



Fighting for a clean energy economy

by Henry Robertson

Energy efficiency

Missouri ranks 43rd in the country in energy efficiency (EE), according to the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy. As we reduce energy use, we can start to shutter old coal plants. We have made some big progress on EE in the last few months. The Sierra Club has joint settlements with two utilities, Ameren Missouri and KCPL-GMO (Greater Missouri Operations) for the next generation of utility energy efficiency (EE) programs.

Ameren has budgeted \$147 million for the next 3 years, which should result in customer benefits of \$360 million. This is by far the largest EE effort by a Missouri utility to date, and will begin January 1st. GMO will spend \$39 million with ratepayer benefits of \$110 million. The programs will be for residential and business customers and include low-income weatherization.

Building energy codes are another key EE opportunity; in the St. Louis area, Hazelwood adopted the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code on Nov. 17th, replacing the existing 2003 code. The new code will save 15-25% in energy use in new homes. Sierra Club Members **Frankie Appleby** and **Carol Noll** helped convince council members to do the right thing!

Columbia Campus Coal Plant

The Sierra Student Coalition students at Mizzou have extracted a commitment from the University administration to stop burning coal at the Columbia campus power plant! While that is a big conces-



Sierra Club delegation to the Missouri Air Conservation Commission hearing on June 28, 2012, in St. Louis where members asked the Commission to take action on SO₂ pollution from coal-fired power plants.

sion, students are now pushing for a specific timeline for this transition.

Coal Ash dumps in KC and St. Louis

KC leader **Claus Wawrzinek** blew the whistle on coal injection sites in metro KC where coal ash slurry is pumped into empty mines. With the support of Great Rivers Environmental Law Center (GRELC), the Club convinced the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to tighten the permit for Underground Service Company's injection of coal ash slurry within half a mile of the Missouri River. The DNR is now requiring the company to monitor for heavy metals in the effluent from the mine – the first readings will be taken by January 28, and the Club will obtain these readings to ensure that the public health is being protected.

The Club is also fighting efforts to expand coal ash dumping at three Ameren plants in the St. Louis area, including Labadie, Meramec, and Rush Island. Labadie-area member **Pat Schuba**'s leadership on this issue is now encouraging activists across the state to fight this issue in their own backyards!

Tar sands

The Club's new Beyond Oil Campaign is

looking for ways to challenge pipelines that are being built to funnel Alberta tar sands oil to domestic markets and shipping ports (so much for energy independence).

TransCanada has already built one of these across Missouri, the Keystone 1. Now another Canadian company, Enbridge, which is responsible for the terrible oil spill into the Kalamazoo River, has plans for another pipeline. Called the Flanagan South, it will run from Flanagan, IL, south of Chicago, cross the Mississippi near Hannibal and traverse 11 Missouri counties before entering Kansas en route to Oklahoma.

Pipeline regulation is unfortunately very inadequate. No agency regulates the siting of pipelines, and this one will be built next to an existing oil pipeline, the Spearhead, which should reduce their need to use eminent domain. Tar sands pipelines are treated no differently than conventional oil pipelines even though they don't carry oil at all, but instead dilbit: diluted bitumen. Bitumen is the goop for which the tar sands are named. To make it flow through a pipeline they have to cut it with liquid natural gas condensates, and then heat it. Dilbit is also much more corrosive to the pipes than crude oil.

Chair's Column

By James Turner, Missouri Chapter Chair



Does our environmental work amount to anything? 2012 can renew our faith! Our individual efforts helped to swell a popular vote victory for Obama, and to

maintain a U.S. Senate majority that's not obsessed with undoing our past work. Organized work by Missouri Chapter and Group Political Committees helped to elect legislators capable of hearing our messages and rallying to protect the environment; we will expand such work in coming years. Our steady pressure helped to induce Ameren's plan to invest \$150 million in energy efficiency – the biggest utility EE program ever launched in Missouri.

Polls and electoral results show solid majorities wanting to protect our air, water, and climate from fossil fuel based industries that would reduce the Earth to a drainpipe. Sierra Club's ongoing task is to build a conservation culture that the politicians cannot ignore. Like the Club nationwide, our Chapter's volunteer leaders look to build a robust progressive movement that can reduce the political dominance of short-term-obsessed business interests.

Immediate regulatory and legislative efforts remain important. Missouri Chapter hired an additional organizer in November to advance our advocacy for energy efficiency standards in building codes. And our volunteers and staff are continuing energetic work as part of the Club's Beyond Coal Campaign!

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efficient funds for management and ongoing authorized environmental projects. Expect river funding to be in the thick of Congressional budget battles. See Missouri Chapter website for more information on Missouri River.

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Missouri River – What's Upstream

by Caroline Pufalt, Chapter Conservation Committee Chair

The Missouri Clean Water Commission approved a plan for shallow water fish habitat restoration at Jameson Island in the Missouri river. This has been a multiyear effort. Thanks to all the Sierrans who helped by voicing their support, including **Greg Poleski** and **Ken Midkiff**.

A controversial issue for Missouri river management ended its first phase as the Army Corps of Engineers accepted initial comments on its plan to sell Missouri river water to the oil fracking

industry in the upper basin. A final decision on this is likely over a year away and we will continue to be engaged.

Missouri Sierran **Tom Ball** was appointed as citizen delegate to the MO River Restoration Implementation Committee (MRRIC). That is an important assignment as it is a group of citizens and government trying to work together toward a healthier river.

The 2011 flood and 2012 drought continue to highlight the importance of river management. But that has not ensured that Congress will allocate suf-

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Missouri Sierra Club Political Committee Report

By John Feldmann, Chapter Political Committee Chair

We just completed the election cycle for 2012. The Sierra Club Missouri Chapter played an active role endorsing many state and federal legislators with excellent environmental voting records and supporting them by informing our members. We used the following process to determine which candidates to consider for endorsement:

1. We developed an environmental scorecard for state House and Senate incumbents based on 11 key votes taken in the state legislature over the last 2 years. All state House and Senate members were “graded” based on their voting records including voting absences. A copy of the voting scorecard can be found on our website at www.missouri.sierraclub.org. The scorecard gives accurate information on how our legislators voted and is one way to evaluate

them. Much of the work concerning bills and amendments is done in committee and many important bills never make it to the House or Senate floor for vote. This is one tool to understand your legislator’s performance.

2. In addition to our voting scorecard we sent out environmental questionnaires to help assess candidates’ commitment to environmental issues.

Together, the voting scorecard and questionnaires were valuable tools to help the Chapter Political Committee make decisions on Missouri Sierra Club endorsements.

The result of our effort was a number of excellent endorsements for state races. We then contacted our members via postcard, email, and volunteer phone calls to get the message out about the environmental champions in Missouri.

Our effort was rewarded by winning our top priority state legislative races in

metro KC, Springfield, and St. Louis. We defeated three anti-environment incumbents, including Senator Lembke and Representative Brown in St. Louis County and Representative Leach in Springfield. Scott Sifton (Senate 1) and Vicki Englund (House 94) in St. Louis County won their races and Charlie Norr (House 132) in Springfield won his race.

We have a long way to go to bring a pro-environmental legislature to Missouri. We’ll keep working at it and hopefully achieve even better results in 2014. I want to thank you for your support of the folks we’ve endorsed this election cycle and especially everyone that volunteered to help in these elections. To see the results in all of our 36 targeted races, go to missouri.sierraclub.org.

If you would like to get more active in our political committee, please email me at johnfeldmann@msn.com.

2013 – The Year of Ozark Scenic Riverways?

By Caroline Pufalt

Will 2013 be the year the final draft General Management Plan for Ozark National Scenic Riverways is released? That is the plan according to new park superintendent, Bill Black, who is hoping for a spring 2013 release. The management plan will update park practices for canoeing, hiking, horseback riding, camping and other uses. ONSR includes the Current and Jacks Fork Rivers. The plan could also include a recommendation for a wilderness area near Big Springs. It’s hard to believe that the pub-

lic was first invited to comment in 2006! In the meantime another draft and several public meetings have provided opportunity for input and revisions. The next version will be a final draft, but open for public comment. The park website has more information at www.nps.gov/ozar.

Sierra Club members have been advocating for a strong plan that reduces e. coli contamination from horses, and that limits ATVs on the river. Let’s make this the year we are successful! Watch our chapter website for updates on the status of the plan.



Scott Sifton at the EMG Political Committee mailing party.

Wilderness Act Turning 50

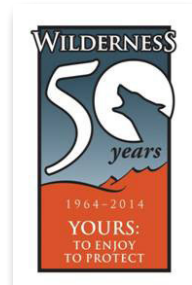
By Caroline Pufalt

In 1964 Congress passed the Wilderness Act, thus the venerable law will turn 50 years old in 2014.

Congressionally designated wilderness areas in Missouri include:

Piney Creek, Bell Mountain, Devil’s Backbone, Paddy Creek, Rockpile Mountain, Mingo, Hercules Glade, and the Irish Wilderness.

The Sierra Club, along with many other citizen groups and governmental entities, are planning activities in celebration. The anniversary provides an opportunity for the Club to underscore the importance of preserving our existing wilderness areas and of adding additional areas (such as the Big Springs Wilderness along the Current River) to this system. Ideas for marking this event include hikes to MO Wilderness areas, photo contests and displays, and educational events. If you would like to be involved in Sierra Club activities for the Wilderness Celebration, please contact cpufalt@sbcglobal.net.



MISSOURI CHAPTER SIERRA CLUB OUTINGS

Eastern Missouri Group

<http://missouri.sierraclub.org/emg>

Eastern Missouri Group outings are open to the public and a donation of one dollar is requested. Leaders are unpaid volunteers who need your cooperation to make the trip safe and rewarding. Please call the leader well in advance for details, approval, or if you plan to cancel. Outings start officially at the trailhead or river access. No guns, pets, or electronic media are permitted on trips.

For general information about outings contact Bob Gestel, (636) 296-8975, or rgestel@sbcglobal.net. For additional outings submitted after our publication deadline and for changes, please check the Eastern Missouri Group website at <http://missouri.sierraclub.org/emg>.

Dec 8, Sat: Help us with the quarterly water quality monitoring event on Fox Creek near Eureka. We will be doing some simple chemical tests and we will also measure stream flow and do a visual survey at two sites. We will not be monitoring for macro-invertebrates. We could use 3 to 4 volunteers to help with the tests, which takes about 1/2 day for both sites. Call either Leslie Lihou at (314) 726-2140, or Jim Rhodes at (314) 821-7758.

Dec 12, Wed: Ozark Trail, Taum Sauk Section, Hwy. 21 Trailhead to Taum Sauk Mt. Trailhead. This will be a 6 mile hike along the Ozark Trail with the end being a great view of the surrounding countryside from the highest point in Missouri. This will be a point to point hike that will require some car pooling to the starting point. Contact Doug Melville, (636) 288-1055 or douglas.k.melville@gmail.com for further information.

Dec 14, Fri: Day hike. Over the hills and thru the woods we will hike about 8-10 miles at St. Francois State Park. Contact: thesisuzanne@yahoo.com

Dec 15, Sat: Holiday party and potluck dinner. Bring your beverage and a dish to share. Call for time and directions. Barb Wall, (636) 529-0477, Marilyn Harlan, (314) 966-8797, or Ann Eggebrecht, (314) 725-1560.

Dec 19, Wed: Day Hike. We'll do about

To participate in one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver before the outing, please see:

<http://sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms> or call (415) 977-5528.

In the interest of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel. CST 2087766-40

5 miles at Rockwood Reservation. Contact Tina Mathes, treasurehunt22@sbcglobal.net

Dec 26, Wed: Forest 44 Conservation Area, Overlook Trail (4 mile loop). This is just on the other side of Hwy. 44 from Lone Elk County Park. A hilly trail with overlooks of Hwy. 44. Contact Doug Melville, (636) 288-1055 or douglas.k.melville@gmail.com for further information.

Jan 2, Wed: Join me for the New Years day hike at Meramec State Park. We will be hiking about 4-5 miles to some of the most beautiful country in the area. Springs, glades, open woodlands and many other Natural Features will be seen on this hike. Remember to be prepared for the cold weather by having the right equipment. As always you must have a sense of Adventure. Contact Paul Stupperich at (314) 429-4352 or lonebuffalo@earthlink.net

Jan 5-6, Sat-Sun: Annual winter back pack trip. This trip is only open to experienced winter backpackers. Where we go as always will depend on weather and driving conditions. We have had trips where the weather was 70 degrees and sunny and trips where it was 12 degrees and six inches of snow. Come prepared. Bob Gestel, (636) 296-8975, or rgestel@sbcglobal.net

Jan 9, Wed: Faust Park. This Hike will entail walking the roads and paths around this 200 acre county park. This was the homestead of Missouri's second Governor, Frederick Bates. On this hike you will see the Thornhill estate, Faust Village, Butterfly House and the 1920 Carousel from the St. Louis Highlands Amusement Park. The hike will be 3+ miles for an easy hike on a winter day. Contact Doug Melville, (636) 288-1055 or douglas.k.melville@gmail.com for further information.

Jan 13, Sun: Day hike to Hilda Young Conservation Area. We will hike 3-5 miles at a moderate pace. We have the option of hiking two different trails or both trails. If the weather cooperates, we might find frozen water falls. Toni Armstrong, (314) 434-2072.

Jan 16, Wed: Crane Lake Recreation Area - Crane Lake Trail. This 5 mile trek will take you along the lake and through hillside glades, and then descends into Reader Hollow with granite shut-ins, waterfalls and cascades. The trail then ascends back to the lake level and returns along the opposite shore to the start. Doug Melville (636) 288-1055, or douglas.k.melville@gmail.com.

Jan 30, Wed: This week we can take a



Sierrans on November outing to the Ozark Highland Trail in Arkansas

walk in Meramec State Park on the Green's Cave Bushwhack: Hamilton Hollow Route. This is a 5.5 mile round trip using the same trail in and then back out. Come along and have an easy hike through the woods. Contact Doug Melville (636) 288-1055, or douglas.k.melville@gmail.com for further information.

Feb 6, Wed: Hike Rockwoods Reservation. 4-6 miles. Tina Mathes treasurehunt22@sbcglobal.net

Feb 13, Wed: Giant City State Park is located 12 miles South of Carbondale, Illinois in the Shawnee National Forest. This will be a nice winter hike involving several trails in this 4,000 acre park that will total 6+ miles of walking on a variety of surfaces. Forests, streams and sandstone cliffs and rock formations will make for some picturesque views. After a day of hiking, a lunch at the Giant City Lodge, Bald Knob dining room will cap off the day. Contact Doug Melville (636) 288-1055, or douglas.k.melville@gmail.com for further information.

Feb 20 Wed: Babler State Park. The Equestrian Trail is 6 miles long. We will start and end the trail at the equestrian parking lot. Hills, hollows, large trees, creeks, bridges and shelters built during the 1930's by the CCC make up the sights you will see along the trail. Doug Melville (636) 288-1055 or douglas.k.melville@gmail.com.

Feb 27, Wed: Hawn State Park - Pickle Creek Trail, White Oaks Trail and a small portion of the Whispering Pine Trail. This trek through scenic Hawn State Park will give you quite a lot to see in the short span of 6+ miles. Cascades, waterfalls and shut-ins characterize the Pickle Creek Trail followed by panoramic views, rock ledges and large pine forests on the White Oaks and Whispering Pine Trails. Doug Melville (636) 288-1055, or douglas.k.melville@gmail.com for further information.

Thomas Hart Benton Group

<http://missouri.sierraclub.org/thb/outings>

You can find last minute information and to sign-up on Meetup
<http://www.meetup.com/KC-Sierra-Club-Outings/>

Dec 1 (Sat) Hike Lake Jacomo, Blue Springs, MO

Hike some ravines & woodland trails. Bring lunch, and we'll provide the hot cocoa.

Dec 1 (Sat) Watkins Mill State Park, Lawson MO

Experience Christmas on the farm with holiday music, treats and a tour of the home.

Dec 15 (Sat) Wildlife Walk - Burr Oak Woods Nature Center, Blue Springs MO

A casual walk through a variety of habitats. 2.5-3 miles.

Dec 29-30 (Sat-Sun) Backpack the Pigeon Roost Trail, Beaver Lake AR

8.5 miles of pretty, wooded trails adjacent to Beaver Lake in Hobbs State Park Conservation Area. Dogs welcome! \$10 donation requested.

Jan 1 (Tue) New Year's Day Hike - Lake Jacomo, Blue Springs, MO

Hike some ravines & woodland trails. Bring lunch, and we'll provide the hot cocoa.

Jan 12 (Sat) Snow Shoe Hike and Trail Maintenance - Lake Jacomo, Blue Springs, MO

Jan 19 (Sat) Thomas Hart Benton Historic Site, Kansas City MO

Osage Group

<http://missouri.sierraclub.org/osage>

Jan 19 (Sat) Chili Cook-off and Marshmallow Roast and Hike/Walk MKT Trail at Rocheport.

Leisurely walk or bike the trail along the river; or take a short (but steep) hike in Dianna Bend Conservation area to a bluff overlooking the river. Meet at parking lot in front of depot (restrooms/ranger station). 5:30 Return to Julie and Tom Lata's house at 6901 Charlene for food and bonfire. Contact Tom Lata, (573) 489-2302 tlata@tranquility.net

Feb 16 (Sat) Hike in Gans Creek Wild Area:

The area, a part of Rock Bridge State Park, is managed in the same manner as designated wilderness areas. Meet at the south end of Bearfield road ("Wagonwheel trailhead") at 10:00 A.M. Contact Tom Lata, (573) 489-2302 tlata@tranquility.net.

Mar 16 (Sat) Hike in Three Creeks Conservaton Area.

Meet at the end of Deer Park Road (off of US 63 South across from the gas station) at 10 a.m. Contact Jan Dye (573-808-1076)

White River Group

<http://missouri.sierraclub.org/wrg>

The White River Group periodically offers outings, primarily hiking, to White River Group members. If you have ideas for an outing, contact Jennifer Ailor at 417-581-4018 or jailor65721@yahoo.com.



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Annual Missouri Chapter Sierra Club Ballot

Executive Committee Ballot Profiles

Mike Diel



I'm proud to be a Sierran, and I'd like to serve on the Missouri Chapter Excom to protect our air, water, and wild places like the Ozark National Scenic Riverways, to promote a common sense approach to energy that is designed with Climate Change in mind, and I'd like to see the club firmly in the twenty first century as one of the premiere environmental organizations.

I'm a landlord / tree farmer / Occupier from Macon. I've been a member of the Osage Group since 1993. Since its a hundred and twenty five mile round trip to Columbia, I didn't volunteer much. Now I'm willing to serve my turn.

Think Globally Act Locally

John Feldmann

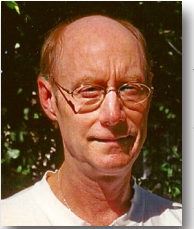


I've been a member of the Sierra Club Missouri Chapter for over 20 years and was actively involved on the Chapter Executive committee as well as political committee during those years. Then we had kids and I became actively involved in home life and raising those kids. Two years ago I ran for the Chapter Excom and am serving on the committee again as well as the role of Chapter political committee chair.

We have a great opportunity and a responsibility to protect Missouri's wild places and to help protect our environment from those that would misuse it. Missouri has a long way to go to improve our renewable energy generation usage compared to the rest of the country. I believe that we can do better than just burn coal and build wildly expensive nuclear plants that we do not need. I would like the Missouri chapter to push practical solutions to change the energy generation equation in Missouri and help create renewable energy jobs in this state for the long term. I want to help make this happen over the next couple of years.

I believe the chapter needs to activate younger members throughout the state to create a vibrant energized group to take over leadership in the future. We need to focus our energy to reach these members and get them involved.

David Mitchell



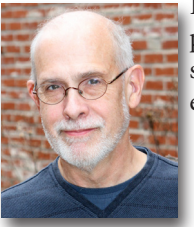
My name is David Mitchell, and am currently a retired social worker, having lived in Kansas City, Mo. for the last 24 years. It has been my privilege for the last several years to serve on the Missouri Chapter of the Sierra Club. Since being involved in the Sierra Club, my primary interest leans toward political activity, and I am currently on the Missouri Chapter political committee.

Initially, it was my concern over global warming which led to becoming a member of the Sierra Club, and was very grateful to become a member of the THB Sierra Club Executive Committee in about 2004.

The National Sierra Club has the climate recovery goal of reducing CO2 80% by 2050. Michael Bloomberg, New York City Mayor, has pledged \$50 million over the next 4 years to the National Sierra Club for the Beyond Coal Campaign. Coal plants are the worst offenders for CO2 pollution, and I look forward to the Missouri Chapter working with the Beyond Coal staff in this effort. As the Missouri Chapter moves forward, an increasing educational function will no doubt be part of the picture in highlighting coal plants and global warming.

I look forward to another term with the Missouri Chapter, to play whatever small role I can in the chapter's ability to bring the vision of a clean energy future into the mainstream of public and political discourse.

Jim Rhodes



I have now been on the Executive Committee of the Missouri Chapter about two years as your treasurer and I would like your vote so I can serve for another two. The Sierra Club is a major environmental organization which I'm proud to say I've been a member of for more years than I care to remember. I feel we do very valuable work in protecting the environment. I'm very interested in some issues including climate change, the protection of rivers and streams from both pollution and also bad land use practices, the protection of natural areas, and the corrupting effect of corporate money in politics. If I'm elected, I will strive to help further the club's goals. Thank you.

Missouri Chapter Executive Committee elections

By Caroline Pufalt

The Sierra Club in Missouri is organized in a state-wide chapter, and in four "groups" which cover the state but are centered around Columbia (Osage Group), Kansas City (Thomas Hart Benton Group), Springfield (White River Group) and St. Louis (E.Mo.Group). The chapter is managed by a volunteer Executive Committee (or "ExCom"), nine of whose members are elected at large - meaning

chosen in an election in which members across the state can participate. The ExCom makes important decisions for the Missouri chapter about financial and conservation issues.

Please read the statements of the candidates who are running for the ExCom, and then use the ballot in this newsletter to cast your vote. Please mail it so that it arrives at our St. Louis office by the January 5th deadline.

Ballot instructions:

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- 1) You must use this ballot with your address label attached to the back. The ballot portion will be detached from the label portion before counting. Ballots without address labels will not be counted.
- 2) Vote for up to four (4) candidates. Indicate your choices by marking an X through the box to the left of the candidate's name. If yours is a joint membership, two (2) members may vote, each in their own column.
- 3) Put the ballot into an envelope, write **BALLOT** on the outside, and mail it to:

**Elections Committee
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- 4) For questions, including the date, time, and place of ballot counting, please call the Sierra Club office at 314-644-1011 or 800-628-5333.

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Mike Martin and Bill McConnaughey doing trail maintenance on the Ozark Trail in October.

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Sue King Retires

By Jim Rhodes, Chapter Treasurer

Sue King has retired after serving as the Administrative Assistant for the Missouri Chapter for the past five years.

Sue has been active in the Sierra Club in St. Louis since 1978. She has served on both the Eastern Missouri Group Executive Committee and also the Missouri



Chapter Executive Committee, first as the EMG Representative to the Missouri Excom, then later as the membership chair. As the membership chair, Sue coordinated the annual chapter campouts at various locations. She worked as office assistant for the Eastern Missouri Group for about 7 years before coming to work for the Missouri Chapter. Asked what she liked best about working with and for the Sierra Club, Sue replied "The chance for educational enrichment on

environmental issues" and also the "good people" in the Sierra Club. The Chapter is fortunate to have Brian DeSmet coming on board to fill this important position. The job mainly entails keeping track of the intricate finances of the Missouri Chapter using an online accounting system and assisting me as the Chapter Treasurer in preparation of the financial reports to the Missouri Excom and also the annual financial report to the Sierra Club national organization. The Sierra Club finances are very complex and Sue has admitted "I think it's fun." We all need to be grateful for her attention to detail and her hard work over the past five years.

Meet our new chapter staff!

Harry Alper joined the Missouri Sierra Club staff in September, after completing a year-long organizer training program with Green Corps. Harry, a gradu-



ate of Washington University, is tasked with supporting Chapter campaigns on energy efficiency, including both those programs run by utility companies, as well as local building codes adopted by cities and counties.

Brian DeSmet is our new Administrative Assistant, following in the footsteps of longtime Club activist and staff-person Sue King. Brian's previous experience includes handling bookkeeping chores for the MO Coalition for the Environment and Missouri Votes Conservation. Brian also manages the farmers' markets at Tower Grove and Maplewood.



Our Chapter is fortunate to have such talented and committed staff to support our work! Be sure to meet our new staff the next time you are in the office!

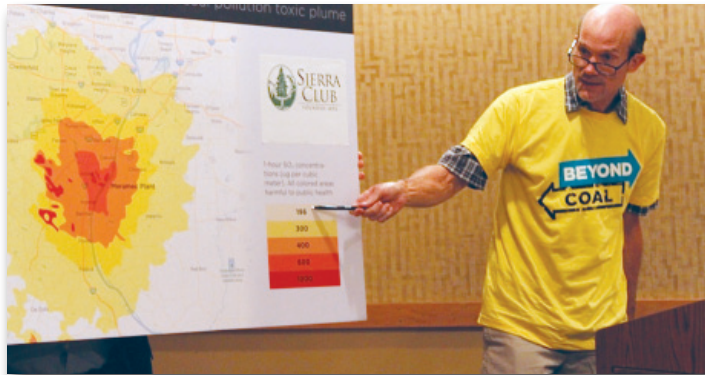


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