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OCTOBER PROGRAM: Wed. Oct 21, 7:30 pm

Ron Deiss, Archeologist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will present a program about the historical geologic Farm Creek section located within the Farmdale Reservoir in Tazewell County. The site contains much evidence of prehistoric occupants who inhabited the rough topography left by the last Glaciers. It has been nominated to the National Register of Historic places due to its importance to Pleistocene studies. Refreshments to follow. Chuck Buchna

OUR GROWING MOUNTAIN OF TOXIC WASTE

We are still waiting to hear from Gov. Edgar & the IL EPA on our request for a full public hearing on the Peoria Disposal Co. request for "modifications" in its permit for operation of its hazardous waste landfill adjoining Lexington Hills subdivision on the west boundary of Peoria. Some more facts: PDC has asked the EPA for permits to 1) expand the landfill height of about 40 acres of its disposal area by 10-feet and 2) be allowed to accept a material that is part of the ash from toxic waste incinerators.

A 10-foot increase in depth over 40 acres amounts to a volume increase of 17,424,000 cubic feet. That would cover 33 football fields to a depth of 10 feet, and 33 football fields end to end would extend 2.3 miles.

The PCD landfill is reportedly already the 12th largest hazardous waste landfill of the 20 hazardous waste landfills in the nation. The 10-foot increase in height would evidently expand its capacity by 20 to 25%.

Both the Peo. City Council & the Land Use Comm. of the Peo. Cty Board have requested a public hearing at the urging of Sierra and PEACE. But its still in limbo. Write Gov. Edgar & local legislators C. Hawkinson, D. Leitch, & B. Saltsman. They're in the Peoria phone book. -Tom Edwards

GOING STRONG FOR THE RIVER--XNO BECKER MARINA

HoI Sierra's petitions protesting the 600-boat marina in lower Peoria Lake proposed by Ray Becker & the East Peoria City Council are going well.

And HoI's alternative proposal has received virtually unanimous support from those familiar with it.

The Becker-E.P. marina as proposed would fill 15 acres of wetland, consumes 25-acres of the lake (which is public state property), and would extend a towering breakwater 900-feet into the lake.

Our alternative proposal would preserve and add to the lake and wetland and would not require public financing, whereas the East Peoria proposal would spend millions of both state and local tax funds.

East Peoria's marina permit request to the Corps of Engineers, which we are opposing, still has not been acted on.

Other local groups, including the Peo. Co. Board are also active on this issue. -Tom Edwards

CONSERVATION MEETING — Wednesday, October 28, 7:15 p.m. - K. Berry's, 705 E. Republic St. - TE

CENTENNIAL DINNER

Celebrate 100 years of the Sierra Club at the Centennial Dinner, Saturday, Nov. 7, 6:00 pm at the Universalist Unitarian Church, 908 Hamilton Blvd. Tickets \$7, kids \$3, toddlers free. Program: Larry Rice, nationally published photographer and writer, will present Canoeing the Zambezi River. Special guests of honor, Bob and Joan Ericksen of the Sun Foundation. Bring photos & memorabilia of our group's 20 years. This is a time to reminisce. Call Shirley 676-5479, for reservations. P.S. This is a major fundraiser. If you are unable to attend, donations and/or a batch of your favorite homemade soup would be greatly appreciated. S.O.

WOODFORD COUNTY LANDFILL EXPANSION FOR SOLID WASTE?

More than 100 people attended a Sept. 23 public meeting called to present a Woodford County Solid Waste Management Plan that was also accompanied by a request of a Chicago firm for a 600-acre landfill at Minonk for Chicago waste.

A Minonk spokesman said, "We're here in solidarity against the landfill in Minonk. We're not here to give (the County Board) a hard time. We don't want (the landfill) and we want them to know how we feel."

Loop Recycling of Chicago said it would bring 1,000 tons a day of baled, compressed municipal waste -- about 50 semi-truckloads -- to the landfill it is proposing. The land proposed for this expansion is bounded by developed city property and sits on top of old sites of tunnel mines.

HELP AT FALL FESTIVAL BOOTH

HoI Sierra is having a booth at the Fall Festival of the Nature Conservancy from noon to 5 p.m. Sun., Oct. 11, at Camp Wokanda. To help contact K. Berry, 685-8304 or me, 676-5248.

Camp Wokanda natural area is still there because HoI Sierra is here. We were the agent for rescuing it from development a few years ago. TE

HAVANA INCINERATOR - "LINCOLN-DOUGLAS" DEBATE

International anti-incinerator lecturer Paul Conant takes on a spokesman of ABB, the international conglomerate that is trying to build a mass burn trash incinerator in Havana, at 7 p.m. Sat., Oct. 10, at the Havana Junior High. Don't depend on news reports. GO!! TE

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- OCT 14 Meet the Candidates 7-9pm
Peoria Cty Courthouse
- 21 Group Meeting 7:30
Forest Park Nature Center
- 24-25 Sand Ridge Camp Out
- 27 EXCOM 7:00 pm 697-3211
4100 S. Baker Ln, Bartonville
- 31 Friends of the RI Trail
Halloween Hot Dog Roast
- NOV 5 Newsletter Deadline
705 E. Republic, Peo 61603
- 7 CENTENNIAL DINNER - Info 676-5479
- 14 State EXCOM

CALENDAR SALES: Plan to do some of your holiday shopping with Sierra. Calendars are beautiful this year! Prices from \$7.95 - 10.95 + tax. 676-5479 S.O.

RECYCLE: Bring your aluminum cans to group meetings for our recycling fundraiser! Thanks. S.O.

HoI Sierra Elections: Nominees chosen by the nominating committee for four 2-year terms on the Group Executive Committee are Larry Robbins, Phil Minear, John Wosik, and Glen Zipp. Other members may run by filing a petition signed by at least 10 members of the group along with a statement of their consent to run. Petitions must be received by Al Harkrader, Sec., 1712 E. Shady Oaks Dr., Peoria 61614-7906 no later than Oct. 31. Candidates may include a 150 word maximum statement to be included with ballots in the Nov. newsletter. Call Mary Harkrader, 682-8462 with questions. S.O.

VOTE GREEN: Sierra has endorsed the following candidates from IL: Russo, Durbin, Sangmeister, Collins, Yates, Fawell, Cox, & Evans for Congress; Braun for Senate. The Clinton-Gore ticket has been endorsed. The records of some IL Congressmen follow. Included are League of Conservation Voters records, number of votes which favor Sierra positions & decisions on sponsorship according to Sierra positions.

Lana Evans: **PERFECT SCORE**, LCV 85%, votes 11 out of 11, sponsorship 16 out of 16.

Bob Michel: **ZERO SCORE**, LCV 0%, votes 0 out of 11, sponsorship 0 out of 16.

Richard Durbin: LCV 92%, votes 11 out of 11, sponsorship 8 out of 16.

Thomas Ewing: LCV 0%, votes 0 out of 7.

Call S.O'Connell 676-5479 with any questions on these voting records or others. Information dated 8-14-92 from National Sierra Club.

CANDIDATES NIGHT:

Find how our state legislative candidates stand on environmental issues! Wed, Oct. 14, 7-9 p.m. Peoria Cty Courthouse Rm 403 (County Board Room) As one of the sponsors of this event, we have the opportunity to tell our legislators what we feel is important! Please come and bring your neighbor. S.O.

RIVER RESCUE guided tours of the DOC-Corps so-called "island" project. T. Edwards, 676-5248 (Paid ad.)



FRIENDS OF THE ROCK ISLAND TRAIL

SATURDAY WORKDAYS: Oct. 10 and Nov 14
Meet at 9 a.m. at the Trail office in Wyoming. Enter Wyoming on Rt. 91, building is on left between IDOT & Magnussen Chevy, in the rear of the green & white bldg. Chris 691-2246(days) or Paul 695-2228 for info.

** SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 - ANNUAL HALLOWEEN COOKOUT AND CAMPOUT

Join us for a comfortable hike and traditional cookout and campout (optional) at the Kickapoo picnic/camping area (between mile markers 2 and 3). Meet at 4 p.m. at the Rangers house on Fox Rd., Alta. (West of Alta on Rt. 91 to Radnor Rd., about a mile, turn right on Radnor continue around the curves, and house is just before the railroad tracks on the right) Hot dogs, tofu hot dogs, buns, chips, cider & smores will be provided. Please bring a potluck dish and table service. Donation \$3.00 per person, children \$1.50. **RESERVATIONS A MUST!!** Call Les/Mary 745-5479, Chris 691-2246 or Joyce 688-0950 reservations and info.

- PAID AD -

OUTING: Sand Ridge State Forest Campout For the day and/or camp overnight under the white pines. Sunday we'll see Chataqua Nat'l Wildlife Refuge. Campfire & spooky stories planned. Oct. 24-25. Must call Shirley O. 676-5479.

Join the Sierra Club.

☐ Yes, I want to join! I want to help clean up the environment.

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GREEN SPACE: The Central IL Landmarks Foundation & Peoria City Beautiful are planning a Veterans Memorial Park at Madison & Hamilton. Sierrans wishing to make a tax deductible donation may contact Sue Dewey at 676-6288. S.O.

1992 EXCOM MEMBERS

Shirley O'Connell - Ch. 676-5479
Chuck Buchna - V.Ch. 243-7142
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