Test Your Knowledge about Sierra Club—40 Years in the Making

A. What year was the Michigan Chapter founded?
B. How many members are now in the Michigan Chapter?
C. How much money will the Michigan Chapter need to raise in 2007 to meet its programmatic objectives in the state?
D. Who chooses Michigan Chapter Executive Committee (our board) members?
E. What are the Michigan Chapter’s current priority issues?
F. Where and when is the Michigan Chapter’s annual member retreat?
G. When did the Sierra Club begin endorsing electoral candidates in Michigan?
H. When are the Michigan Chapter’s Lobby Days?
I. How much of your donation to Sierra Club goes to program work?
J. What is Sierra Club’s Michigan Legacy Council?
K. How many Sierra Club members identify themselves as hunters and anglers?
L. What are the most popular ways members can volunteer and get more involved in Sierra Club?

Look for answers throughout the issue.
A Cause for Celebration
by Jean Gramlich

As I write this piece, I have just returned from our 18th annual retreat full of enthusiasm for our work and our great membership. First, I would like to thank Lisa Wickman and Wanda Bloomquist for planning the retreat for the last several years. Together, they have planned an event where policy works can attend informative workshops on conservation issues, and people who just want to relax and enjoy the great outdoors, good music and fun can mix and have a great time. The kids who attended learned about nature while making birdhouses, seeing live raptors and other activities.

One of the aspects of the retreat that I enjoy is meeting people from all over the state who are engaged in local Sierra Club activities and issues. Each person brings a unique perspective to the group, the Chapter and to the National Sierra Club. The Sierra Club is a grassroots democratic organization, and like any democracy, it functions best when all its members are engaged on every level with information flowing through the organization in both directions. We need all our 20,000 Michigan Chapter members to unite in our effort to preserve, protect and enjoy our state and national environment.

Our 40th anniversary as a Chapter will be commemorated at a gala event on October 5. This is a time to look back at our efforts of the past 40 years, celebrate our victories, learn from our defeats and look forward to the coming decades with hope and determination. Members must take the responsibility for living our values in our personal lives and in our contributions to the greater community in our localities, Michigan and the nation. Next year is a key political milestone, and the environment needs every voter and activist. I hope you will join me at the 40th Anniversary Celebration (see page 4 to register).

Retreat participants enjoy the silent auction, with music by Tommy Foster and Bob Motycka.
In the Spotlight

Leaders Past and Present Share Sierra Club Memories
by Sue Kelly

One person can make a difference. But how much of a difference can many people working toward a common goal make? Over the past few months I spoke with dozens of current and past volunteer Sierra Club leaders to gather fond memories from their time with the Michigan Chapter. As I look back through the Chapter’s 40-year history, it’s easy to see that, together, the difference we’ve made is huge. The issues Sierra Club fought—and continues to fight—are wide-ranging, yet there’s one common thread: they all speak with a genuine fondness for their fellow volunteers and the community of activists they’ve worked with.

A few of the victories and activities that came up during my conversations with fellow volunteers:

- passing the bottle bill
- maintaining trails and campsites
- fighting new coal-fired power plants
- passage of federal wilderness protection
- shutting down medical waste incinerators
- opposing the land swap on South Fox island
- ongoing work to get animal factories regulated
- preventing oil and gas drilling in the Mason Tract
- wearing haz-mat suits during a bird-dogging event
- working to pass the Ann Arbor Greenbelt Initiative
- advocating for legal protection of old growth forest
- stopping a shooting range on Genesee County park land
- electing Debbie Stabenow in Congress, then the U.S. Senate
- drawing attention to Spencer Abraham’s poor environmental “batting average” by handing out mock baseball cards

Richard Celarius, Chapter Chair, 1971, recalls preventing the first toll-paying car on the Mackinac Bridge from being ceremonially dropped into the Straights of the Mackinac.

Marty Fluharty, Chapter Chair, late 1970s, became involved in Sierra Club as a result of development threats to the Pine River Park in Alma.

Mark Miller, Chapter Chair, 1980s, joined to take advantage of the outings offered in the West Michigan Group.

Helen LeBlanc, Chapter Treasurer, 1991–present, was drawn into the Sierra Club at a picnic in a local park. She became active in fighting a dam project.

Nancy Shiffler, Chapter Chair, 1993–1997 and 2006, attended outings in the Huron Valley Group and was soon asked to help out on conservation issues.

Dave Llewellyn, Chapter Secretary, 2007, joined the Sierra Club years ago in order to save money on outings. His first involvement with the Club was a National Service trip to Santa Rosa Island, off of the California coast.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL RETREAT
by Wanda Bloomquist

Lisa Wickman and I have worked together on the Annual Retreat for five years now, and the diverse group of people who come together to share their knowledge and expertise of ways to protect and enjoy the planet never ceases to amaze us. This year was no exception to the amount of fun and learning that took place with members from around the state.

Camp Miniwanka is a beautiful spot and has become a perennial favorite for attendees. Whether you want to learn more about issues important to the Michigan Chapter, enjoy the wonderful outdoors or spend some quality time with your family, there is something for everyone of all ages.

If you’ve never been, come next year! Enjoy yourself and get bitten by the bug that gets Sierra Club members involved in a more active way.
Will You Be There?
SIERRA CLUB MICHIGAN CHAPTER’S
40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We hope you will join your fellow Sierra Club members for a fantastic evening filled with great food and drinks, memories of your favorite outings adventures, interactive timeline of environmental achievements, and, of course, dancing with jubilant friends.

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**Register by October 1, 2007**
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Sierra Club
President Robbie Cox

**and live musical entertainment**
Billy Mack & the
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Michigan Chapter of Sierra Club Celebrates 40 Years

by Anne Woiwode

My son Pete came home from a camping trip one day talking with wonder about the beautiful wild place he and his friends had found near Ludington, how serene and peaceful it was. Had I ever heard of Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness? Not only had I heard of it, I told him with pride how Sierra Club Michigan Chapter was central to Congressional designation of the Nordhouse Dunes and ten other wildernesses in 1987. Sierra Club members also worked hard to stop proposed oil and gas development there, and spend time there on outings and hikes whenever they can.

Our 40th Anniversary is celebrated with more than just snapshots. This issue of The Mackinac kicks off a year of celebration of the Michigan Chapter’s 40th Anniversary with a look back at remarkable accomplishments and experiences we have shared in Michigan. As a Sierra Club member you can take pride in the victories of the last few decades. Even when we haven’t seen victories, you can take pride in the fight we have put up. Many of you will be able to add your own stories to this history, telling not just the political and conservation triumphs, but the joys of Sierra Club Outings, wonderful Autumn Retreats and time spent with the remarkable people who make up this organization. There are many stories like mine to be shared.

Not all the fights are won, and in the environmental arena unfortunately often the same challenges emerge again and again. Contaminated rivers and lakes are still not cleaned up, and wastes from animal factories, sulfide mining and other sources still threaten our waters. More children are suffering from asthma today, but air pollution from waste incinerators, refineries and other polluters continue to threaten our health. Fish in every Michigan lake may be contaminated with mercury and Climate Change threatens our existence on the planet, and at least four new coal-fired power plants are proposed in Michigan while the legislature has yet to enact smart energy solutions for our state. Management of our state and federal forests has improved in some ways, but restoration of our state’s diverse habitats is still far from complete. And sprawl continues to eat up our countryside while public transportation alternatives are rare.

Our job is not done, but at 40 it is important to look back and see what we are capable of when the Michigan Chapter members take on a challenge. I hope you will join us at the kick-off event, the Michigan Chapter’s 40th Anniversary Celebration in Lansing on October 5. Come celebrate with us, and come back for the fights we have yet to win and the fun that is yet to come!

CALL FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Are you ready to make history with the Michigan Chapter? Please consider running for the Chapter Executive Committee and helping shape the Sierra Club’s future in Michigan. Four of the nine at-large representatives will be elected for two-year terms starting in January. If you or anyone you know would like to run for one of the at-large seats, please contact Lydia Fischer, lydfisch@mindspring.com, by October 15, 2007.
CleanEnergy Solutions

Coal-Fired and Nuclear Power Plants Proposed for Michigan
by Anne Woiwode

Sierra Club announced its National Coal Campaign in August. Designed to stop a rush to build more than 150 proposed new coal-powered plants around the nation, the campaign tries to meet scientists’ urgent call for reduction of global warming gas emissions by 80% by 2050.

Unfortunately, electricity providers around Michigan are gearing up for at least four coal-fired power plants and one nuclear power plant to be proposed for environmental permitting soon. In Rogers City and Midland, possible power plant sites have made their way through local land-use hurdles despite growing opposition; an “energy park” is being proposed in Alma with tax dollars to subsidize planning; and Consumers Power is discussing a new plant near one of its existing plants. What’s more, DTE has requested approval for an increase in electric bills to subsidize planning for a possible new nuclear power plant near one of their existing facilities.

Sierra Club is partnering with diverse local, state and national groups to try to stop the Michigan rush for additional new power plants when alternatives and energy efficiency have yet to be tried (see Capitol Watch, p. 9). Demand for state regulation of carbon dioxide emissions is a first step in this effort. Sierra Club members across Michigan should join this urgent effort to protect the planet, starting here at home.

For more information, contact Anne Woiwode at anne.woiwode@sierraclub.org with “coal plants” in your subject line, or call 517-484-2372.

READ MORE ONLINE! MICHIGAN.SIERRACLUB.ORG

RESTRUCTURING MICHIGAN’S VOLUNTARY GREEN POWER PROGRAMS

Go online to read David Wright’s article about voluntary green power programs. Here’s a sample of what you’ll find on our website:

Electric utility voluntary green power programs provide an opportunity for customers to support the development of cleaner energy options. By paying a premium ranging up to 2.5 cents/kilowatt-hour, the utility will purchase either energy from a cleaner generating source or renewable energy credits (RECs) or both....

Seventh Generation Committee
NEW COMMITTEE WORKS TO PROTECT FUTURE
by Joel Welty

Sierra Club members in central Michigan organized the Seventh Generation Committee to conserve energy and fight pollution. They are promoting ways to reduce energy usage without reducing our standard of living and also are fighting sources of pollution, such as concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs).

Joel Welty, who convened the committee, built a home that emits no greenhouse gases whatsoever and uses far less electricity than conventional homes.

Interested Sierra Club members can meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, September 27, in Community Room B, Veterans Memorial Library, Mt. Pleasant. All Club members are welcome to participate in selecting committee officers and develop plans for conserving energy and fighting pollution.

VETERAN SIERRA CLUB VOLUNTEER JOINS STAFF
by Gayle Miller

Jan O’Connell began her volunteer career with the Sierra Club in 1975 while in college. Through the years, she has served at every level of volunteer leadership. Most recently, Jan finished her final term as vice president of the National Sierra Club and chair of the National Conservation Governance Committee. The Michigan Chapter is fortunate to be able to put Jan’s vast experience to work fighting for clean and renewable energy policies (while she continues to volunteer at the group and national level). Expect to hear from her as she energizes Sierra Club members and keeps you informed of energy issues in Michigan. Welcome, Jan!
Lansing Citizens
Clean Up Grand River

WATER SENTINELS SOON TO CLEAN UP PINE, MONITOR SALMON TROUT; YELLOW DOG, SHAKEY & PINNEBOG RIVERS

by Rita Jack

Sierra Club Water Sentinels were proud sponsors and helpers at the successful clean-up of Lansing’s Grand River on August 18. Over 200 Lansing-area residents helped remove 30 tons of trash from the Grand River when water levels were lowered to allow dam inspection. The lowered water exposed junk not normally visible—and volunteers worked for close to ten hours to remove as much as they could. Huge thanks to Yvonne LeFave and Julann Vittone, who provided the vision to get the work done, and who organized the whole event in less than six weeks. See their terrific website at www.drawdowncleanup.org.

YOU CAN HELP, TOO
Contact Rita Jack for more information and to RSVP for the following events at 517-484-2372, rita.jack@sierraclub.org. All Water Sentinel volunteers receive free T-shirts. Water Monitoring equipment and cleanup bags and gloves are provided. Hope to see you this fall!

Saturday September 22 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.
Volunteers will remove trash from the Pine River in Gratiot County, working either on foot or from canoes. Meet in Alma in the morning, helpers will enjoy a great hotdog lunch sponsored by Pine River Outfitters!

S ierra Club’s attorney Scott Jerger made in the August 8 Michigan Court of Appeals hearing challenging the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality’s (MDEQ) refusal to require those comprehensive plans to be submitted with permit applications. The decision of the Appeals Court to hear Sierra Club’s appeal was viewed as an encouraging sign, and the three-judge panel could issue a decision at any time.

Sierra Club applauds MDEQ, however, on requiring all large CAFOs to obtain water quality permits despite efforts by the Michigan Farm Bureau and livestock associations to try to weaken Michigan law. After failed legislative efforts to increase in size five-fold those CAFOs exempt from permitting, the pro-CAFO groups have petitioned MDEQ to rule whether permits are required for CAFOs that have not been caught discharging pollutants into waterways. Still, most of the 193 identified CAFOs in Michigan have now obtained permits or filed permit applications, including at least eight MDEQ did not know existed.

All the talk in Lansing unfortunately has not ended the devastating air pollution and water contamination from a number of CAFOs in Michigan. MDEQ is stretched thin; its inadequate staff size, funding and enforcement authority leave many rural families and communities in a constant state of fear for their health, property and future.

Volunteers removed this pile of tires and traffic barrels in the Grand River Drawdown Cleanup in the city of Lansing on August 18, 2007.

Friday October 12 and Saturday October 13
Water Sentinels will again monitor small rivers around the Shakey Lakes in Menominee County in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula.

Late September or early October
Help Bad Axe High School students monitor water quality in the Pinnebog River in Michigan’s Thumb! We also are planning a fly fishing outing the same afternoon—if you want to help teach kids to fly fish, please call me.
Aircraft Carrier in Grayling?
AMUSEMENT PARK PLANS ARE BAD FOR MICHIGAN PUBLIC LANDS AND TAX DOLLARS
by Marvin Roberson

Downstate businessman Patrick Crossen has announced plans to build an 1800-acre amusement park just south of Grayling, along I-75. The park he’s calling ‘Main Street America’ is raising concerns both environmental and economic.

In 2000, Governor Engler’s Department of Natural Resources (DNR) signed an agreement with Grayling Township in Crawford County that would allow small industrial development in an 1800-acre parcel at the 4-Mile Road exit of I-75. The parcel is owned by the state, and there was no public announcement or input into the agreement.

The current proposal, which goes far beyond anything contemplated in the agreement, is to sell the 1800-acre state forest to Axion Entertainment, which plans to build an amusement park five times the size of Cedar Point. According to the developer, the park would contain roller coasters, the world’s largest ferris wheel, the world’s largest evergreen tree, a combination snowmobile/NASCAR racing track, and would be centered around a WWII aircraft carrier.

The plan also includes roller coasters open all year, people coming from as far away as Pittsburgh (driving past Cedar Point to get there), and staying for up to nine days.

The developer also promises economically strapped Crawford County 700 year-round jobs and up to 2,000 jobs in the summer. However, according to the developers’ own figures (obtained from the DNR through a Freedom of Information Act request), the payroll would be mostly low-paying food service jobs, and the payroll would stay constant for the first five years. This means no raises for five years.

The developer not only wants public land but public money to do this project. He is asking for millions from each of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Crawford County, and the Michigan Department of Transportation. If his projections about visitors and revenue are accurate (which is doubtful), then he should need no public money to make this fly.

In addition to its dubious chances for success and its low-paying jobs, there are serious environmental concerns.

MDEQ POISED TO ALLOW DISASTROUS MINE IN UPPER PENINSULA
by Marvin Roberson

As has been reported in previous issues of The Mackinac, the Kennecott Minerals Corporation has been seeking approval from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to open a nickel mine in the wilds of Marquette County in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. This mine would very likely cause acid drainage into the Salmon Trout and Yellow Dog rivers, and according to Kennecott’s own figures, has a substantial chance of caving in.

As The Mackinac goes to press, hearings are being held in Marquette and Lansing on this proposed permit to mine. The hearings will be open by the time this issue reaches your hands, but the public comment period will still be open for written comments until October 17.

We urge all Michigan citizens to make their opposition to this permit heard.

For more information on the flaws in the permit application, and where to comment, please visit our website’s mining page at michigan.sierraclub.org/mining.shtml.
Capitol Watch

While Michigan’s legislative leaders have been paralyzed for months by partisan squabbling over the budget, a logjam of environmental legislation is building at the Capitol. When (and if) the budget crises finally ends, Sierra Club expects a flood of environmental legislation to break loose in Lansing.

Three packages of bills on animal factories are currently the subject of intensive work groups in the House Agriculture Committee. Sierra Club’s Anne Woiwode and Gayle Miller are at the table as the primary stakeholders for the environmental community.

The House Energy Committee is wrapping up work groups covering three components of energy legislation, including a statewide energy efficiency program, renewable energy standards and the re-regulation of Michigan’s utilities. Gayle Miller and Jan O’Connell, the Sierra Club’s new Energy Issues Legislative Organizer, have participated in two of these work groups.

Finally, House Democrats have introduced a comprehensive package of bills to protect Michigan’s ground and surface waters from unregulated withdrawals.

Newly introduced legislation will protect Michigan’s ground and surface water.

This legislation strengthens modest protections that passed into law in early 2006.

Sierra Club expects hearings to take place on all of these issues, squeezed in between the October 1 drop-dead deadline for fixing the budget and the start of the 2008 election season. Learn more about these three campaigns and how to get involved at the Sierra Club’s legislative website at michigan.sierraclub.org/mining.shtml.

THANK YOU, BEV WOLF!

Sierra Club would like to thank award-winning photographer, Sierra Club member and experienced citizen lobbyist Beverly Wolf of Waterford for graciously spending our spring Lobby Day photographing citizen lobbyists at work. Bev’s contribution provided a great collection of photos showing citizen lobbying in action. Visit Bev’s website and see some of her photographic art at www.bbwolffineartphotography.com. Thank you, Bev!

Left: Sen. Mark Schauer, Jim Heaton, Sierra Club Intern Jack Schmitt, Sandy Nordmark, and Alice Hammond
Group Outings

In order to accommodate a smaller print version of The Mackinac, we will no longer be able to run detailed descriptions of the outings. You can find descriptions of all outings listed here, as well as contact information and up-to-the-minute outings & activities on the Michigan Chapter website at michigan.sierraclub.org.

Outings, political & conservation activities & general meetings are hosted regularly by groups throughout the state. Meetings are open to the public & everyone is welcome. If you live in an area that does not have a local group & you would like to start one, please call 517-484-2372 for more information. In the Outings listings below, [E] = educational content, [C] = conservation focus, [T] = trail maintenance, [S] = service. Trips begin at the trailhead. Fees are a suggested donation. Outings are open to everyone. All participants on Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. To read the liability waiver before you participate in an outing, please visit www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms, or contact the Outings Department at 415-977-5528 for a printed version.

September

9/15 SEMG [E] Maybury State Park Hike
9/16 SEMG [E] Lake Erie Metropark Hawkfest
9/21 SEMG Outings Committee Meeting and Potluck
9/22 NG Hadley-Metamora State Park Hike
9/22 SEMG Bald Mountain South Hike
9/23 CG Mushroom Hunt
9/24 CG Beginning Backpacking Part I
9/29-30 NG Why Drive Up North Backpacking Weekend
9/30 HVG Gallup Park / Arboretum Hike
9/30 SEMG [E] General Custer Week Celebration

October

10/6-10/7 NG Jordan River Pathway Fall Backing
10/7 CG Zukey Lake Paddle
10/7 SEMG Bald Mt North Hike
10/7 HVG Waterloo Recreation Area Hike
10/13 NG For-Mar Nature Preserve Hike
10/13-10/14 SEMG [E] Hoist Lakes Backpack Trip
10/14 SEMG Belle Isle Hike
10/14 HVG Silver Lake Hike
10/16 HVG HVG Monthly Public Program
10/20 NG Sawdust Corners Hike
10/20 SEMG [E] Independence Oaks Hike
10/20-10/21 CG Beginning Backpacking Part II
10/21 SEMG [E] Potawatomi Trail Hike
10/21 HVG Waterloo Recreation Area Hike
10/26 NG Holly North Full Moon Hike
10/27 SEMG Huron Meadows Hike
10/27 NG Crim Hike
10/28 SEMG Highland Hike

November

11/3 SEMG Proud Lake Hike
11/3 NG Flushing Riverview Trail Hike
11/9 HVG Learn how to become an outings leader!
11/10 NG Hadley Hills Hike
11/10 SEMG Stony Creek Hike
11/14 NG Sierra Club Monthly General Membership Meeting
11/17 CG Bird Count & Winter Migrating Ducks
11/17 SEMG Holly Dayhike
11/17 NG Fairgrounds Hike
11/18 SEMG Kensington Metropark Hike
11/23 SEMG Annual Post-Thanksgiving Turkey Trot
11/24 NG For-Mar Nature Preserve Hike

December

12/1 SEMG Addison Oaks Hike
12/1 NG Murphy Lake Hike
12/8 SEMG Maybury State Park Hike
12/8 NG Sierra Club Christmas Party At Ligon Outdoor Center
12/9 SEMG Mystery Hike
12/12 NG No Membership Meeting in December. Please See 12/8 Christmas Party
12/15 NG Bald Mt South
12/16 SEMG [E] Seven Lakes Hike
12/30 SEMG Wolcott Mill Hike
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Sierra Club’s First Hunter Angler Conclave
JOIN GLEN SHEPPARD AND RUSTY GATES, NOVEMBER 3
by Rita Jack

If you read this newsletter, and if you hunt or fish, we’d like to meet you! Come join the first annual Michigan Sierra Club Hunter Angler Conclave. We’ll gather at Gates Au Sable Lodge near Grayling on Saturday November 3 to find out what interests you, and to get to know each other.

Over the last several years, Sierra Club’s Michigan Chapter has built new alliances with hunters and anglers to protect our outdoor heritage. Protecting the Mason Tract from a wrong-headed drilling proposal is just one recent example of our common goals. Let’s find more ways to work together.

Veteran outdoorsman Glen Sheppard, editor of the widely read and appreciated North Woods Call, will speak during lunch. Rusty Gates, respected leader of Anglers of the Au Sable, will tell us what’s next for the Anglers. Everyone who attends will receive a Sierra Club Camo T-shirt!

Join us from 10 until 3. Lunch is on us. Contact me to RSVP at 517-484-2372 or at rita.jack@sierraclub.org. Hope to see you there!

Visit our website for more information, www.michigan.sierraclub.org. Gates Au Sable Lodge is located at 471 Stephan Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738. Visit www.gateslodge.com for a map and directions.

Volunteer Photo Editor Needed!
Have a good eye? Have good organizational skills? Does cataloging digital photographs from a wide range of photographers and keeping track of them appeal to you? If so, the Michigan Chapter needs you. We seek someone to manage the entries for our annual photo contest. If you’re interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity, please contact amanda.hightree@sierraclub.org.

JOIN US OCTOBER 10 FOR SIERRA CLUB LOBBY DAY
It won’t be long before the leaves change, the air grows crisp and we’ll be reaching for the thermostat. Our need for reliable energy will never go away, but Sierra Club believes that we do NOT need new, polluting coal or nuclear plants to keep us warm. Michigan needs clean, renewable energy sources and an aggressive energy efficiency program designed to make better use of the energy we already have.

This is what Sierra Club members and others will tell lawmakers during Lobby Day, Wednesday, Oct. 10, in Lansing. In addition to energy, we’ll also lobby to protect Michigan’s water resources.

Join scores of Sierra Club members and friends for an exhilarating day of citizen action and power! As one new citizen lobbyist put it, “The energy shared was exceptional and will propel me forward. I made new contacts and crossed the boundary…lobbying no long feels daunting, and neither does entering a Sierra Club gathering.”

To register, send an email to gayle.miller@sierraclub.org or visit our website at www.michigan.sierraclub.org/lobbyday.