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CAHABA GROUP GREATER BIRMINGHAM AREA

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TUE 7/20, 6:30 PM @
BIRMINGHAM ZOO
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ALEUTIAN ISLANDS

TWO PROGRAMS IN ONE FROM DR. MARSHALL PITTS,
SIERRA CLUB MEMBER. ALEUTIAN ISLAND
PHOTO'S & SNAKE / INSECT BITES!!!



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SIERRA CLUB APPLAUDS CALIFORNIA GLOBAL WARMING RULES

Statement by Dan Becker, Washington Director,

Global Warming and Energy Program, Sierra Club

WASHINGTON, DC - - Today, the Sierra Club applauds the release of the California Air Resources Board's (ARB) draft rule that would implement the state's vehicle global warming law. The ARB's draft rule fully complies with the 2002 California law - Assembly Bill 1493 - that was passed to reduce the impact of the global warming pollution from passenger vehicles. The Sierra Club supports the California clean car law along with most Californians, a 2/3 majority of the California legislature, and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Passed in 2002, Assembly Bill 1493 (sometimes known as the Pavely Law, after its lead sponsor) directed the ARB to adopt rules that would require automobile makers to reduce global warming emissions from new cars and light trucks beginning in 2009. Today's draft regulations are a step in the right direction for California because they will deliver clean car choices for consumers, and rely on cost-effective, currently available technology to reduce global warming emissions.

Despite widespread support from Californians, their legislators and Governor Schwarzenegger, no one should be surprised that the auto industry is preparing to attack these health protecting rules.

California has a responsibility to lead the attack against global warming. While we applaud ARB's efforts, the Sierra Club looks to California, and the rest of the United States, to increase efforts to reduce global warming emissions, and protect our environment for our children and communities. California is leading the way, and seven Northeastern states plan to implement the California rules when they become final. This will result in clean cars and light trucks being sold in states representing approximately 1/4 of the U.S. car market.

Note from the "Newsletter Guy"... I read the article above and the expression "what is wrong with this picture" comes to mind. Why isn't this initiative at the national level? Where is the leadership from our President and Congress? For answers to these and many more questions, may I direct you to the Sierra Club and League of Conservation Voters websites at...

SierraClub.org
LCV.org

Canoe the Elk River near Winchester TN
SAT 7/10 * CALL 205-854-7090

We will be traveling to the Elk River near Winchester and Lynchburg Tennessee. The flow of the Elk is controlled by Tim's Ford Dam, and water is released for recreational boating on week-ends. Although the river has a good strong current, there are no hazards and beginners are welcome. Meet at the Hayden/Corner Park and Ride on I-65 (exit # 284) at 8:00 a.m. For more info call trip leader Jim Temple at 205-854-7090

ExCom Meeting
MON 7/12 * CALL 205-795-2043

Executive Committee meeting at the Sierra Club SE Office at 6:30 pm. All members welcome and encouraged to attend and participate. Paul Perret 205-795-2043.

ICO Team Meeting
TUE 7/13 * CALL 205-970-6500

ICO Team Meeting 6:30 p.m. at Alabama Outdoors in Homewood to discuss July outings. Everyone welcome! If you are interested in working with inner city youths on occasional Saturdays, please join us at our meeting or contact Margo Rebar at 205-970-6500 e-mail, no expertise required.

mrebar@earthlink.net

Canoe Section 2 of Bear Creek
SAT * 7/17 CALL 205-795-2043

Section II of Bear Creek is an easy 9-mile paddle. Water flow is dam controlled, there should be plenty of water. There are no hazards or portages on this section, and it is suitable for beginners. For rentals, call 1-800-788-7070. Meet at the McDonalds on the right side of Highway 78 in Jasper. For more info call trip leader Paul Perret at 205-795-2043

Very Interesting Meeting...2 for the price of 1!
Aleutian Islands / Snake & Spider Bites!
TUE 7/20, 6:30 PM @ BIRMINGHAM
ZOO AUDITORIUM CALL 205-795-2043

Two programs in one from Dr. Marshall Pitts, Sierra Club member. First, enjoy the wildlife and scenery of the Aleutian Islands with pictures and stories from Dr. Pitts' recent trip, which included an involuntary extended stay in Russia. Then, get an update on the treatment of snakebite and spider bites, whether in the wilderness or your back yard. Dr. Pitts is a retired pediatric surgeon who continues to work overseas on medical missions, giving him a unique perspective on our planet and its people.

Newsletter Mailing Party & Potluck
THU 7/29, 6:30 PM * CALL 205-871-1981

Potluck supper at Dick Echols' home, 4032 Montevallo Road. Bring a dish and plan to make new friends and visit old ones. 6:30 pm. Dick Echols, 205-871-1981.

Parking Note: Please park on Glencoe Drive across Montevallo Road from Dick's house. Please do not park in Dick's driveway. This will

avoid "driveway accidents."

Desoto State Park Hike & Little River Falls Swim
SAT 7/31 * CALL 205-680-9263

We will travel to northeast Alabama to DeSoto State Park for a leisurely walk along the East Fork of Little River. Along the way, those who so wish might wade and swim in some of the pools and shallows. After the hike, we will travel a short distance to Little River Falls at the beginning of Little River Canyon and swim. For those interested, we might take a side trip to Desoto Falls. Meet at the McDonalds in Trussville (Just off exit #141, Chalkville Road Exit) at 9:00 a.m. For more info, call trip leader Audrey Alverson at 205-680-9263

Pool & Pot Luck Party
SUN 8/1 * CALL 205-982-1134

Virginia Cain and Ron Burkett have graciously volunteered to host our annual pool party and covered dish dinner this year. Bring a covered (or uncovered) dish to share with your fellow Sierrians. Please don't forget to put food in the dish. This is a good opportunity to socialize and ex-

change ideas with individuals who share a concern for our Natural World. NOTE: There are rest rooms, an outdoor shower, chairs and tables and a covered patio at the pool. The covered dish supper will be in the clubhouse. NO BATHING SUITS or WET TOWELS CAN BE WORN or TAKEN INTO THE CLUB HOUSE please bring a change of clothes. A donation for the cost of the clubhouse rental is requested.

DIRECTIONS: From the Flyover Exit # 13-A to Galleria BLVD; exit HWY 150 to the RIGHT. At second traffic light (PARADISE PARKWAY) turn right and go to 2nd brick building (Club house).

DIRECTIONS: FROM I 459: Take EXIT 10: EAST on HWY 150 for approximately 1.7 miles; LEFT at PARADISE PARKWAY; 2nd building on the right.

Hosts: Virginia Cain—205-982-1134 or 903-1152 & Ron Burkett—205-967-6639.

Alabama Chapter Photo Contest

Proud of Alabama? Proud of the Sierra Club? Proud of your photographs? Have I got a deal for you!

We don't have all the details worked out yet, but here is the proposal. Cahaba Chapter is sponsoring the state retreat this year. As part of the retreat we are going to prepare an audio visual montage of your photo's taken in Alabama (or on Sierra Club Outings). Selected prints may also be displayed for viewing / "people's choice" by retreat attendees (if we can get the materials and volunteers to help). Awards may be limited to "bragging rights", we don't have any prizes so far...but then October is a long way away!

Categories will include, but are not limited to...

- ?? SKY - Sunrise, Sunset, Clouds, Moon and Stars
- ?? Water - Flowing Water, Rapids, Waterfalls, Wetlands, Pond, Lake, Ocean
- ?? Terrain - Mountains, Valleys, Forests,
- ?? Plants, Animals
- ?? Sierra Club Outings & Events
- ?? Sierra Club Activist
- ?? Sierra Club Members and Children
- ?? Environmental Comment: Pollution, Sprawl, Trash
- ?? Environmental Humor

All photo's should be originals taken by you. Any prints submitted will be scanned (8 x 10 MAX) for possible inclusion in the photo montage and held for the retreat. (Scans will be made with care, but may not reflect exact colors or detail of your original). We won't be able to return prints, please keep your negatives and original prints. Don't worry if the picture is just a silly snapshot of a fellow Sierran, we still need it for the photo montage!

Mail prints (along with your name, address, phone number, description or location where photo was taken and commentary, if any, and e-mail address) to:

Del Kelso
1595 Oak Park Drive
Helena AL 35080
E-mail digital photo's to:
delkelso@fastmail.fm

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: Participation in the contest :
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Member Spotlight!

John Walker,
Club Membership
Chair...by S. Marie Vernon

Always willing to lend a helping hand, John Walker, Membership Chair for the Sierra Club, was voted into that executive position in August of 1995. He has done a fantastic job, since then, recruiting as many as 1,000 new members. He has done this by passing out a lot of brochures, serving a lot of refreshments, helping with advertising and publicity, talking with many adults and teachers and manning several membership booths, over the past nine years.

John speaks enthusiastically about this. He says, "One year alone, at Locust Fork, I recruited nine new members. I've also manned booths at Oak Mountain, Eastwood Mall, Lynn Park, Earth Day at Botanical Gardens, Earth Day at UAB, and at Auntie Litter. I've averaged about 4 new members a year, from these events. He goes on to say, "I've had the most success at the Tuesday night General Interest Meetings, held at the Birmingham Zoo. There I've averaged 2 or 3 new memberships a night and some months seven or eight new members at once."

John joined the Sierra Club in 1988 and has led hikes and been a major participant at the monthly newsletter mailing parties. Leading hikes stopped in 1996 after he hurt his knee while leading a group down a steep hill at Oak Mountain. Until March of 2003, he had participated in over 100 mailings for Sierra Club.

John is a Birmingham/Bessemer native. He retired after 40 years of service to The Office Outfitters where he worked in the graphic arts printing department. This is another testimony to his loyalty and commitment to success at whatever he undertakes to do. It is not a wonder that he is such a valued team player at Sierra Club.

John, everyone at the Sierra Club appreciates you! We are grateful for all your hard work and dedication!



Top 10 reasons & excuses for not signing & mailing the enclosed petition...

1. I can't afford 37 cents for a stamp due to the high gas prices for my Hummer.
2. It would take 30 seconds of my time and I'm just too busy.
3. Don't need to, we can trust local political and business leadership to look out for our best interest.
4. We really do need another shopping mall, within minutes of Hwy 280 and the Summit / Colonnade.
5. If God wanted the Cahaba River to be "natural" and preserved, He would not have put it so close to Birmingham!
6. Since the invention of bottled water in plastic containers, clean tap water is just not that relevant anymore.
7. We don't need the river for recreation, there is a great water park at Visionland!
8. We don't have anything better to do with the tax revenue.
9. Why should I? Past generations never saved anything for me!
10. I am the developer!

"Don't it always seem to go, you don't know what you've got till it's gone, they paved paradise and put up a parking lot" ... (Big Yellow Taxi - Joni Mitchell)

Wanted!!! Presenters for General Interest Mtgs.

Hey, why not? You're an interesting person with a story to tell. Present your environmental story and rally other members to the cause or share your outdoor adventure with those of us who had to stay at home and work! Contact Lisa Harris

harrisalisa@charter.net

Outings Notes

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.

Anyone is welcome on outings, but if you make repeated trips, please join the Club. (See details in this newsletter.) Join us for optional dinner if you'd like. Check difficulty rating and children/age requirements. Questions? Contact trip leader.

National Sierra Club Liability Waiver

In order to participate on 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 prior to the outing, please see <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/> or call 415-977-5630. **Canoe Trips:** All canoe outings are suitable for beginner/novice canoeists unless otherwise noted in the trip description. Life jackets are required and must be worn. You are responsible for finding your own canoe. Borrow one, paddle with a friend, or rent from Alabama Outdoors, 870-1919, or another outfitter. Bring your picnic lunch and something to drink while on the water. If you have further questions, please call the trip leader.

Directions to Meeting Places

Alabama Outdoors, Homewood—3054 Independence Drive on Hwy 31.

Birmingham Zoo Auditorium—2630 Cahaba Road, near Botanical Gardens.

Days Inn, Hoover—At the Intersection of Hwy 31 and Lorna Road, adjacent to I-65.

Golden Rule BBQ, Hwy 79—Right side of Alabama Hwy. 79 (as you're driving away from Birmingham).

Past Tarrant City, just past traffic light at intersection of AL Hwy 79 and Sunhill Road. Before Carson Road intersection, near Jefferson State Community College.

Hayden/Corner Park and Ride—Hayden/Corner exit 284 off I-65 North. Turn right off exit ramp, then first right, then enter parking lot on right.

Jack's, Double Springs—On U.S. Hwy. 278 in Double Springs just east of stoplight at intersection of Hwys 278 and AL 33 and AL 195.

McDonald's, Trussville—I-59 North to exit # 141 (Chalkville Road exit). Turn right at end of exit ramp and see McDonald's on immediate left.

McRaes, Roebuck—9110 Parkway East, just off I-59 at 4th Avenue South exit.

Oak Mountain State Park—I-65 South from Birmingham to Hwy 119/Cahaba Valley Road exit. Right off exit ramp, then left at first traffic light. Follow road 2 miles, then left at stop sign. Go 2 miles past the fee gate, then right onto Terrace Drive. Go to park office parking lot between boat parking and beach parking.

Office Max, Village East—7523 Crestwood Blvd. Across Crestwood Blvd. from Sears, Century Plaza.

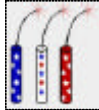
Piccadilly, Palisades—Piccadilly Cafeteria parking lot in the Palisades Shopping Center on Palisades Pkwy, just off Greensprings Hwy.

Ruffner Mountain Nature Center—I-20 to Oporto-Madrid exit. Head away from mall area. Go 1.5 miles, then turn right on Rugby Avenue. Go 1 mile, then turn right on 81st Street South Follow signs to the Center.

Shoney's, Oxford—I-20 East to Oxford exit 185. Left at end of ramp on AL 21. Go under interstate and see Shoney's on right.

Sierra Club S.E. Office—1330 21st Way South, near Five Points South, one block south of Highland Police Station. Turn onto 21st Way S. at Temple Beth-El. Go to end of block to last building on right.

At a Glance – Sierra Club Events – July 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6/27	6/28	6/29	6/30	7/1	7/2	7/3
7/4 	7/5	7/6	7/7	7/8	7/9	7/10 Canoe Elk River
7/11	7/12 ExCom Mtg	7/13 ICO Mtg	7/14	7/15	7/16	7/17 Canoe Section II Bear Creek
7/18	7/19	7/20 Very Interesting Mtg @ B-Ham Zoo Auditorium	7/21	7/22	7/23	7/24
7/25	7/26	7/27	7/28	7/29 Newsletter Mailout Party	7/30	7/31 Hike & Swim DeSoto State Park & Little River Falls
8/1 Pool Party	8/2	8/3	8/4	8/5	8/6	8/7



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