



OTZINACHSON

Sierra Club Energy Film Festival

Schedule of Films

Saturday, November 3rd*
at the **Langone Center**

First Session

- 1:00- Nobility
- 1:25- Wind over Water
- 2:05- The Day the Water Died
- 2:40- Too Hot Not to Handle

Second Session

- 4:00- Oil on Ice
- 4:55- Crude Impact
- 5:25- Range Wars
- 6:00- Kilowatt Hours

Saturday November 4th
at the **Daily Grind**

First Session

- 1:00- Oil on Ice
- 1:55- Crude Impact
- 2:25- Range Wars
- 3:00- Kilowatt Ours

Second Session

- 4:00- Nobility
- 4:25- Wind over Water
- 5:05- The Day the Water Died
- 5:40- Too Hot Not to Handle

** This event will also serve as part of Bucknell University's Focus the Nation campaign for solutions to the climate crisis (www.focusthenation.org), and as the local event for Step It Up 2 (www.StepItUp2007.org)*

Come join us for a series of films which are part of the Sierra Club's Energy Film Festival. We will be showing eight films which deal with many areas of the energy and climate crisis human kind faces. Come hear the words of Nobel Laureates, hear from traditional conservatives upset by the Bush Administrations drilling policies, see why wind energy is not without controversy, and see why flipping on a light switch may help to blow up a mountain. These are just some of the topics covered by the films we will be showing. For your convenience we will be showing the films on two days each in a different location.

On Saturday, November 3, The Otzinachson Group and the Bucknell University Environmental Center will sponsor a showing of the films along with at Langone Center 241 A,B,C. On Sunday, November 4, we will be showing the films at The Daily Grind which is located at # 6404 on the north side of Route 45 in the village of Vicksburg. Come for any or all of the films and relax with some snacks which will be available at both showings. ☞

Energy Films at Lycoming College, September 27 at 7 PM

"Too Hot Not to Handle" and "Kilowatt Ours" in the Lecture Room of the Fine Arts Building of Lycoming College. Both are Excellent Films and deal directly with the energy and climate crisis that we face. Otzinachson Group will be sponsoring the films along with the student environmental group LEAF.

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QUOTE

"Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts."

- Rachel Carson

Message from the Chair: New Beginnings

The Sierra Club prides itself on being a grassroots organization. Much of the strength of the club rests on the work of volunteers on all levels of the club. Here on the regional level of the Otzinachson Group, everything that happens is the result of the work of volunteers. We are the grassroots on which the club rests.

I am asking for more of our members to become active with the group. Involvement with the group can be as limited or expansive as you choose. Your commitment can be short term or long term. No expertise is required. The only requirement is the willingness to help. The issues that we face are critical and the time for action has to be now.

We all appreciate very much that you have made a financial commitment to the club with you membership. If you feel that you would like to make a greater commitment to the environment, please contact me at jmiller1018@yahoo.com.

Please help give a little nourishment to the roots of the club.

Jack Miller, Chair

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2008 Sierra Club Calendars

Remember calendar sales are our chief fundraiser, accounting for most of the Otzinachson Group's annual income.

Two styles are available—prices below indicate member's discounted price (including sales tax):

Engagement (Large Date Book) \$ 12.50

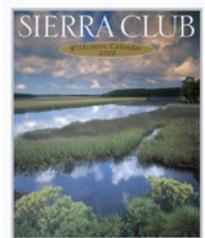
Wilderness Wall (Scenic Views) \$ 11.50

Shipping & Handling: For calendars to the same address, please add \$3.50 for the first calendar and \$0.50 for each additional calendar.

Fill out the form below. **Make checks payable to Otzinachson Group/Sierra Club.**

Mail the order form below and your check to: Roy Fontaine, 2007 Calendars, 1103 Washington Ave, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

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**Wilderness Wall
(Scenic Views)
Price: \$11.50**



**Large Date Book
Price: \$12.50**

Calendar Style	# of Calendars	Price
Engagement (\$12.50)		\$
Wilderness Wall (\$11.50)		\$
Total for Calendars		\$
Shipping & Handling		\$
Total Enclosed		\$



In the Words of a Sprogger

by Carly Giesen

During the middle of June this summer, I was surprised to find myself in an interesting situation: I was on an airplane headed to New Hampshire for a week-long leadership program held by the Sierra Student Coalition. Now for most people, this situation wouldn't come as a surprise. After all, a hiatus such as this requires lots of planning and forethought, and most travelers would probably have a pretty good idea of what they were getting into. Not me. Sure, I booked my plane tickets in advance and filled out all the paperwork, but the earlier part of my summer was so jam-packed that I barely had time to think about my trip until...the day I had to leave. Somehow I had packed and gotten to the airport with little thought as to where I was going and what I'd be doing there. And as I finally relaxed in my window seat, I wondered, "What is this SPROG really all about?"

Every summer, the Sierra Student Coalition, the student-oriented arm of the Sierra Club, holds programs all over the United States so that any high school or college student can learn to be an environmental leader. They call them SPROGs, short for summer programs, and the attendees are affectionately called "Sproggers." This year, I was going to be one of them. Over the course of a week, myself and the other Sproggers learned how to plan and organize a campaign, covering everything from lobbying skills and how to work with the media, to recruiting members and facilitating and running a meeting. All the tactics and strategies that we learned are the same ones that bona fide Sierra Club organizers use on an everyday basis.

As soon as I arrived at Kimball Union Academy, the boarding school where we were staying, the energy of my SPROG mentors was contagious! Some other Sproggers and I were the last to arrive, and I found it kind of intimidating to see such a huge group of students already playing games. But it didn't take long for everyone to get involved, and any tension melted away quickly. Through ice-breaking games and serious activities, we all got to know each other a little better. One of the most reassuring things was that within the first few hours we set up ground rules and "comfort zones" so we could all have a friendly and productive week. One thing was apparent: at SPROG, there was no cliques

or social stratification. We were all there for the same reason, and despite our diverse backgrounds, we were all friends. Such immediate acceptance was not something I was used to, and it was a huge confidence builder!

The entire week was structured so that we would learn a set of new leadership skills every day, each day building upon the last. Days started early, or at least earlier than I was used to getting up. All throughout the day we would have training sessions with short breaks in between, with a larger free-time break in the afternoon. Unlike my usual college lectures, trainings were fun and interactive while still being challenging. Every Sprogger became up close and personal with "The Matrix;" but don't worry, there were no red or blue pills involved! All I can really say about The Matrix is that it's an organ-

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Editor's Bookmark Picks

Living with Ed

Clever & Smart show highlighting the eco-friendly life of actor/environmentalist Ed Begley Jr.

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Montour Crossing: Development in the Wrong Place

by Anne Harris Katz

Envision Super-Lowe's, major supplier of home building and repair materials, located where it's inaccessible when you most need it. Picture such an important retail supplier on an artificial plateau above flood waters with an undated parking lot. See yourself as a local home or business owner, unfortunate enough to be flooded. Where do you get materials to repair and rebuild? That's the scenario being set up for a proposed development in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. It's called Montour Crossing.

There's more bad news. This development would put the area at greater risk of flooding, because it's on Loyalsock Creek's floodplain. It would "convert" approximately 140 acres of this floodplain into impervious surfaces - buildings and parking lots. The engineering design calls for a 47-acre excavation proposed to serve as a flood mitigator, as long as it's kept completely empty in perpetuity. The fill from this "Big Pit" would be used to create an island for the retail establishments to sit on - just above the current floodplain, except for their parking lots.

It will also destroy 140 acres of prime agricultural land, because that's how this floodplain property is currently used. And the same land has documented artifacts of historic and archeological significance. It's also adjacent to a scenic area, known locally for the much photographed and painted farm building called "The Stone Barn"..

There are traffic, water supply and sewage issues and questions of how to finance "Big Pit" cleanup forever. There are concerns the excavation could contaminate private and public well systems, or deplete them. And, there is a question of whether \$500,000 in taxpayer dollars should have been designated by our Governor to widen a bridge just for Montour Crossing. When each day brings more bad, front-page news about dead and deteriorating bridges across the state, this is a big deal.

Local businesses are concerned about their survival and jobs lost or downgraded if a Super-Lowe's comes to town. Some say, "We already have a regular-size Lowe's, and we can get to it if we're flooded. Why do we need a Lowe's dou-

ble this size, a mile away from the one we have now? What will happen to the current Lowe's building? Will it be another empty shell, unused and deteriorating - another brownfield site?" This last comment leads to where Montour Crossing might go without negatively impacting the environment, health, safety and esthetics of the area.

The county has several designated growth corridors where tax money has built infrastructure to support development. There are adequate access roads, water and sewer lines. There are numerous areas of brownfields. Many of these can support a development the size of what is proposed for Montour Crossing. So, why not encourage the Montour Crossing developer to look at these sites? There are those who counter by saying, "But the landowner who wants to sell his farm for Montour Crossing should be allowed to do as he sees fit for whatever price he can get." But should the public be put at risk for such freedom in land sale? There are other ways to get a fair price for environmentally-sensitive, agricultural land and still preserve the functional integrity of that land. A win-win outcome is possible if public officials and private citizens take action.

About nine months ago a citizens' group, the Coalition for Responsible Growth and Resource Conservation (CRGRC), formed to address this and other such issues. The CRGRC's board and officers include representatives from area watershed and historical associations, members of local municipal boards, and professional scientists with experience in use of environmentally-sensitive land. Its growing list of supporters (including the local Sierra Club chapter) numbers over a thousand. CRGRC recommends smart growth principles which balance economic need with environmental preservation.

CRGRC has been urging concerned citizens to become educated about the development plan and contact their elected. The CRGRC can be reached by postal mail at P.O. Box 11, Muncy, PA 17756, by email at crgrc11@verizon.net and by phone at 570.433.4681. ☞

Anne Harris Katz is Secretary & founding member of the Coalition for Responsible Growth & Resource Conservation



**Otzinachson Regional Group of the Sierra Club
Edward Abbey Hiking Society
Fall 2007 Outings Schedule**

Saturday, September 15: Family Hike at R.B. Winter

This hike will be ideal for all ages, including families with children or anyone interested in a less strenuous, more meandering experience. We will do a fairly level loop, starting from the western inlet to the reservoir, the length will be a minimum of 2 miles, but could get stretched out at the other end, depending on how energetic those with the shortest legs prove to be. Meet at 3pm at the bridge over the western inlet, by the trailhead parking lot directly on Rt. 192. This entrance is past the dam, west of the main picnic and camping area of R.B. Winter. West of Lewisburg on Rt. 192, up into the State Forest. Bring water and a snack. Various child carriers are available to borrow. Leader: Sam Pearson, 570-522-8159.

Saturday, September 22: Chuck Keiper Trail

We will hike from Route 144 to Penrose Road, a section of the CKT southwest of Renovo that includes the historic rock splash dam on Eddy Lick Run, 10 miles, moderate to strenuous. Meet at 9:00am in the parking lot of the Harvest Moon Restaurant, located on Route 220 west of Williamsport. Bring lunch; and water. Leaders: Catherine McLaughlin/Ed Lawrence. 570-925-5285.

Sunday, September 23: Golden Eagle Trail

Rated one of the best hikes in Pennsylvania, this hike has everything: views, streams and history, a great nature outing. Moderate to strenuous, 9 miles. Meet at 9:00am at the Sovereign Bank parking lot, Southern Ave., between Market and Hasting (Route 15), South Williamsport. Bring lunch and water. Contact Roy Fontaine 570-523-0987, 570-220-4707.

Sunday, October 7: Loyalsock Trail

We will hike the LT from Sone's Pond to the end of the LT at Route 220, passing the Haystacks. 6.5 miles, easy to moderate. Meet 9:30am at the McDonald's in Hughesville. Bring lunch and water. Severe weather cancels. Leader: Roy Fontaine 570-523-0987, 570-220-4707.

Sunday, October 14: Montour Preserve

This is a 4 mile hike on the West Branch Trail in the Montour Preserve, easy to moderate and a good location for birds and flowers. Bring snack and water. Meet at 12:30pm behind the Lewisburg Post Office or at 1:00pm in the parking lot at the Montour Preserve. Leader: Dave Hafer 570-523-3107.

Saturday, October 20: Family Hike at Dales Ridge

This hike will be ideal for all ages, including families with children or anyone interested in a less strenuous, more meandering experience. We will do a loop up to Dales Ridge, either the shortcut 1 mile route or the longer 3+ mile loop out to the overlook, depending on the cast of characters and how many rocks the 4 year olds need to throw into the creek. Meet at 3pm at the trailhead parking lot where Strawbridge Road crosses Buffalo Creek. To get there go west of Lewisburg on Rt. 192 and then north on Strawbridge. Bring water and snack. Various child carriers are available to borrow. Leader: Sam Pearson 570-522-8159.

Saturday, October 20: The Switchback Railroad at Jim Thorpe

We will hike the historic railroad grades of the Switchback Railroad at Jim Thorpe, a loop hike that begins and ends at Mauch Chunk Lake Park. 11 miles, moderate. Bring lunch, water and hiking boots. There are two meeting sites: Meet 8:30am at the Columbia Bank outside the Columbia Mall, Buckhorn Exit 232 off Route 80 or meet 10:00am at the boat launch in the Park. For more information and confirmation of attendance, contact leader: Sue Johnson 570-325-4599 or coordinator David Jansky 570-988-0544.

**Otzinachson Regional Group of the Sierra Club
Edward Abbey Hiking Society
Fall 2007 Outings Schedule**

Sunday, October 28: The Appalachian Trail

We will hike the AT from Caledonia State Park to Route 30. 8 miles, moderate. Meet at 9:00 am in the Snyder County Produce parking lot on Routes 11 & 15, 10 miles south of Selinsgrove. Bring lunch and water. Leaders: Catherine McLaughlin/Ed Lawrence. 570-925-5285.

Sunday, November 4: Old Loggers Path

We will hike the southern section of the OLP from Masten Ghost Town to Pleasant Stream Road. 12 miles, moderate to strenuous, with fine views. Meet 9:00am at the Ralston Post Office on Route 14. Bring lunch and water. Contact Roy Fontaine 570-523-0987, 570-220-4707.

Thursday, November 8: Cherry Run Rail Trail

We will hike the Cherry Run Rail Trail from Weikert through the tunnel and across the bridge. This is an easy 6+ miles. Meet 9am at the Staples Parking Lot, Route 15, Lewisburg. Bring water and snack. Leader: Debby Meade 570-523-7543.

Sunday, November 11: Moss Hanne Trail, Black Moshannon State Park

The Moss Hanne Trail completely encircles Black Moshannon Lake and passes through Black Moshannon Bog Natural Area, 11 miles, moderate. Meet 9am behind the Lewisburg Post Office or at Black Moshannon Park Office parking lot at 10:30am. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Paul Shaw, pshaw@ptd.net 570-672-2389

Sunday, November 18: Bruce Lake Natural Area

We will hike to and around a glacial lake complete with striations, located in Delaware State Forest, north of Promised Land State Park. 9 miles, moderate. Meet at 9:00am in the McDonalds parking lot located at the Mifflinville exit 242 of Route 80, east of Bloomsburg. Bring lunch and water. Leaders: Catherine McLaughlin/Ed Lawrence. 570-925-5285.

Sunday, November 25: Delaware Water Gap

We will hike the Jersey side of the DWG, climbing Mt. Tamany for gorgeous view of the Gap. Depending on trail conditions, we will walk up Dunfield Creek and return on the Appalachian Trail. About 6 miles moderate with the climb. Meet 9am in the parking lot of the First Columbia Bank next to the Columbia Mall, Buckhorn Exit 232 off Route 80. Bring lunch and water. Leader: David Jansky 570-988-0544.

Sunday, December 9: Ricketts Glen State Park

Our hiking route will depend on weather conditions. 7 miles, moderate. Meet at 10:00am in the parking lot of the Ricketts Glen Hotel, located 1 mile east of Red Rock on Route 118. Bring lunch and water. Leaders: Catherine McLaughlin/Ed Lawrence. 570-925-5285.

NOTE: *At times, unscheduled events will be added via e-mail. If you would like your name added to the unscheduled notification list, send your e-mail address to jrbar@localnet.com and put on the subject line "Unscheduled Hike List".*

**Otzinachson 2007
Meeting Schedule**

October 3

December 5

All meetings will be held at 7:00 P.M.,
First Baptist Church, 51 S. 3rd Street, Lewisburg

Directions available at <http://pennsylvania.sierraclub.org/Otzinachson>

All Sierra Club members & interested non-members are welcome!!!

In the Words of a Sprogger (con'td)

by Carly Giesen

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izational tool, and that its mystery is only exceeded by its power.

All of the trainings led up to one big event at the end of the week: the simulation. This is where all of the knowledge we picked up through the week was put into action, literally. Suddenly, we Sproggers were students at Foggy Bottom University, a fictional school that was hoping to run the campus climate challenge. Equipped with our collective brainpower and a week's worth of notes, we set to work to convince the student body and administration that Foggy Bottom should go carbon neutral. And did we ever! Whether the technique was photo petitions or protests, block parties or picnics, each group was successful in winning over the administration (who looked suspiciously—and by that I mean exactly—like our counselors). This final application of our newly learned skills was when everything really sunk in. We learned important lessons about running a campaign that can only be found by doing it; such as the need for background research, and yes, sometimes improvisation.

On the last day of SPROG, our counselors asked the entire group if we would recommend SPROG to others. There were unanimous positive answers, citing things like skills and the new friends that we'd made. But as I said then, and I'll say it again now: I would recommend SPROG to anyone and everyone, because *nobody* should feel like they can't go after their dreams. *Nobody* should feel powerless. Before I had come to SPROG, I had lofty dreams of how I could help the environment but I lacked the confidence and the skills necessary to put them into action. After? Now those dreams just seem like distant realities, waiting to be acted upon. SPROG gave me the tools I needed to take all the steps necessary in making my dreams turn to realities. And it doesn't end there. During my time with the Sproggers, I learned so much more about myself and others. I got to eat awesome food, dance the night away, and even learned to play a didgeridoo. Not to mention the fact that I met the most amazing people, students just like me who were out to change the world any way they could; people that I'll always have a special place in my heart for. So SPROG



Carly (bottom right) with fellow Sproggers and a prop created for a fictional event.

was a tool, but also an experience that I would recommend to anyone. SPROG is what you make it, and for me it was unforgettable. ☞

Global Warming Presentation by Ed Lawrence

On Tuesday evening, October 16th Otzinachson will host a very important program on the causes and effects of GLOBAL WARMING presented by the National Wildlife Federation's Ed Perry. Mr. Perry spent a 30 year career with the US Fish and Wildlife Service working to protect the streams and wetlands of Pennsylvania.

He now brings his experience and expertise to the NWF's global warming campaign, explaining the science behind and the consequences to fish and wildlife of a warming planet. Mr. Perry is not just sounding the alarm but is working to inform and organize the hunter/angler and conservation community so that together we can persuade decision makers to support efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and take personal action to reduce our own emissions. Join us for dinner at the BullFrog at 6:00 for dinner, prior to Mr. Perry's talk.

For more details, see page 8. ☞



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(across from the Community Arts Center)

Join us for dinner before the program

Contact Ed Lawrence at cathyed@nationi.net or 570-925-5285 for more information