

HEART OF ILLINOIS SIERRA CLUB HARVEST DINNER

Join us on Saturday, November 4th for our annual Harvest Dinner. Our program will be a travelogue entitled *Through the Grand Canyon with Wet Socks* by photojournalist Al Harkrader. It promises to be an exciting and entertaining evening. It is our annual fund raising event and it will be held at Grace and Peace Lutheran Church, which is handicap accessible. Everyone is welcome. Please join us for this great evening! The date is Saturday, November 4 at 6:00 pm. The place is Grace and Peace Lutheran Church, 7611 N. Knoxville Ave., Peoria. And the cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under the age of 12. See the insert for more details.

GENERAL MEETINGS

**September 20 Meeting, 7 pm, "The Banner Marsh Management Plan"

The September program will be presented by Bill Douglas, site-superintendent for Rice Lake and Banner Marsh. He will discuss the Banner Marsh Management Plan and be available to answer questions about this area.

**October 18 Meeting, 7 pm, "War on the Environment"

Brett Hulsey, Director of Sierra Club's Great Lakes

Program and Sierra Midwest Representative, will detail what is happening in Congress. Mr. Hulsey is in charge of the Midwest Regional Sierra Club headquarters in Madison, Wisconsin. He will discuss action to take on several major conservation issues, and explain some of the behind-thescenes tactics being used to undermine environmental protection. Learn what you can do to help in the battle that is now raging.

Both meetings will be held at Forest Park Nature Center in Peoria at 7 pm. Refreshments will follow the meeting. Everyone is welcome!

PEORIA TO CHICAGO THRUWAY

Of the four alternatives of the Peoria-to-Chicago freeway, the North Alternative was the most objectionable environmentally, because it traversed Illinois River bluffs and several streams. The Sierra Club objected. Now the Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) has announced its second stage of planning, which includes a modified North Alternative plus two alternatives that travel eastward on the east side of the Illinois River. To answer criticisms of environmental damage, IDOT moved the route of the North Alternative further west, eventually connecting with I-180. The Thruway would cross the river and continue further east from that point. Although the modified North Alternative would cause less direct impact on the bluffs, this would definitely promote development within the bluffs. The convenient access to the bluffs would make it a developer's heaven with more subdivisions, more malls. It is not inconceivable that light industry might want a site with a view of the river, the beginning of the end for this unique eco-system. Some powerful politicians, like Senator Carl Hawkinson (R, Galesburg), want the North Route, which is perhaps the reason it remains on the selected list. If you live in Senator Hawkinson's district, write or call him.

URGE PEORIA PLAYERS TO BUILD ELSEWHERE

While Cornstalk Theater is a popular attraction for theater goers, Heart of Illinois Sierra Club does not want to see the Peoria Players build a permanent theater workshop in upper Bradley Park.

A thirty car parking lot and building are proposed near the playground area in the upper park. While it is claimed that only three trees would be removed, Sierra Club has real concerns as to what such construction would do to this section of the park.The park is too narrow for such a building and the quiet expanse of grass and oak trees would be ruined if this proposal goes through.

Please write to Bonnie Noble, Director, Peoria Park District, 2218 N Prospect Rd., Peoria, IL 61603 and ask that the Park District find another location for this proposal.

GROUP ELECTION UPDATE

A tentative slate of candidates for the 1996 Heart of Illinois Group's Executive Board has been compiled. If you were not contacted, are a member of Sierra Club, and would like to be on the ballot you may petition the Group to have your name added. Contact John Wosik (682-0549) as soon as possible for important details. The petition must be presented to the Nominating Committee by October 18th.

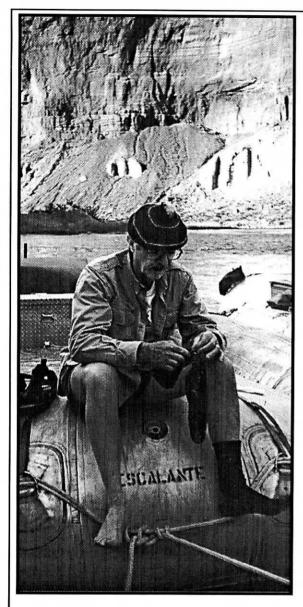
NEW GROUP APPROVED; AFFECTS HOI GROUP by Joyce Blumenshine

The Illinois State Chapter of the Sierra Club gave a new group in the Dekalb-LaSalle-Peru area official permission to become a Sierra Club Group. The Kishwaukee Solduc Group (Kishwaukee Group) has been meeting at Northern Illinois University in Dekalb. This new group will cover LaSalle and Grundy Counties which were previously part of the Heart of Illinois Group. The Heart of Illinois Excom. approved the transfer of this area and is happy that a new group is gung-ho!

If this group is closer to you, or if you'd like to get their newsletter, you may request having you membership switched to the Kishwaukee Solduc Group. The Kishwaukee Group chairperson is Linda Junger, 925 Huffman Court, Dekalb, IL 60115, phone (815) 758-7289. If you'd like to remain with the Heart of Illinois Group and continue to receive the HOI Group's newsletter send a note to Joyce Blumenshine, 120 W. Arcadia, Peoria, IL 61604, phone (309) 688-0950.

EMIQUON AND CHAUTAUQUA REFUGES REQUEST GROUPS ASSISTANCE

The staff at the Emiquon and Chautauqua Wildlife Refuge has requested the assistance of the Sierra Club's Conservation Work Crew. The work crew would help gather ripe prairie seed to be used for prairie restoration projects at the refuges. A tentative date is September 30th. We will meet at Hal Gardner's shed at 8 am and car pool to the site. Contact Hal Gardner at 446-9792 for more details.



Heart of Illinois Sierra Club Harvest Dinner

- Homemade soups, breads and deserts 6:00 PM, Saturday, November 4
- Grace and Peace Lutheran Church
 - 7611 N. Knoxville Ave., Peoria
- \$6 for adults, \$3 for children

Call Joyce, 688-0950 or Chris, 682-0549

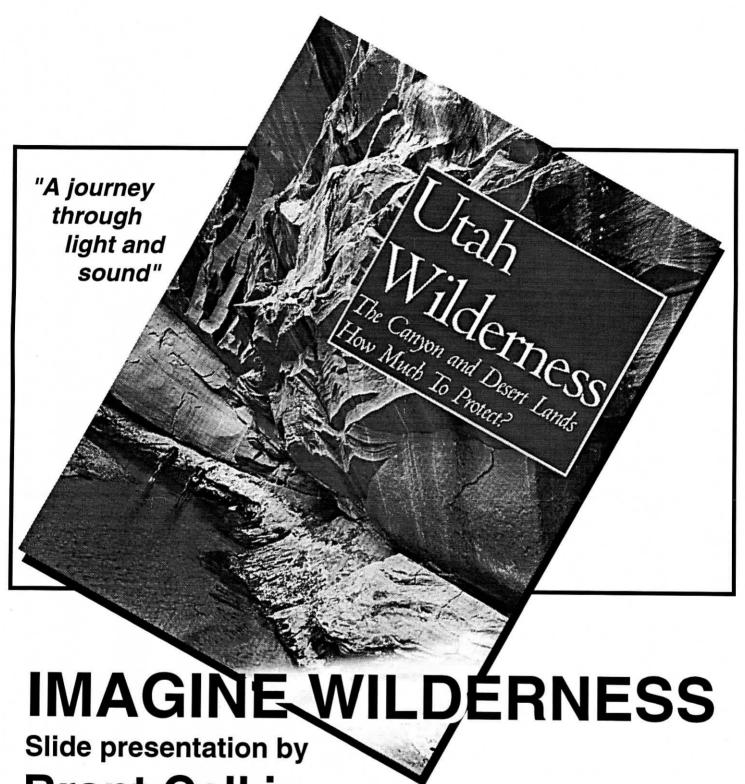
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* Travelogue by Al Harkrader

Through the Grand Canyon with Wet Socks

A 280 mile eight-day trip down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon.



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Lakeview Museum

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 1995 - 7PM Sponsored by the Sierra Club, Sun Foundation and PEACE

Join us for Breakfast on Bike or walk in from the the Rock Island Trail Alta parking lot for a delicious breakfast to raise funds for continuing projects. Sunday, September 24, 1995 Fair date, Sunday, Oct. 1) .9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Rickapoo picnic area & shelter between Alta & Dunlap *French Toast* *Scrambled Eggs with vegetables* * Fresh Fruit* *Lotatoes* * Ham* *Breads & Coffee Cakes* *Coffee & Juices* - Gooked over an open fire -Must call for reservations: Chris - 682-0549 or 691-2246 Mary - 745-5479

\$5.00 Adult - \$2.50 Child - Children under 5 Free Handicapped & elderly rides available.

Thank you for supporting events like this Breakfast that helped make this shelter & grill possible.

Friends of the Rock Island Trail

NATIONAL ISSUES: UPDATE ON THIS ANTI-ENVIRONMENT CONGRESS

EVERYONE JOINS THE "SLASH-AND-BURN" FREE-FOR-ALL

Clinton caves in to Congress



(Text from the September issue of "The Planet")

After vetoing the first budget recissions bill, Pres. Clinton recently signed the "Logging without Laws" rider. This provision waives all environmental laws; bars citizens from exercising their right to challenge illegal logging plans in court; defines salvage logging so broadly that massive clear-cutting will be allowed; and directs the government to dramatically increase timber harvests. That the salvagelogging rider was attached to a budget-slashing bill is another cause for serious concern. This is just one of many obscure, back-door routes that Congress use to destroy or sidestep environmental safeguards. [Ed note: So much for criticizing third world countries about clear-cutting tropical rain-forests. What happened to Newt Gingrich's widely touted Line-item Presidential Veto Bill? Is it the usual hot wind from Capitol Hill? Other bills that need tracking are: (a) Takings, (b) Risk Assessment, (c) "Clean Water" (Dirty Water) Reauthorization, (d) Endangered Species Act Reauthorization-most bills intend to weaken the Act, (e) Artic Refuge Oil Drilling, (f) Interior Appropriations, and (g) EPA Appropriations. The President has promised to veto (a), (b), (c), (f), and (g), but do not depend on it, we saw what he did with "Logging without Laws."].

SNEAK ATTACK ON ARTIC REFUGE

In order to open up the only section of Alaska's northern coast that is still off-limits to development, the oil industry allies have devised a sneak strategy: build doubtful revenues from oil leases into the 1996 budget bill, forcing Clinton to choose between preserving 125 miles of Alaska's north slope or keeping the U.S. Government operational. Congressional Committees are now chaired by very prodrilling types. Your calls and letters in support of protecting the Artic National Wildlife Refuge are urgently needed. Urge your U.S. Congressman and Senators to keep the refuge safe from oil development. Action affecting the Artic Refuge could occur as early as September 18, so call or write now.

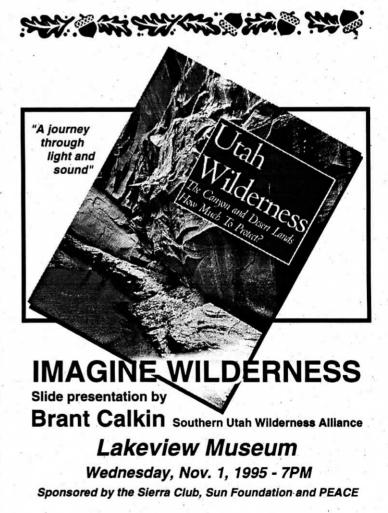
DONATIONS NEEDED

Gift quality donations are needed for the Harvest Dinners in November. Contact Mary Bodell at 745-55479 for more information.

1995 Heart of Illinois Sierra Club

Co-Chairs: Joyce Blumenshine* (688-0950) and Mary Bodell* (745-5479); Secretary: Ralph Ginn* (274-3289); Treasurer: Grayce Haworth* (246-8397); Board members: George Burrier* (266-5085); Dale Goodner* (682-0789); Kelly O'Leary* (685-2240); Conservation Chair: Hal Gardner (446-9792); Newsletter Editor: Cheryl Pauli (446-9792): Membership Chair and Newsletter Mailings: Larry Robbins (692-3930); Outings Chair and Legal Advisor: George Burrier (see Board Members); Land Use Advisory Committee Rep: Rudy Habben (685-5605); Solid Waste Issues: John Wosik (682-0549): Book/Calendar Sales Coordinator: Chris Meydam (682-0549)

Board members that represent the membership and vote on pertinent issues are denoted by an astrict *.



A CHILD'S BILL OF RIGHTS: CLEAN AIR. CLEAN WATER. A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT.

If you agree, we'd like you to join us. With more than half a million members around the country, the Sierra Club works to protect the public health by fighting for a clean environment. With your support, we can continue to broaden our reach and influence on behalf of children everywhere. Think of it as health insurance for your family.



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One Earth, One Chance





GROUP CALENDAR

Sept.13 Executive Meeting, 7:30 pm Meet at Joyce Blumenshine's home. Contact Joyce for directions at 688-0950.
16 Conservation Workday, 9 am Contact Hal Gardner (446-97920)
20 General Meeting, 7 pm Forest Park Nature Center
30 Conservation Workday at the Emiquon.
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Oct. 7 Conservation Workday, 9 am Contact Hal Gardner, see above workdays. 11 Executive Meeting, 7:30 pm Meet at Mary Bodell's home. Contact Mary for directions at 745-5479.

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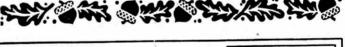
21 Conservation Workday, 9 am

Contact Hal Gardner, see above workdays. 23 Newsletter Deadline

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

Nov. 1 "IMAGINE WILDERNESS", 7 pm Lakeview Museum. See insert.

4 Annual Harvest Dinner, 6 pm See insert.



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