Parks and Soils Campaign a Success

by Jack Harris

In a special 5th of July “icing on the cake” celebration, more than 50 Missouri citizens gathered on the lawn and south steps of the State Capitol. Representatives from farm and environmental groups and various individuals were present to witness the submission of well over 270,000 signatures collected in support of the Parks and Soils Initiative Petition campaign.

Local media were present to record the event. The boxed petition forms, first stacked up on the Capitol steps, were loaded into a trailer motor boat which was, in turn, pulled by a large tractor (symbolic of the parks and soils collaborative effort) for delivery to the Secretary of State’s office. The huge number of signatures clearly is evidence of the enthusiastic public support for these programs.

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LEAD MINING

Conservation Commission Backs Down on Lead Exploration Decision

by Ken Midkiff

In a stunning victory for environmentalists and conservationists, the Missouri Conservation Commission, at its meeting August 16, passed a motion rescinding all previous actions on the lead mining issue. The motion reversed the commission’s decision to authorize the director of the Department of Conservation to issue exploratory drilling permits and a mineral lease on state conservation areas in the vicinity of Round Springs on the Current River.

This reversal came as a result of a short and intense public and political pressure campaign by the Ozark Chapter, involving alerts to all members, solicitation of support by state senators and representatives, a media campaign, letters and phone calls to other environmental and conservation groups, and radio commercials around the state. This effort resulted in a deluge of phone calls, letters, and faxes to the Governor, members of the Commission and the Department of Conservation.

The issue immediately galvanized public opinion. The Current River area is a favorite spot for thousands of Missourians who annually float, fish and relax in the Ozark Scenic Riverways. The thought of industrial mining activities in this area was reprehensible to all outdoor-loving citizens.

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Nor did the Commission members or Director Jerry Presley ever offer any reason for the move. There was some talk from Presley of “economic development,” but this didn’t pass muster because mining is a “boom and bust” proposition. Then Commissioner Anita Gorman said there was no intention of mining the area, but it would be a good idea to allow exploratory drilling “just to know what is down there.” If there is no intent to mine, then what does it matter what is down there?

So only speculation remains as to the real motive for the action. It is apparent that Doe Run Mining Company used its relationship with at least one Commission member to bring the matter to action. Because all public knowledge and input were thwarted by the item not being

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Tailings, dam and pilings at St. Joe State Park.
Photo courtesy of Tom Kruzen, Ozark Riverkeepers Network.

Press Conference at the State Capitol South Steps.
Photo by Jack Harris.

Just recently, the Secretary of State’s office issued a certification statement that the Parks and Soils issue will be on the November ballot. Sierra Club members noted at the event were Ken Midkiff, Ozark Chapter program director; Troy Gordon, Chapter Conservation Committee member; and Jack Harris and Pat Harris of the Eastern Missouri Group. Art Towers, Mark Reed and Dan Berg, all of St. Louisans for Clean Water and State Parks, also attended.

Citizens’ Committees for Soils, Water Conservation and State Parks Co-chairman Don Fisher led off the public statements on behalf of the statewide organization. Ken Midkiff made a supporting statement representing the Ozark Chapter, and Jack Harris made a brief statement on behalf of STLCAWSP. Several other organizations and individuals also made statements.

The Sierra Club was an active supporter of this statewide effort, and all members are congratulated for their essential contribution.
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Corporate Agriculture: Low Quality, High Prices
by Ken Midkiff

The changes in agricultural practices in the past 30 years have been nothing short of revolutionary. The transition from community-based diversified family farms to corporate-controlled industrial monocultural methodologies has been accomplished quickly and with cold efficiency. The results have also been astounding: fewer and fewer agricultural workers are responsible for delivering agricultural products. The number of farmers has correspondingly declined to the point where they compose only 2% of the population of this country.

Some components of agriculture are almost entirely dominated by a few large companies: 90% of poultry and egg production are controlled by a few agribusiness corporations. Independent beef farmers have recently filed suit against major meat packers claiming that those corporations in agriculture.

The social, economic, and environmental repercussions of the industrialization and "corporatization" of agriculture are well-documented. Rural communities have been decimated and their moral fiber destroyed. Farmers, who once prided themselves for their independence and rugged individualism, have been reduced to serfs or run off the land entirely. Good land stewardship was a requirement of traditional agricultural methods - farmers had to adapt to nature's cycles and whims, and if they failed to do so, they also failed as farmers. Now, modern industrial techniques attempt to make nature adapt - and the catastrophic and cumulative degradation of land, air and water are the results.

All of this striving to emulate modern industrial techniques has not resulted in any improvement in either the quantity or quality of food produced. Nor has it resulted in any price increases or decreases. Industrial techniques are specifically designed to do two things: to reduce the dependence upon people as the means of production, and to produce a uniform consistency of goods. The welfare state and McDonald's have in no way benefited farmers or rural communities. Yet, journals and newsletters published by alleged farming organizations and cooperatives continually spew out vitiol and rage against any efforts to control or restrict the activities of corporations in agriculture. It should be clear to everyone now that concentration of wealth and power are not in the best interests of anyone in any societal or economic endeavor. Diversity, independence, and freedom depend upon a sense of community, a connection with the land, and an emphasis on human values. Those values are antithetical to corporate industrial practices.

This article was first published in the Columbia Daily Tribune.

Ozark Chapter Conservation Committee Report
by Caroline Pufalt

The Ozark Chapter Conservation Committee met in August in Kansas City. Our agenda covered a wide variety of topics, from otters to presidential politics. A notable item was proposed exploratory drilling for lead on state conservation land near the Current River. Our active opposition was already well underway, but we did vote to request clarification from the State Auditor's office regarding the Missouri Department of Conservation's use of funds for this purpose.

We also discussed MDC's recent creation of a trapping season for river otters. Based on information available, we raised questions about the conservation rationale behind this policy, and we will seek to have an MDC spokesperson available for a later meeting.

We enjoyed the company of a representative from U.S. Rep. Karen McCarthy's office. She spoke to our committee about Rep. McCarthy's experiences in Washington, D.C., and the challenges of keeping up with mail and inquiries from citizens. She encouraged us to keep contact with Rep. McCarthy on any issue of concern. McCarthy is a representative from the Kansas City area. We have endorsed her, and she has maintained a good environmental voting record. We also discussed the development of 1997 conservation priorities for the Club as a whole. This discussion is also encouraged at the group level. Among those present at the August meeting, public lands and wilderness protection received the most votes. Clean air, clean water and population issues were next in priority.

Two Sierrans, Ron McLinden and Ginger Harris, were candidates for the Governor's Total Transportation Commission in Missouri. We were disappointed they were not selected but, more important, we were disappointed no one on the commission appears to come from a strong environmental perspective. We will remain interested in the commission's work and be as involved as we can from the outside.

We also enjoyed a visit from a fellow Sierran from Oklahoma. Mike Arnett updated us on the Southern Plains Regional Conservation Committee. This is a level of Club organization not all Sierrans are familiar with, but the regional conservation committees have been in operation for many years and have provided an important vehicle for inter-chapter cooperation, organization and training.

The Ozark Chapter has been an associate member of the SPRCC because we are on the border of their region, which includes Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma. We send a delegate to their meetings, currently Jim Rhodes from the Eastern Missouri Group.

Mike encouraged us to make the best use we can of the SPRCC's structure and to consider the many issues we have in common with that region. He mentioned hog farms, the burning of toxic wastes at cement kilns and regional forest planning. We discussed ways we might work together on these issues.

Our next Conservation Committee meeting is September 29 in St Louis. All Sierrans are invited to attend. Please contact your group representative for details.

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Very special appreciation and thanks are due the following individuals for organizing and coordinating the signature collection campaign in their various locales across the state:

- Eastern Missouri Group - Kathy Bildner
- Thomas Hart Benton Group - Steve Callahan
- Trail of Tears Group - Gloria Krehee
- Osage Group - Joe Engeln
- White River Section - Bob Rodgers
- Kansas City area

The campaign leaders wish to express their sincere appreciation to each and every individual who devoted time and energy to the success of the program. Now, mark your calendar for November 5. The payoff is in the voting booth. Missouri voters can show the way to a greener and cleaner 21st century. Be there! And don't forget to take a friend along. Questions and inquiries may be directed to:

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or Ken Midkiff, 314-815-9250
Program Director
Sierra Club Supports New Measures Against Ozone

by Craig Volland

After a spirited debate, the Kansas City Air Quality Forum has recommended and the Mid-America Regional Council board has accepted a comprehensive set of control measures to improve the air quality of the Greater Kansas City area. Like other large cities, Kansas City will install a centralized inspection and maintenance program for gasoline powered vehicles, assuming approvals are obtained from both state legislative bodies. The details of this program have yet to be worked out.

The Sierra Club has called for the “Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance” system because it is the most cost-effective, achieves substantial gas savings and substantially reduces particulate emissions. It is the only common I&M procedure that will reduce emissions enough to make a difference in solving the city’s ozone problem.

Others on the panel pushed for a weaker procedure, including an anti-tampering and pressure check, in the belief that the state legislative bodies will not approve enhanced I&M. If this turns out to be the case, the Sierra Club will have to re-evaluate its support of vehicle inspection because the weaker procedure does not reduce emissions enough to justify the cost and inconvenience to motorists.

During the debate, both the Sierra Club and the Kansas City Greens pointed out that low-income people tend to drive the most-polluting automobiles, in part because the area’s poor public transportation system gives them little choice, particularly in getting to new jobs being created in the suburbs. We won commitments from MARC to identify improvements to expand the transit system in a five-county service area in connection with the next update of the Long Range Transportation Plan. MARC is near finished with a study of public transportation. This transit study will doubtless ignite a new debate on this issue.

The smog plan also includes provisions for no-fare transit during the high-ozone season (June 1-September 15). Although this will be a big boost for low-income people who regularly ride the bus or who can conveniently get to work via the existing route system, it doesn’t solve the problem of getting people to new jobs in the suburbs, hence the initiative to expand the system region-wide. Overall, though, we have succeeded in raising consciousness among city officials regarding the value of public transit to improved air quality.

Another important element is the “clean fuel fleets” initiative. Public and private fleet operators would be required to switch a portion of their fleets to less-polluting fuels, such as propane or natural gas.

At the beginning of the debate, the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce announced they had already done their part in reducing emissions and it was up to motorists to do theirs. This was not a responsible statement to make as a public authority. The Sierra Club held out for a commitment from MARC to re-examine the issue of emissions from industry, both large and small. MARC has acknowledged that methodical reductions in such emissions would remain part of a comprehensive air quality improvement program. Much work remains to be done in fleshing out the details and obtaining funding to implement this comprehensive air quality improvement program. However, the Sierra Club got most of what we wanted. We’ll keep you posted.

Short Trips

by Ron McLinden and Ginger Harris

Governor Carharn left out environmentalists but included lots of highway and business interests when he released a list of appointees to his special Total Transportation Commission (TTC) in mid-July. (See article by Ron McLinden in the July/August Ozark Sierran.) The governor created the TTC to review Missouri’s “total” transportation needs (i.e., all modes, including rail, barge, airport and public transit, in addition to highways) and to make recommendations for meeting these needs. We expressed our disappointment to the Governor in a letter dated August 8. “Transportation decisions, quite frankly,” we said, “are too important to be left to transportation interests alone.”

Although the Sierra Club has not received a seat at the table, we have met with several people who were appointed, including TTC Chairman Elly Klong, a St. Louis merchant banker and member of the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission. Klong was receptive to our concerns, including the notion that the TTC should focus on what we termed the “total efficiency” of society (as opposed to merely transportation efficiency). We suggested an emphasis on total efficiency might not only be good for the environment but might also give Missouri an advantage in a competitive global economy.

Kling encouraged us to attend the TTC meetings in Jefferson City, and we expect to do so. He also told us there would be five meetings around the state to get public input. Stay tuned for times and places.

MARC Initiates Perimeter Study

The Mid-America Regional Council has initiated a study of transportation needs in the suburban fringe around Kansas City. Officially known as the Perimeter Transportation Needs Assessment Study, the project has involved gathering input from the public, developers and other transportation interests on transportation problems and needs in the “burbs.” Sierrans and other environmentalists participated in community workshops in July and a special-interest roundtable in August.

The Perimeter Study grew out of what was originally intended to be an outer beltway impact analysis. The focus shifted late last year after the 21st Century Parkway, a key element of the proposed outer belt highway, was scaled by the Johnson County (Kansas) Commission following a spirited public involvement process that saw hundreds of exurbationists turning out to oppose the project. Sierra Club activists were active opponents of the “porkway.”

The Perimeter Study is significant in that it might be the first time a MARC study has attempted to confront sprawl head-on. A previous study, the Urban Core Growth Strategies Report, released in 1992, looked at the flip side of sprawl, the decline of the old center city and what could be done about it. The Perimeter Study team is headed by Freilich, Leitner and Carlisle, a Kansas City firm with a national reputation in growth management issues. It may be overly optimistic to expect Kansas City to embrace growth management practices as a result of this study, but we all used to have privies in the back yard. The final report, due early next year, should be the focal point for continued public dialog on sprawl and sustainability issues.

Club Moves Closer to Legal Action Against Page Avenue Extension

The national Sierra Club has agreed to participate in the 60-day notice letter which St. Louis attorney Lew Green is preparing to send to potential defendants in a lawsuit to stop the Page Avenue expansion. The case challenges the legality of constructing a highway bridge through Creve Coeur Lake Park when alternative routes and modes for handling traffic from St. Charles County are available. The legal challenge could be significant.

Meanwhile, the Missouri Department of Transportation has quickly increased the cost estimate for Phase I of Page Avenue by $47 million to $285 million.

Campaign Finance Reform

Ed Garvey will be the featured speaker at a series of public meetings on campaign finance reform in mid-October. Campaign finance reform is considered by many as key to getting responsible government, including good environmental policy. Garvey, a labor attorney and active Missourian, will speak on October 11 in St. Louis to the American Cancer Society on Lindell, 531-7536; October 12 in Kansas City (contact Doris Germer, 816-741-5528); and October 13 in Columbia (contact Marcia Clark in St. Louis, 314-822-3447).
Not Just Politics as Usual, Tales from a Political Junkie
by Chris Hayday

Well boys and girls, the political season is really starting to heat up now that we’re past the primary elections. There are several races in which the Sierra Club will be taking part, so pay attention to the race in your part of the woods. Whether it be Springfield, Cape Girardeau, St. Louis, or even Ottawville, chances are there’s a race that will affect you. So get involved...do your part to save the world.

The Ozark Chapter was actively involved in many races across the state and we came through the primary elections in pretty good shape. Tom Marshall (D-26) was narrowly defeated, 52% - 48%. Tom consistently stood up for our issues and concerns. The Chamber of Commerce may disagree, but Tom will be missed.

In St. Louis, Pat Daugherty serves on the Energy and Environment Committee and has long been an environmental hero. Columbia was a hotbed for primary races and the Osage Group was able to help three candidates get elected to new positions; two in the House and one in the Senate. Chick Graham (D-24) and Vicky Riback Wilson (D-25) won their races for the Missouri House, Ken Jacobs (D-19) won his race for the Missouri Senate. Jacob scored a 95% in our voting chart and promises to be one of the two strongest allies in the Missouri Senate. This was an extremely important in all of these races, but particularly in the 25th Missouri House. We were cited as one of the momentum swingers midway through the race when our endorsement was announced and the Sierra Club was credited as one of the reasons our candidate won. Sticking to her theme, Wilson credited her victory to her message “controlled growth.” We were also involved in Chuck Graham’s victory. Graham is a young and energetic activist and has the kind of enthusiasm for the environment we usually only dream about in a candidate. He is sure to be an outspoken advocate. We’ll now move on to the general races where our candidates will again be depending on the Sierra Club for support. Many of our candidates face tough general elections and it is critical that we get involved and help elect our friends. The Ozark Chapter will be active this election season, so contact your group political chair to get involved. Don’t know who to call? Worry no...here’s who to contact:

- Eastern Missouri Group: John Feldman - (314) 862-3916
- Thomas Hart Benton Group: Gale Burrus - (816) 763-5120
- Keet Koppey - (816) 966-9544
- Osage Group: Chris Hayday - (573)-875-4507
- Trail of Tears: Brian Alworth - (573) 334-7978
- White River Group: Bob Rodgers - (417) 753-5051
- Statewide: Terry Sebben. This year, the Ozark Chapter reunion and campout is back at Cuivre River State Park in Lincoln County near Troy, just about an hour’s drive northwest of St. Louis off Highway 61. We will again be in Camp Sherwood Forest with its rustic cabins and beautiful trails. And again there will be plenty of good food prepared by friendly and expert cooks under the direction of Terry Sebben.

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Chapter Campout... 

by Jim Rhodes

It’s hard to believe that fall is just around the corner, with cooler temperatures, the need for warmer clothing and the leaves turning glorious shades of red and yellow. In short, perfect weather for hiking and outdoor activities with your friends.

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This is your opportunity to get together with fellow Sierrans from around Missouri, enjoy the fall weather in a beautiful State Park and just relax and enjoy the weekend. So send in the attached registration form with your check, and you will receive an information packet with a schedule of events, recommendations on what to bring and your cabin assignment.

Space is available for those who wish to tent camp. We will try to accommodate any special requests, but advance notice will be appreciated.

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Come One and All!

Registration Form—Oct. 12/13 Campout

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- address
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child: 0-3 yrs free
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child: 6-12 yrs
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Forest Service Modifies Timber Salvage Program
by Caroline Pufalt

Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman has announced new guidelines for implementation of the infamous timber salvage program known as "loggin' without laws." This law, passed in 1995 by the Republican-controlled Congress, permits widespread logging under the guise of salvage timber sales without the protections of environmental laws.

Salvage sales usually involve forest areas that are seriously damaged by fire, disease or wind. But the 1995 law greatly expands the definitions involved in salvage sales and permits outright disregard of environmental laws such as the Endangered Species Act and Clean Water Act. Since its passage, the logging without laws provision has resulted in the logging of thousands of acres across the country. Intense controversy has surrounded the cutting of some old-growth forests in the Pacific Northwest that had previously been protected.

In 1995, President Clinton initially vetoed this bill but later signed it as a "rider" included in a larger appropriations package. Although his administration has criticized the law and admits its passage was a mistake, environmentalists have been disappointed that Clinton has not acted sooner and more forcefully to blunt its impacts. The President could, for example, intervene and stop specific controversial sales. Thus, when Secretary Glickman announced revised guidelines for the logging without laws provision in July 1996, most concerned citizens were thankful but wondered why so little so late.

Glickman's directive included the following changes to the logging without laws (LWL) provision:

- No salvage sales in inventoried roadless areas may be carried out under the LWL provision unless these areas are "imminently susceptible to fire." Sales involving minimal new road construction would be priority. This is aimed at limiting sales in roadless areas unless a true fire risk exists.
- The language of the LWL provision had permitted entry into roadless areas under flimsy pretenses.
- Each unit of a sale should have trees identified as disease infected, dead, damaged, or imminently susceptible to attack. Again, the language of the LWL bill was so flexible that "associated" green trees could be cut along with damaged trees with no required mitigation.
- Green sales readdressed as salvage sales and withdrawn cannot later be processed under the LWL provisions.

• Associated trees are defined as trees that must be removed only as necessary to provide access, ensure safety or improve forest stand condition in the sale area.

Although these directives from Glickman are generally a welcome clarification, they will not ameliorate the overall destructive impact of LWL. Glickman's directives apply only to new sales and are not a permanent change. They may have minimal impact on sales that are not in roadless areas, and they fail to address some of the worst excesses of the LWL provision. No change has been made concerning the disregard for environmental laws. Salvage sales could still, for example, knowingly harm the habitat of endangered species in what otherwise would be a violation of the Endangered Species Act. Also, nothing has been done to address existing LWL regulations that do not allow for legal challenges to the law or to timber sales under the law. Despite this provision, some lawsuits have been filed against LWL sales.

In Missouri, the Ozark Chapter filed suit against such a sale in the Mark Twain National Forest. Although they won an initial stay against the logging, we lost the case. The existing LWL provision provides extreme latitude to the Forest Service and does not provide for judicial review.

One Down, One to Go

At the same time that the Doe Run Mining Company approached the Conservation Commission, the company also filed applications to do mineral prospecting on Mark Twain National Forest lands along and just north of the Eleven Point River southwest of Winona. The Ozark Chapter has the same concerns about this area as the Current River area. The lands identified are near McCormack Lake, Greer Springs and many tributaries of the Eleven Point. The U.S. Forest Service is soliciting public comment on the applications. Please write promptly to:

Jody Eberly
Doniphan-Eleven Point Ranger District
Rt. 1, Box 1908
Winona, MO 65588

ANSWERS for Questions from KIDS PAGE on page 6

1. The Sierra Club has been working against the logging of old-growth forests in the Pacific Northwest.  

2. The logging occurred in roadless areas and was not subject to environmental laws.  

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4. Foxes grow a heavier coat of fur for winter time.

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Tailings, dam and pilings at St. Joe State Park. Photo courtesy of Tom Kruzen, Ozark Riverkeepers Network.
EMG outings


Sep 14 (Sat) Highway Cleanup. Follow the trail of magnetic tape to the cracked cassette 200 yards ahead. Diane DuBois, (314) 721-0594.

Sep 15 (Sun) Kinkaid Lake Backpack Trail. We will use a car shuttle to day hike about 9 miles of this 15 mile one way trail in Shawnee National Forest. Easy Walking. Wayne Miller, (314) 569-0094.

Sep 15 (Sun) Crane lake hike. 5 mile loop trail. Will visit shut ins area and have lunch on a glade. Stephen Finch, (314) 644-2553.

Sep 21-22 (Sat-Sun) Fifth annual solstice canoe trip on the Meramec River Onondaga Cave to Meremec State Park. Paul Stupperich, (314) 429-4352.

Sep 22 (Sun) Day hike at Hawn State Park. We will hike the north loop and also travel cross country to some of the little known areas of this beautiful park. Moderate, 6-8 miles. Elmer McNaulty, (314) 965-3181 or Bob Gestel, (314) 296-8975.

Sep 22 (Sun) Day hike at Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. View the old growth forest threatened with destruction by the Page Avenue Extension. Mark Kaufman, (314) 427-0058.

Sep 26 (Thu) Pre-trip planning meeting for beginners backpacking trip. (See backpack trip Oct. 5-6). Bring what equipment you have. We will discuss the use of each item and where to borrow of rent equipment. Trip limit 10 people. Cheryl Hogan, (314) 355-4711, or Bob Gestel, (314) 296-8975.

Sep 28 (Sat) 8 mile day hike at Weldon Spring Conservation Area. Steve Viggers, (314) 984-8752.

Sep 28 (Sat) Easy night hike ending at the wetland boardwalk to enjoy the full moon. Helen McCalle, (314) 822-3849 at home and (314) 451-3512 at work.

Sep 28-29 (Sat-Sun) Overnight backpack trip to the Taum Sauk area. Starting at Taum Sauk Mountain State Park, we will hike 6-8 miles to a back country camp. Bill Neubert, (314) 256-3273, or Bob Gestel, (314) 296-8975.

Sep 28-29 (Sat-Sun) Shawnee National Forest Weekend. Friday, Sep. 27 is optional. Canoe the Cache River cypress swamp, hike the Manchester trail, sleep in a tree house on bunks and foam mattresses or bring your own tent and camp deep in the Illinois Ozarks. Call by Sep. 12 to receive a reservation form. Must be prepaid by Sep. 20. Suzanne Smith, (618) 281-4782 (after 5 p.m. weekends only) or Terry Allen, (618) 398-1087.

Sep. 29 (Sun) Day hike to explore scenic Lower Rock Creek. Rugged, rocky trail. Experienced hikers only. Paul Stupperich (navigator) and Diane Favier, (314) 894-5549.

Oct 5 (Sat) 10 mile day hike at Hawn State Park. Steve Viggers, (314) 984-8752.

Oct 5-6 (Sat-Sun) Glade restoration outing at Washington State Park. We will gather native grass and wildflower seeds from within the park, then sow the seeds where we have cleared the cedars. Join us for one day of both. Free camping. Penny Holtzmann, (314) 487-2738.

Oct. 5-6 (Sat-Sun) Beginners backpack trip. An overnight trip. No need to buy equipment. We have loaners and local stores rent equipment. A short easy hike to a beautiful back country camp. There will be instruction on use of map and compass, safety, etc. A planning meeting and equipment check will be held Thursday, Sep. 26. Limit 10 people. Cheryl Hogan, (314) 355-4711, or Bob Gestel, (314) 296-8975.

Oct 11-13 (Fri-Sun) Chapter Reunion at Cuvire River State Park. Weekend outing with other Sierrans from around the state includes cabin camping, meals, hikes and other activities for children and adults. See article in this issue on Ozark Sierra. Call the EMG office, (314) 909-0890, or Jim Rhodes, (314) 821-7758.

Oct 19 (Sat) 10 mile day hike at Washington State Park. Steve Viggers, (314) 984-8752.


Oct 19-20 (Sat-Sun) Friends of Lucy Backpack II. Tackle along with Lucy and friends on an easy backpack. Good for families and people who like children. Destination to be determined. Lucy or Judy Eilken or George Behrens, (314) 644-6623.

Oct 19-20 (Sat-Sun) Overnight backpack on the Berryman Trail. We will hike part of this 24 mile trail through the Ozark countryside and camp at one of the many springs or watersheds. Moderate, 8-10 miles. Rich Krebs, (314) 939-4436.

Oct 20 (Sun) We’ll hike to Bell Mountain and to Johnson Shut-ins State Park. 8 miles with spectacular views. Paul Stupperich, (314) 429-4352.

Oct. 26 (Sat) Day hike at Creve Cour Lake Memorial Park. View the old growth forest threatened with destruction by the Page Avenue Extension. Mark Kaufmann, (314) 427-0058.


Oct 26-27 (Sat-Sun) Overnight back-pack trip suitable for beginners. An easy 3-4 mile walk in, make camp then just lay around reading or whatever. There will be short hikes for the more ambitious. Tom Ballard, (314) 487-8892, or Bob Gestel, (314) 296-8975.

Oct 27 (Sun) Weldon Spring end-to-end. On this different walk on a popular area, you’ll follow 9 miles of the path of Femme Ozage, Lewis, Clark, Katy, and Daniel Boone. We’ll organize a car shuttle. Wayne Miller, (314) 569-0094.

Oct 27 (Sun) Hawn State Park. We’ll explore the basis of Hawn taking the North loop and Pickle Creek trails while enjoying the colors of fall. Beginners welcome. Stephen Finch, (314) 644-2553.

THB outings

Sep 15 (Sun) at 2 p.m. THB/Kanza Groups potluck picnic at Hedge Park. Bring a dish, table service and blankets. A silent auction will be held during the picnic. This is a good chance to get together with our neighbors across the state line to share ideas and enjoy the outdoors. Call Claus Wawrzinek at (816) 561-7863.

Sep 21 (Sat) Public Transit Hike along the route of Kansas City’s proposed light rail system. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Nichols Fountain, 47th and Main. Call Ron McLinden at (816) 931-0498 for information.

Sep 28/29 (Sat-Sun) Cedar Creek hike. Enjoy a close-to-home backpack in the Cedar Creek area of Mark Twain National Forest. Only a two hour drive from Kansas City, and an easy trip that is ideal for beginners. Call Scott Hoober at (913) 722-3882.

Oct 6 (Sun) Day trip to visit Z Bar Ranch in the Kansas Flint Hills. Tours are provided for this ranch which is part of the National Park Trust. Call Doris Sherick at (816) 779-6708.

Be sure to check your group newsletter for more or current outings!