



Tallgrass Sierran

Sierra Club - Heart of Illinois Group - Central Illinois Region
P. O. Box 3593 - Peoria, IL 61614

GENERAL MEETING

May's guest speaker will discuss the uses of ethanol gasoline and its environmental impact.

The date is **May 18, 7 pm at Forest Park Nature Center**. Everyone is welcome!

LOCAL ISSUES



CONSERVATION COMMITTEE NEWS by Hal Gardner

Several subcommittees of the Conservation Committee have been set-up according to interest by members. Another purpose of the subcommittees is to distribute responsibility and delegate authority. They are (with chair in parenthesis): Greenways/Riverfront/Trails (George Burrier 266-5085); Waste Management (Charlene Lemoin 692-5724); National Issues (Mary Bodell 745-5479 and Joyce Blumenshine 688-0950); Emiquon/Barge Issues/Wetlands (Hal Gardner 446-9792); Political (Hal Gardner); and Restoration (Hal Gardner). You have been reading in the newspapers about Charlene Lemoin's efforts to stop the dumping of special wastes in the landfill, and it appears that these efforts have succeeded. Mary Bodell and Joyce Blumenshine have been writing excellent articles for our newsletter on National legislation/problems.

Another piece of good news from Congressman Lane Evan's office indicates that he will be supporting funding for the Emiquon Wildlife Refuge this year! However, keep those letters of support rolling in to Congressman Evan's office. The Restoration subcommittee has been helping The Nature Conservancy with prairie burns (300 acres in total) and the reseedling of several acres from scratch in Jubilee Park. Recently, the Executive Committee has voted to protest the alleged dredging of the Illinois River at the Hamm Marina (a large number of barges are now fleetied where only six inches of water were found previously).

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY by Joyce Blumenshine

Here is the first installment in a series of articles on the Heart of Illinois Sierra member survey. A special thank you goes to all Sierrans who sent in their form. Comments from Princeton, to Peoria, and east to El Paso were received.

"What are the major topics in which Heart of Illinois Sierra should be involved?" Replies to this question cover a lot of topics. Here is a sampling: restoration, river, solid waste disposal, Emiquon Wildlife Refuge, education and information, as to being less consumptive of resources, population control, anti-hunting, wetlands, land use, environmental clean-up, pollution prevention and nature study.

"Do you read the newsletter?" The newsletter is liked by everyone. Members in our farther outlying areas, such as Princeton said they do not always get the newsletter in time for meetings. An El Paso member said their's arrived on time.

NATIONAL ISSUES



GRIZZY BEAR RECOVERY PLAN

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has released a final recovery plan for the lower 48 states that fails to set aside sufficient habitat, fails to link small isolated populations and sets total numbers of bears too low to be sustainable populations.

Write: Mollie Beattie, director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and George Frampton, assistant secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, at Department of the Interior, 1849 C St. NW, Washington, DC, 20240 or call (202) 208-3100

CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

Nominations for Conservationist Of The Year are still being accepted. Contact John Wosick at 682-8950.

Heart of Illinois Group Calendar



MAY

11 Wednesday

Executive Meeting, 7 pm,
Corps of Engineers building, foot of
Grant St. Everyone is welcome.

18 Wednesday

General Meeting, 7 pm,
Forest Park Nature Center. Guest
speaker will discuss ethanol gas
usage.

21 Saturday

Workday, 9 am,
Forest Park Nature Center.
Contact John Wosik at 682-8950.

27 Friday

Newsletter Deadline
Send articles to C. Pauli, RR1 Box
168 A, Brimfield, IL 61517

JUNE

1 Wednesday

Newsletter Mailing, 7 pm,
Pizza Works. Good food, good
conversation and great people!
Everyone welcome.

4 Saturday

Rails-to-Trails Day, 9 am,
A national celebration to be
celebrated on the Rock Island Trail.
Meet at the Trail's parking lot, Alta,
IL. Call Joyce at 688-0950 for
details.

8 Wednesday

Executive Meeting, 7pm
More details next newsletter

11 Saturday

Prairie Hike, Jubilee Park.
A hike through Jubilee Park's prairies
at the peak of their beauty. Contact
Hal Gardner at 446-9792. More details
next newsletter.

**15 General Meeting, 6:30
pm, Potluch Picnic and
Conservationist of the Year
Award.**

More details next newsletter.

Other Events

MAY

8 Mother's Day Brunch and Bike Ride/Hike, 11 am.

Celebrate Mother's Day with a delicious brunch on the Rock Island Trail. Join us at the Depot in Wyoming. Enter Wyoming on Rt. 91. At stop sign, turn right (Williams St.) and go two blocks. Depot is just past the water tower on your right. After the brunch, walk or bike off those pounds north to the scenic Spoon River Bridge.

Cost: \$5 for adults and children under 12 are \$2.50.

Contact: George (694-3196 or 266-5085) Mary (745-5479) or Chris (682-0549).

Reservations are a must!



JULY

9 Rock Island Trail Workday, 9 am (See June 13 for details.)

(Note: The HOI Grp. provides this information as a public service.
OTHER EVENTS are not sponsored by the Sierra Club.)



1994 HOI EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The following members will be serving on the Heart of Illinois' Sierra Club's executive board in the following capacity: Chairperson, John Wosik, 682-8950; Vice-Chairperson and Legal Advisor, George Burrier, 266-5085; Treasurer, Phil Minear, 694-3014; Secretary Joyce Blumenahine, 688-0950; Membership and Outing Chairperson, Larry Robbins, 692-3930; Conservation Co-Chairperson, Dale Goodner, 682-0789; and Glenn Zipp.

Appointed positions are as follows: Conservation Chairperson, Hal Gardner, 446-9792; HOI Representative to Sun Foundation, Rudy Habben; Newsletter Editor, Cheryl Pauli, 446-9792

27-29 Des Moines, IA Trails, 8 am

Contact George Burrier (694-3196 or 266-5085) for details.

JUNE

4 Amish Country Roads

Contact George Burrier (694-3196 or 266-5085) for details.

18 Rock Island Trail Workday, 9 am

Meet at the temporary trail office on Fox Rd., Alta. Go west of Alta on Rt. 91 to Radnor Rd., about one mile. Turn right on Radnor and continue around curves. House and metal barn (office) will be on your right just before the railroad tracks. Call Chris (691-2246 or 682-0549).

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