38 PM with moonrise at 7:10 PM, so it will be a great time to take advantage of both. This segment of the IAT is in the driftless area and has marvelous restored prairies and oak woodlands that should have a special allure in the moonlight. A flashlight or headlight may be useful.

Take Hwy 14 just west of Cross Plains to Cty KP. Go north just over 2 miles to Table Bluff Rd. Turn left for .3 miles to parking area on the left. RSVP to Kathy Mulbrandon.

Hike on the Lodi Segment, Ice Age Trail Saturday, October 6, 10 AM

Join us for a 6-7 mile hike along the Lodi Segment of the Ice Age Trail. This is a very scenic section of the Trail overlooking wetland areas and with good views of the glaciated landscape, and contains restored prairie and woodland areas. This will be a moderately difficult hike.

If driving, take Hwy 113 north of Madison and go ~ 2.5 miles past the Village of Dane. Turn left on Lee Rd. for 1 mile, then north on Lodi Springfield Rd. for ~ .8 miles to the parking area on the left with the kiosk. If carpooling from Madison, meet at 9 AM at the Hill Farm State Office Building (DOT) west parking lot on Sheboygan Ave. RSVP to David Smith.

Cherokee Marsh Hayride & S'mores

Sunday, October 21, 3:15 PM

Enjoy a crisp fall afternoon with a fun gathering in Cherokee Marsh. Madison Parks is once again doing a hayride for us followed by a friendly campfire with 'smores! A great family outing, the event is one hour: 30 minute hayride,

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30 minute campfire and 'smores. The wagon is pulled by a tractor and participants will need to enter/exit the wagon using a step ladder. The hayride leaves at 3:15, so please arrive by 3 PM There is a maximum number for this trip, so you MUST RSVP to lacinda. athen@gmail.com or 274-7870 to reserve your spot.

Prairie Planting

Saturday, November 3, 9 AM

Join the Ice Age Trail crew for this fun and easy family activity for school-aged kids on up to learn about prairies, how to plant and manage them, and what they offer. This tract has been planted over many years, so it's a great chance to see a prairie as it matures, and learn how they progress over time. This hill-top prairie features views of Blue Mounds to the southwest.

From Madison, take Hwy 14 west of Cross Plains to Cty KP. Turn right for ~ 3 miles to Pine Rd. Turn right on Pine Rd. for ~ .5 miles and look for the prairie and parked cars on the right. RSVP to Don Ferber.

Annual Winter Bonfire - Picnic Point Sunday, December 16th, 6:30 PM

Come to our annual celebratory Winter Bonfire to share good cheer and enjoy a crisp early winter evening with fellow Sierrans and other outdoor lovers. Bring beverages (warm or otherwise) and a snack to share (or even something to roast on the fire), and stories to share or holiday songs to sing, and we'll have a merry old time!

Picnic Point is off University Bay Drive where parking is available, and is just off of the Lake Mendota Lakeshore Path. We'll meet at the farthest fire pit area on Picnic Point. It's nearly a mile long hike in over uneven ground that may be snowy, so don't forget a warm hat, gloves or mittens, and boots. Go to http://lakeshorepreserve.wisc.edu/ visit/picnicpoint.htm for a Picnic Point map. RSVP to Kathy Mulbrandon.

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RAH (RAH!) — Even More to Cheer About

By Don Ferber

6000 compostable corn-based cups. 285 lbs of compost. But the really impressive number is 1. This marks the first time a neighborhood festival has engaged in any real composting. Thanks to the Goodman Community Center, Good Oak Ecological Services, Sustainable Atwood, George Dreckman (Madison's Recycling Coordinator), and nearly 20 dedicated volunteers from the Sierra Club's Recycling Away from Home (RAH) team, those numbers were part of this July's Atwood Summerfest.

After meeting with Goodman staff (and testing cups to make sure they wouldn't melt in the heat!), Goodman ordered compostable beer cups for their event that held up well! Special signs were made for compost bins that were used besides those for trash and recyclables. We also collected pre-consumer waste and corn cobs from several vendors and we carted compostables back to a trailer from Good Oak Ecological Services and weighed them. Monday, Good Oak delivered all 285 lbs. to the City's compost collection center.

At Waterfront Festival as well as Atwood Summerfest, nearly 200 people completed sustainable festival surveys to ascertain attitudes towards event composting. The good news is not only the overwhelming support, but most people's willingness to pay a surcharge to support sustainable events. Our goal is not only further use of compostable beer cups, but full scale composting with vendors using compostable food containers, utensils and napkins. Think zero waste!

We've continued the recycling and trash collection efforts at the Waterfront and Orton Park festivals we've done for a number of years, and thank all our dedicated volunteers. But it's time to do more (and have less waste) there and elsewhere. If you would care to join our efforts at these events, or work to make other festivals more sustainable, please contact us. Then we can all say "RAH, RAH!" even more often!

Get Connected at the Fall Kick Off with Spencer Black!

Wednesday, September 12, 6-9 PM The Wil-Mar Center, 953 Jenifer Street, Madison

Ever wonder what the local Sierra Club is up to? Want to learn about our programs and plug in to activism? Then this is the event for you! Food, fun, live music, a keynote address, and a short overview of our activities and events are featured!

Spencer Black, former Wisconsin State Representative, and current National Sierra Club board member, will discuss the legislative arena and activism and how environmentalists can help keep our issues in the spotlight

Come hear (and share) what's happening, and how you can join in and help make the difference you want to see!

Some areas you can learn about

- Outdoor Outings to hike, bike, camp and paddle
- Cruisin' for Cuisine Dinner Series
- Inner City Outings "at risk" youth program
- Beyond Coal/Clean Energy campaign
- Event Recycling & Composting campaign
- Communication & Outreach Opportunities
- Transportation Solutions
- Political Education
- Statewide Activities
- And more

We plan this to be a fun, engaging event, so grab a friend and join us for a spectacular time! **RSVP Online at http://4lakes.org.** For questions, contact lacinda.athen@gmail.com or 608-274-7870.

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Happy 4 Lakers enjoy the Elver Park hayride in 2011.

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more than 20,000 years ago, temperatures averaged "only" about seven degrees cooler. These seemingly small changes have big effects. When the ice sheets melted 18,000 years ago, sea levels rose, and, as we are seeing now, species began to change ranges. The largest effect was on megafauna, big animals like the mammoths, which succumbed not only to climate change but to increased hunting. The big difference between the last ice age and now is that those climate changes were caused by natural variations in the earth's orbit, which caused the earth to regularly swing between ice ages and relatively warm periods called interglacials. These "orbital changes" cannot explain the present warming; if anything, they would be pushing the world to a cooler state. Of all possible causes (orbital changes, volcanic eruptions, sunlight strength, our greenhouse gas emissions), scientists agree that it is very likely that only our emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases provide a strong enough push to explain the late 20th century warming.

Under business-as-usual scenarios, carbon dioxide concentrations may be as high as 850 parts per million in the atmosphere by the end of this century – roughly three times the concentrations at the start of the Industrial Revolution. Climate models project that this will cause global temperatures to rise by 3 to 8 degrees

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Celebrating Jonathan Ela

By Mary Nokes

Jonathan Ela has had a remarkable history of environmental success. Without his hard work, dedication and intelligence, the lands we walk on and the rivers and lakes we swim in would look very different. Since the 1970s, Jonathan has led an impressive array of Sierra Club efforts in the Midwest and nationally. Additionally, Jonathan was one of the first advocates for the positive impact environmentalists could, and should have, in political campaigns, legislation and policy issues.

Jonathan's accomplishments were recently celebrated by the John Muir Chapter on July 26 at Olin Turville Park in Madison. In addition, the Muir Chapter launched the Jonathan Ela Activist Fund. This new fund is an unrestricted, non-tax-deductible

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wisconsin.sierraclub.org/politics. **asp** to view the list and to review our 2011-12 Legislative Scorecard ranking incumbents by their votes last session. Unfortunately, the voting last session was more starkly partisan than ever and demonstrates that GOP legislators voted in virtual lockstep for Governor Walker's agenda.

National Sierra Club staff will be joining us this year to help organize members to help with elections. If you get a call or note from them, please consider volunteering to help elect environmental champions this fall. We are fortunate to have them and National has made organizing in Wisconsin a priority since we have so many important elections and will be a key swing state in national races. Volunteering can be as easy as you want it to be. Your help can be as simple as stuffing envelopes, distributing literature, making calls or even hosting a fundraiser for a candidate. A little of your time goes a long way if we all give a little and of course, don't forget to vote on November 7.

Note that we have elections of our own coming up for leadership of the Four Lakes Group – see back page for details. The Sierra Club does a great job of supporting volunteer

leaders by providing many kinds of free training for our activities such as outings, political work, fundraising, conservation and much more. You don't need to be on the Executive Committee to take advantage of these trainings, but of course, we'd love to have more leaders to help us with the administration of the Group. A great way to learn more about what we do is to join us for the Fall Kickoff event on Sept. 12 (see p. 4 for details). This is our new annual fall get-together designed for a fun and relaxed way to meet and mingle with fellow members.

In recognition of the importance and potential harm from metallic mining proposals, the Four Lakes Group has recently donated funds to two organizations working on the front lines of these issues. First, the Tom Neilsen Benefit Concert last spring helped us raise \$1,000 that was donated to the Mining Impact Coalition of Wisconsin's Penokee Hills Education Project to further their work on education about the risks of iron ore strip mining there. The other donation was \$5,000 to Wisconsin Resources Protection Council (WRPC) to continue their work watch-dogging the Flambeau Mine. WRPC was part of a recent federal lawsuit that

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fund that will support the John Muir Chapter's efforts to recruit the next generation of Sierra Club leaders; to elect conservation champions to local, state and federal office; and to enhance our legislative lobbying presence in the State Capitol to support lasting policies to protect Wisconsin's natural resources.

Ela, and the Activist Fund in his name, were celebrated in an appropriate manner—at a locally grown, nationally known event next to Lake Monona. More than 150 guests attended this event, including family, friends and colleagues of Jonathan from the Sierra Club and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Board. The stellar turnout included a line-up of notable speakers including boyhood friend and former Governor, Jim Doyle; Spencer Black, who wrote a wonderful article about Jonathan for Madison's Cap Times; and Trish Stocking, Jonathan's wife. Furthermore, Brett Hulsey shared a proclamation from the Wisconsin State Legislature honoring Jonathan.

Others of Jonathan's friends also helped make the event especially memorable and inspiring. Jane Elder assembled a comprehensive timeline of Jonathan's life and conservation accomplishments, and together with Emily Green (Great Lakes Program Director), Bruce Hamilton (Deputy Executive Director) and Doug Scott, sang "Sierra Club follies" about Jonathan and his work with the Club. Former Club staffer Carl Zichella created "Cro-Con" t-shirts to honor Jonathan's tongue-in-cheek article to stop a non-existent Army COE Cross Continental Canal. Larry Williams put together two inspiring slide presentations with music that included a diverse array of pictures of Jonathan from the time he was a baby until present day that held all spellbound. The icing on the cake was

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Help Us Improve YOUR Club — Take The Member Survey

Everyone joined the Sierra Club for a reason, and inquiring minds want to know!



Your local Four Lakes Sierra Club board wants YOUR feedback on what you like and want from YOUR Sierra Club, so we have created a short member survey.

Please share your thoughts and suggestions, and we will do our best to incorporate them. Visit www. http://4lakes.org to take the survey, or if you would like a paper copy sent to you, please contact lacinda.athen@gmail.com or 608-274-7870. We appreciate your input!

Cruisin' for Cuisine Dinner Series

Join your fellow diners around the table at a variety of locally-owned restaurants for an evening of conversation, camaraderie and fabulous food. We try to mix up price points and locations to provide a range of options, and we're always open to suggestions! We do separate checks, so you can order what you like, and this is open to non-members, so anyone can feel free to join us and bring a friend. **Please RSVP a week in advance** to lacinda.athen@gmail.com or 608-274-7870 to hold your seat, and she will provide the dinner time.

- Wednesday, September 26: Restaurant Muramoto, 225 King Street, Madison
- Tuesday, October 9: Harvest, 21 North Pinckney Street, Madison
- Thursday, November 8: Craftsman Table & Tap, 6712 Frank Lloyd Wright, Middleton
- Tuesday, December 11: Umami Dumpling & Ramen Bar, 923 Williamson Street, Madison ■

SAVE THE DATE! Four Lakes Holiday Potluck Sunday December 9, 4:30 to 7 PM

We are once again offering our year-end celebration to discuss the joys and heartbreaks, challenges and successes of the past year. Bring a dish, an appetizer or a dessert to share and plan for a wonderful relaxed evening spent with other Sierrans around the fireplace. We'll have Sierra Club calendars for sale for your holiday shopping pleasure, and a variety of hot and cold beverages to warm your cockles. To be held at Lacinda Athen's home in Madison, please RVSP to *Lacinda.athen@gmail.com* or 608-274-7870 by December 5th, so we know how many to plan for. See you then!

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Jonathan Ela with Emily Green (left) and Robin Mann (right).

that the event was held on Jonathan and Trish's 30th Anniversary; it was touching to share with them their favorite songs *Teen Angel* and *As Time Goes By.*

Everyone did a wonderful job decorating and providing entertainment for the evening with key volunteers helping make the event a success: Liz & Bill Wessel, Judy Hofrichter, and Caryl and Bob Terrell prepared food, including brats, salads and desserts; Don Ferber brought a projector screen; Steve Hiniker lined up speakers and stayed late to clean up; Laurie Ross provided DNR pictures for the slide show; Lacinda Athen and Marshall Mundt bartended; and Erik Pettersen made Ela Activist Fund Supporter buttons and assisted with parking. A sincere thank you to all those who helped make the event a great success!

The Ela Activist Fund was launched by attendees and sponsors, but if you missed this event, don't worry—you can still donate, and also share in the fun we had at www.facebook.com/SierraClubWI. A detailed description of the Ela Activist Fund is available at: http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/Events/ElaActivist-Fund.asp. Contributions to the Ela Activist fund may be sent to the Sierra Club – John Muir Chapter, 222 South Hamilton Street, #1, Madison, WI 53703, or you may donate online at wisconsin.sierraclub.org/Involve/donate.asp.

We hope this celebration of Jonathan's spectacular accomplishments and the new Ela Activist Fund will inspire everyone to carry on his achievements. Watch for people wearing their "I'm an Ela Activist Fund Supporter" buttons – and give them a big smile!

Join us at the Autumn Assembly

For many, AA is something to help you get over an addiction. For the Sierra Club's Muir Chapter, our AA is an addiction we hope you'll acquire (if you haven't already!). And there's good reason to hope for this. Each fall, the Autumn Assembly offers new opportunities to learn something about Wisconsin, the people who live here, our natural heritage, and what your Sierra Club is doing on the environmental front. Plus you get the opportunity to connect with folk from around the state you know or have heard about, and meet new people. It's an uplifting social and educational experience that's always a fun getaway in Wisconsin.

This year's AA is no exception. Set in Williams Bay on the shores of lovely Geneva Lake from October 12 - 14, the Southeast Gateway Group has planned another exceptional weekend of outings, presentations and entertainment. The keynote speaker is Cyrus Hester, a natural resources scientist for the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, who will discuss The Science Behind the Debate: Mining in the Bad River Watershed. Many other wonderful presentations are scheduled on protection of our natural resources. You'll also hear from staff and other chapter leaders about conservation campaigns and other chapter activities, and learn about the planning for 2013 when we'll celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Muir Chapter!

A number of field trip options are planned including boating on the lake, tagging monarch butterflies, and hikes at the Kishwauketoe

Nature Conservancy, the Geneva Lake Shore Path, and the Ice Age Trail. You can also tour the Yerkes Observatory, the birthplace of modern astrophysics, or enjoy morning bird walks and evening star-gazing.

Connect with others at the happy hour and Awards Banquet, hear from Great Lakes journeyer Tom Kastle, and enjoy an evening of music and merriment. Accommodations are available at the Holiday Home Camp (bunk houses or camping) or stay at nearby lodging of your choice. It is also only 70 miles from Madison if you can't stay all weekend. Registration is available on line or via mail-in form at http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/ Events/aa.asp.

Won't you come make it a habit? It's an addiction you won't need a cure for!



Ice core archive, image courtesy UW-Madison/SSEC

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Fahrenheit by the end of this century. In Wisconsin, which is expected to warm faster than the global average, a recent report by the Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts projected a 6 to 7 degree Fahrenheit increase by 2050 AD. Major concerns globally are food security and water availability. In the U.S., the concern is climate extremes, for warming increases the likelihood of extreme events such as heat waves and drought. The climate and ecological changes of the last ice age offer us a model system for understanding species responses to climate change, and better preparing for our future.

See the 4 Lakes Group Blog for the four stages of dealing with this issue. The blog also gives gives attributions, acknowledgments and resources for this article and beyond.

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successfully proved that the mining company violated the Clean Water Act. We will post more info on these efforts on our website soon.

On a very happy note, our Treasurer, Bérénice Wiecki, got married this summer to Alex Baker. Please congratulate her when you see her!

As always, you can find more about our current activities on our website at http://4lakes.org and I look forward to your messages with questions or concerns at: burroak15@ gmail.com or by phone at (608)233-8455.



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Call for nominations—Four Lakes Group Executive Committee

The Four Lakes Group is seeking strong and effective leaders interested in furthering the goals of the Sierra Club in southwestern Wisconsin. We seek members having skills in assessment, strategic planning, management, and organizational growth, as well as a proven ability to work with a diverse group of members, organizations, and communities to form partnerships, increase capacity, provide solutions, and set and achieve organizational goals.

The Executive Committee is a working board and meets monthly, though much of our work is conducted via email. Committee members are expected to devote sufficient time and energy to accomplish our goals and are elected for two-year terms. The Sierra Club is committed to seeking a diverse pool of candidates that is inclusive of geography, race, urban and rural interests, gender and age. All interested Club members are encouraged to apply. Please contact Dave Blouin at 608-233-8455 or burroak15@gmail.com if you are interested or wish to learn more.

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