



TALLGRASS SIERRAN

JULY PROGRAM: Wed. 7-15-92 @ 7:30 p.m. Al Harkrader, retired PJS photographer, will share slides and stories of his outback experience on an Earth Watch trip of studying and tagging kangaroos. He also toured several national parks in Australia. Join us for tales and refreshments.

LEGISLATURE GIVES LITTLE ENVIRONMENTAL HELP, BUT FENDS OFF LAKE CALUMET AIRPORT - "Did nothing," "dud," "mundane," were terms used to describe the environmental performance of the Illinois legislature's spring session. Major items were:

--**LAKE CALUMET AIRPORT** - Most momentous was the defeat of the initial Lake Calumet Airport proposal pushed by Chicago Mayor Daley. It would eliminate 8,000 homes, displace 50,000 people, fill 1,417 acres of wetlands, and undoubtedly result in a new statewide tax to pay its billions cost.

But local Reps. Leitch and Saltsman of Peoria, Homer of Canton, and Sen. Luft of Pekin, voted for it. Sen. Hawkinson voted against.

Will likely be back in the fall session, with Chicago trying to trade votes for downstate toll-way support.

--**VOLUME BASED GARBAGE FEES** - Bill passed. Cities over 5,000 must consider such home collection fees, and adopt if feasible.

--**HAZARDOUS WASTE** - Increase in state tipping fees at landfill and toxic waste generation fee was defeated. Opposed by Democratic side, but Gov. Edgar, who proposed this, didn't push it. But licensing provision strengthened.

--**BILL TO BAN RECYCLABLE** materials from landfills defeated, except for motor oil.

--A \$5 "HABITAT STAMP" fee on hunters passed. Ostensibly for land acquisition, but likely will be spent elsewhere.

--**SCHOOLS ENCOURAGED** to explore alternatives to spraying for pests. Sierran Mary Ross sponsored & lobbied this bill's passage.

Report on local legislators votes in next Tallgrass.

--Tom Edwards

SC NT'L NEWS REPORT: 1) EPA administrator, Wm. Reilly overruled the Midwest regional EPA's original denial of a permit to fill in 4-acres of Mich. wetlands for a golf course, but a federal judge ruled that the permit was improperly granted. The fill would do irreparable harm to the Crystal River and Sleeping Bears Dunes Ntl Lakeshore (thanx judge!) 2) NASA photos show 80-90% logging of Pacific NW ancient forests as compared to 7% of Brazil's tropical forests. 3) Ntl SC filed suit against "God Squad" (a cabinet-level Endangered Species Comm) decision to allow BLM to sell off 17000-acres of Oregon ancient forest for logging. 4) Recent Supreme Court ruling reversed a lower court victory by environmental groups seeking to preserve endangered species outside of the U.S. Write or call your senator or repres. (back page) about these issues. K. Berry Editor's Note: Right here in E. Peoria a proposed marina would fill in 17-acres of wetlands. Let Gov Edgar know how you feel about that! ("Here comes the judge"?) KB

BE A SQUEAKY WHEEL: WRITE THE GOV. & Corps of Engineers & your Congressman - Tell them your thoughts about the proposed Eastport (Becker) Marina. Heart of IL Sierra opposes it because the site is a wetland & floodplains, is a private development at taxpayers' expense (\$12 million), & the CILCO site by I-74 is the logical site for privately financed construction if a marina is built. Call Tom Edwards 676-5248 for details. S.O'Connell

CONSERVATION ROUND-UP

--The Ray Becker-East Peoria marina proposal is growing derision, & Gov. Edgar's appropriation of \$5 million just to build a giant concrete riprap breakwater for it. Politicians are passing the buck in response to your many letters.

--The Havana City Council, tho facing a constituency 90% against a mass burn incinerator to burn Chicago refuse, continues to press ahead with it. Our democracy in action.

--The DOC complains of funding cuts, but still forges ahead with huge capital developments, including the Becker-E.P. marina, the so-called "island" project in upper Peoria Lake with its 3 miles of levees & ditches to artificially flood a surviving woodland for walk-in duck hunting, & many others about state.

--Champaign-Urbana's "model" recycling program is collapsing. No market for materials, it is said.

--The gas additive ethanol is derived from corn. 17% of Illinois corn goes to its production, which makes a 30¢/bushel price difference. U.S.EPA wants to ban it in 9 cities. It creates ozone problems.

-- Our Conservationist of Year (see next page) has been a bulwark in all HoI efforts for last 3½ years.

-- T. Edwards

"What one finds. . . will be what one takes the trouble to look for..." -- Joseph Wood Krutch.

TELL GOV. EDGAR: "VETO H.B. 3605!"

House Bill 3605 would "substantially destroy" the state's power to enforce clean-up of hazardous waste sites, says the Illinois EPA, which fought it & is urging Gov. Edgar to veto it.

The bill was drafted by the Ill. Bankers Assn. to further extend the extensive exemption land buyers & their lenders were given last year from finding & cleaning up toxic waste sites on land they purchase, leaving it to the taxpayers, reports Ill. Env. Council.

IEC urges us to write Gov. Edgar. -- T. Edwards

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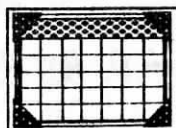
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CALENDAR



JULY 15 Monthly Group Meeting
Collaring Kangaroos
Al Harkrader 7:30 FPNC
22 Remington Exhibit 7 p.m.
Lakeview Museum lobby
28 ExCom 7 p.m. @ Harkrader's
1712 E. Shady Oak Drive
31 Newsletter Deadline
705 E. Republic 61603

AUG 6 Newsletter Paste-up
705 E. Republic
11 Newsletter Assembly 7 p.m.
Peoria Pizza Works. Bring
stapler and an appetite!
19 Monthly Group Meeting

NOV 7 Sierra Club 100-yr Dinner
Program by Larry Rice

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY SPECIALS
Tuesdays on WTVP/Ch. 47 @ 8 p.m.
7-21 "Battle for the Great Plains"
8-4 "The Environmental Tourist"
8-11 "Great Lakes, Bitter Legacy"
Also, watch for 4 highly rated programs from past seasons- "Wildfire", "Danger at the Beach", "If Dolphins Could Talk", and "Grizzly Bears".

LAKEVIEW MUSEUM TOUR: Chris Meydan & members to tour the Remington Exhibit. Lakeview Museum lobby 7 p.m. Wed. 7-22 (free admission nite) & a bite to eat afterwards. Chris 691-2246 (days).

PAULI-GARDNER PRAIRIE WORK DAY: Sat. 7-18, 9 a.m.-noon at Jubilee Park. Meet at Pauli-Gardner home. Call for 446-9792 for directions. Wear long pants, long sleeved shirt, and work gloves. Morning coffee provided!
Cheryl Pauli (PAID AD)

FRIENDS OF THE ROCK ISLAND TRAIL
Workdays:
Saturdays -
July 11 and
Aug 1 @ 9 a.m.



Enter Wyoming on Rt 91. Trail office is in rear of green and white bldg on your left between IDOT & Magnussen Chevy. Chris 691-2246/Paul 695-2228. (PAID AD)

CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR: Congratulations to Kathy Berry, chosen for her extensive involvement in the club's activities and in the campaign opposing the Pekin incinerator. She has served on ExCom as V-chair, Sec., fundraiser, newsletter editor & membership chair. She continues to organize numerous club projects and functions. Shirley O'Connell

RECYCLING NEWS: Peoria Cty Recycling Saturdays continue in W. Peoria, Glasford, Kickapoo, Tuscarora Park, Moss-ville, Chillicothe. INFO: 672-6915 S.O. ##### The 12th Annual State of IL Recycling Conference in Arlington Hgts IL on 8-13/14. Interested? Call 446-9792 Cheryl Pauli

Bring aluminum cans to monthly meetings for fundraiser. Thank you S.O. #####
"We must use well the considerable power we have as consumers: the power of choice." Wendell Berry from Conservation is Good Work C. Pauli
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1992 EXCOM MEMBERS
Shirely O'Connell - Ch 676-5479
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Al Harkrader - Sec 682-8462
Larry Johnson 697-3211
Larry Leiken 693-3933
Tom Edwards - Conserv Ch 674-5248

POSITIONS OPEN: Outings Chair, Calendar Sales Organizer & Membership Chair. Interested? Call S.O. 676-5479
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"I should like to see these profound words inscribed on the threshold of all the temples of science: 'The greatest derangement of the mind is to believe in something because one wishes it to be so.'" Louis Pasteur, 19th century French scientist

CONSERVATION MEETING
Thursday, July 23 - 7:15 PM
Edward's Residence
1421 N. Perry

Members are asked to contact your senators and representatives about the following bills.

Write to: U.S. Senate, Washington DC 20510 and

U.S. House of Representatives, Washington DC 20515 or

Or Call: Capitol Switchboard (202)224-3121

SUPPORT: H.R. 4899 Rep. George Miller has written a forest bill that would provide scientifically based protection for forests in western Washington, Oregon and Northern California. You are encouraged to request the bill which also includes forests in eastern Oregon, Washington and the Sierra Nevadas. Ask you congressman to cosponsor this bill and encourage strong forest protection language.

OPPOSE: S.2762 and H.R.5256 Lujan's Northern Spotted Owl Preservation and Northwest Economic Stabilization Act. It would amend the Endangered Species Act allowing prime owl habitat to be logged and the owl would be allowed to become extinct in certain parts of the range. This bill continues to be a threat! Letter are needed.

STRENGTHEN OR OVERHAUL: S.976 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Amendments. This bill deals with municipal solid waste (1% of waste generated in U.S.). It does not regulate "non-hazardous" industrial waste. Oil, chemical paper, and beverage companies are not required to reduce, re-use and recycle their waste. Encourage your senators to strengthen this bill by requiring industry to use a specified amount of recycled materials in new products.

ENCOURAGE: Over the summer your senators and congressman need to be encouraged to support future legislation like The Global Climate Protection Act. This act would have mandated stabilization of emission by 2000. The Bush Administration and industry are attempting to persuade the cosponsors of this act to remove their names. Our elected officials need to know how we feel about the environment. ##### A BIG thank you to Congressman Lane Evans for cosponsoring THE GLOBAL CLIMATE PROTECTION ACT and the ANCIENT FOREST BILL (Rep. Jim Jontz introduced this bill). Congressman Evans continued the support of the environment is appreciated.

STATE ISSUES: Budget cuts will continue to be made during the summer. Your continued contact with elected state officials is needed. Some of the deepest cuts are with the state's scientific surveys and the Dept of Energy and Natural Resources. Without these folks many environmental battles could be lost. The Dept of Conservation will suffer, also. There is a chance of 50 to 60 sites could be closed.

To contact your state senator or representative call Springfield (217)782-2000 or look in your phone book to get their district office number. It's an election year and our elected officials tend to listen a little better during an election year. Let them know you are watching and you are concerned about the environment. Cheryl Pauli