

# SHAWNEE TRAILS

Shawnee Group, Sierra Club

AUGUST 1999

## General Meeting

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There will be no general meetings of the Shawnee Group during the months of June, July, August.

Regular meetings of the Shawnee Group are 7:30 pm on the second Thursday of the month and will resume at the Unitarian Fellowship building, in September.

The Unitarian Fellowship is located at the corner of University Avenue and Elm Street, in Carbondale, Illinois.

Hope to see you there in September!

## Picnics instead of Meetings

There will be no general meetings in June or July or August. In place of these meetings, the group will have its annual summer time picnics.

The **August picnic** will be held at **Spring Arbor beach** on the **21st**. Don Lawrence has a Windsurfer with instructors this year so if you come at **3 pm** you can do some windsurfing and get instruction. The picnic starts at **5 pm**. Brats and hotdogs will be served. Details on **page 3**.

## SPECIAL GLOBAL WARMING ALERT!

(From Sierra Club Action Online--Submitted by Barb McKasson)

**\*\* TAKE ACTION \*\* TAKE ACTION \*\* TAKE ACTION\*\***

### Critical vote on global warming, gas guzzlers continues to loom!

The response has been **FANTASTIC!** Calls have been pouring in to Senate offices demanding action. The efforts of grassroots environmental activists around the country has auto industry in a panic, and their lobbyists pounding the halls of Congress. They are worried because 31 Senators signed a "Dear Colleague" letter calling for the Senate to allow stricter CAFE standards to raise the manufacturer's average miles per gallon (mpg) of vehicles (SUVs, light trucks, and some cars still get very low mpg). Your efforts have been fantastic, but the fight is not over yet! **PLEASE TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO CALL YOUR SENATORS!!!**

Raising miles-per-gallon standards is the biggest single step we can take to curb global warming! It would also slash America's dependence on foreign oil, reduce pressure to drill for oil in sensitive wilderness areas, and strengthen our economy. After years of ducking the issue through anti-environmental riders in the Transportation Appropriations bills, the US Senate will soon vote on a **CLEAN CAR RESOLUTION**. Senator Gorton, Feinstein, and Bryan will be offering a resolution urging that the anti-environmental CAFE freeze rider be dropped from the Transportation Appropriations bill.

**TAKE ACTION NOW:** Write, phone, fax, or email your Senators and urge them to support the upcoming Gorton/Feinstein/Bryan **CLEAN CAR RESOLUTION!** Remind your Senators that global warming is one environmental threat we cannot afford to ignore!

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\*\*\*\* For more information on the vote, or other actions you can take to help stop global warming, contact the Sierra Club's global warming and energy team. Call (202) 547-1141 or send email to [steve.pedery@sierraclub.org](mailto:steve.pedery@sierraclub.org).\*\*\*\*

# From the Chairman

Mary Campbell

## Chapter Executive Committee Elections

Please check page four of the current Lake and Prairie, chapter newsletter. The ballot for state elections is on this page. The Ballots have to be returned by August 31st. Instructions for voting are included. Please vote.

## SEND THANK YOU

Our new senator Peter Fitzgerald signed on as a cosponsor of "America's Redrock Wilderness Act" He is the first Republican Senator to sign on as a cosponsor. This bill helps protect wilderness areas in Utah. This is a brave step for a freshman senator and Senator Fitzgerald needs to know we appreciate his support. Please call his office at 202-244-2854 and tell him "THANK YOU". Please also send him a thank you letter at : U.S. Senate Washington DC 20510.

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## **Picnic at Spring Arbor Beach**(Saturday, August 21)

Saturday, August 21--Beach Party, Spring Arbor Lake. Dress for swimming at the **Lawrence's** at 139 Spring Arbor Dr. Brats and dogs about 5 PM. Bring a potluck side dish or veggie or other substitute in case you are not into brats a/o dogs. A grill and charcoal will be available. Bring your own nondisposable tableware. Come earlier at **3 PM** if interested in learning about **Windsurfing** and to give it a try, to swim, or just to float using 'noodles' in the cool lake on a hot day in July while discussing issues of the environment or whatever. Directions: We're south of the Giant City School about 1 1/2 miles at the Spring Arbor sign on the right. If you get to the Little Grassy turnoff you've gone about a 1/2 mile past our entrance. The number is on my mailbox. Call Don at 457-8989 for further directions.

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## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE & FOLDING**

Every month we get together to fold the newsletter for the newsletter mailing. We welcome all the help we can get. The tentative deadline for the September newsletter will be August 22 with folding probably on August 26 at Dor Lawrence's house at 5:30 pm. To check on directions call Don at 457-8989.

## **EXCOM MEETING**

Our August meeting will be held at 5:30pm on August 19 at Barb Mckassons. All members are welcome to attend. For directions call Barb at 529-4824.

## **WWW**

Visit our website at <http://www.sierraclub.org/chapters/il/>. We have a new webmaster who is in the process of working out the details in taking over the site developed by Zach Shelton who will be leaving us soon for Wisconsin.

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**Chamber of Commerce Yard Sale.** The Chamber of Commerce yard sale is September 18th. This is a week earlier than we had thought so mark your calendars. More details will be available in the September newsletter.

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## **WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAVE PAPER AND RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL?**

Simply send a signed letter by regular mail or an e-mail message to <<donaldlaw@aol.com>> indicating that you would like to receive it by e-mail and I will put you on the e-mail list and take you off the regular mail list. Please give your name and regular PO address in your request.