GENERAL MEETING

May's guest speaker will discuss the uses of ethanol gasolene 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 Hall 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 reseeding 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 fleeted 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, antihunting, 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 Babbit 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. 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.

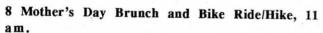
8 Wednesday
Executive Meeting, 7pm
More details next newsletter

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



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!

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).

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 Illino's Sierra Chub's executive board in the following capacity: Chairperson, John Wosik, 682-8950; Vice-Chairperson and Legal Advisor, George Burrier, 266-5085; Treasurer, Phil Mincar, 694-3014; Secretary Joyce Blumenshine, 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

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