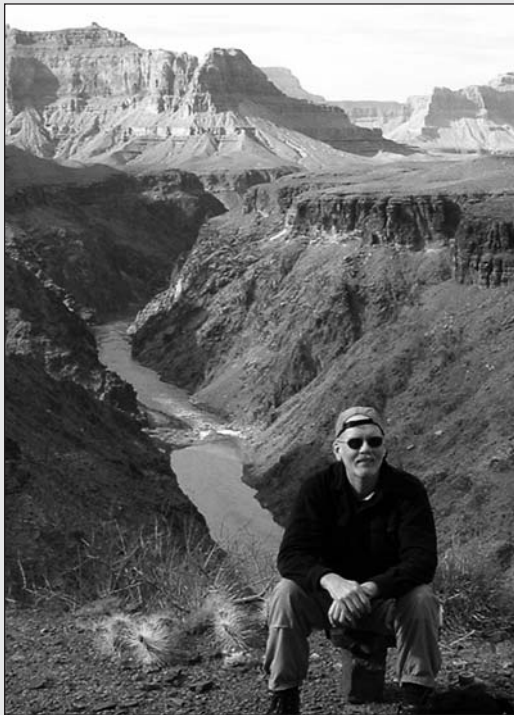




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The Poetry and Practicalities of Hiking the **GRAND CANYON** in Winter with Eric Hansen

Join us the evening of November 8th for a Grand Canyon hiking slide presentation by award-winning author and noted hiker Eric Hansen. Program at 7 PM at Bubolz Nature Preserve on Lynndale in Appleton.

Moderate temperatures, spectacular low-angle sunlight and lack of crowds make winter the perfect season to visit the Grand Canyon. Author Eric Hansen, a veteran of 24 Grand Canyon treks, will outline the attractions that make this a must-do outing for any hiker's life list. He will also highlight savvy strategies and logistics that make it a reasonable outing for average hikers – not just the superfit.

While the slide show presentation will center on inner-canyon hiking and backpacking, there will also be information on day hikes from the rim and trout fishing within the canyon. A handout will steer prospective hikers to resources helpful in planning your own Grand Canyon visit.

Eric Hansen is the author of *Hiking Wisconsin* and *Hiking Michigan's Upper Peninsula—A Guide to the Greatest Hiking Adventures in the U.P.* Eric's books will be available for purchase.

U.P. Sulfide Mine Proposals Threaten Our Headwaters and Great Lakes. Eric will also offer an update on the robust citizen's campaign to counter ill-advised proposals for sulfide mining to our north. Richard Milliken, Michigan's longest-serving governor, has joined that campaign and has taken a strong stand against the mine proposals. Visit SaveTheWildUP.org

FOX VALLEY SIERRA GROUP

2007 Executive Committee Ballot

Please vote for four positions. Refer to the accompanying article for information on each candidate.
Individual spaces are provided for joint members.

	Member 1	Member 2
Rich Krieg	_____	_____
Kelly Krupka	_____	_____
Sally Peck	_____	_____
Write-in Candidate	_____	
Write-in Candidate	_____	

Please vote for four positions. Return the completed ballot to:
Sandy Krupka, 151 Richard Avenue, Neenah, WI 54956

Deadline for voting is December 20, 2007



RICH KRIEG
Green Bay
Member since 1992

Occupation:
Biology Teacher,
Green Bay East

Background in Sierra Club Activity:
Active in the Chapter's River Touring Section. Past FVSG Political Chair.

Candidate Statement:

What are your goals for FVSG?

My interest in the environment comes from childhood family camping and canoeing trips. Today, I think it is imperative that all Sierra Club members become politically involved in working to protect the places we love. I have recently been volunteering as FVSG's "Cool Cities" chair and would like to continue in that role. Considering the lack of leadership at the federal level, it is very exciting that our cities and their mayors are taking a leading role in solving environmental problems. Our group should be assisting Fox Valley cities in these efforts.

What conservation issue have you followed recently?

To me, the most exciting development in environmentalism in a long time is the movement in cities around the world to become sustainable. Another very important development is the rapidly growing efforts to re-develop locally based diets.

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KELLY KRUPKA
Neenah
Member since 1999

Occupation:
Graphic Artist,
Custom Printing, Inc.

Background in Sierra Club Activity:
Newsletter editor/designer of *It's Our Nature* and designer of *The Muir View*. Current FVSG fundraising chair.

Candidate Statement:

What are your goals for FVSG?

Having recently taken on the position of fundraising chair, I would like to think of new ways to raise money for our group so we can continue supporting different causes and printing our newsletter.

What conservation issue have you followed recently?

Eating organic and all natural foods is important to me but the price of these foods in grocery stores is outrageous - until recently. More and more people are realizing the benefit of eating healthy and businesses are taking notice. The "natural foods" sections in grocery stores are growing and specialty stores are popping up throughout the valley. Not only that, but large corporations have introduced

organic foods for just pennies more than their other brands. If organic foods keep gaining in popularity, who know what positive environmental changes we will see!

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SALLY PECK
Green Bay
Member since early
1980's

Occupation: I work in my home with my husband's insurance business. I am an herb gardener and a volunteer at the Green Bay Botanical Gardens.

Background in Sierra Club Activity:
I have worked on the board in several positions. I have been the treasurer for the Fox Valley Group since about 1985.

Candidate Statement:

What are your goals for FVSG?

I believe in the Sierra Club's environmental policies. I am very willing to continue on the board if elected. I would like to be able to identify and train a new treasurer for the group.

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(920) 468-5986

A Relaxing Commute

by Kelly Krupka

My boss is on an environmental kick. Not that it's a bad thing, but he's been trying to talk everyone into riding their bikes to work in Appleton. He only lives a few blocks from work; I, on the other hand, live in Neenah.

After decoding the Valley Transit map, I came up with a commute that would allow me to bike through most of Menasha, ride the bus to the transit center in downtown Appleton, then bike the rest of the way to work. The new Rack 'N Roll bike racks on the front of the buses would allow me to skip over the high traffic areas. I may be

adventurous, but dodging speeding cars at seven in the morning doesn't really appeal to me.

The morning after I got certified to Rack 'N Roll, I set out on my bike for my first ever bike and bus commute. Traffic was light in downtown Neenah while I peddled my way to Menasha. I got to the bus stop earlier than I anticipated so I checked the map then rode for another 5 minutes to the next stop across the street from Menasha High School. I was still a bit ahead of schedule. If I missed the bus, the next one wouldn't be by for another hour so I decided just to sit back and relax. The summer school students and athletes entertained me while I waited. Numerous teams were running laps around the campus with sweaty brows and

heavy feet. Oh, how I hated running! I don't think anyone really enjoys it. When's the last time you saw a jogger smiling?

I heard that familiar sound of a diesel engine as the bus came around the corner. I'd be lying if I didn't say I was a little bit anxious about my first ride. The driver slowed but must have mistook me for a student because she wasn't going to stop until I raised my hand in the air and took a step towards the curb. Loading my bike onto the rack was a piece of cake. I'd like to say that the other passengers greeted me with friendly smiles, but, honestly, I don't think I even looked at anyone. I get really nervous in situations where I feel rushed, in this case, depositing my money and finding a seat, so I made a beeline for *(Continued on page 5)*

FROM THE CHAIR

Sometimes I feel badly about driving long distances, even when the cause is good. On the evening proceeding the annual Ice Age Trail Hike-A-Thon my wife and I had to make a decision about whether to go or not. I have enjoyed each of the eight hikes that I participated in. And I enjoy helping with trail maintenance. The annual hike alternates between trail segments near Hartman Creek State Park, and the more distant (and perhaps prettier) segment at Iola, and it was at Iola this year.

The need for decision was perhaps more important this year because of high gas prices. But there was also a need to balance family finances, time, and wear on the car with the benefits of recreation and fundraising. Global warming and the inconsistencies with being "green" also weighed in, since we would be driving three hours for a three-hour event. I have heard other people express their regrets about traveling to events. Believe me, I understand the conflict. But I also know that sometimes it is important to make the trip.

Our new membership chairperson, Rachel Anderson, has been doing a great job. In addition to welcoming new members to our group and putting up informational posters advertising our programs, Rachel has been working to engage our friends in the Green Bay area who might not feel motivated to attend our programs in Appleton. She proposed that we show Sierra Club movies, and we will be showing our first movie on November 14 in DePere. We hope the documentary, "Who Killed the Electric Car?", will stir some interest.

I am writing this column in early October, before our Autumn Assembly. I know that Dale Schaber has worked hard to organize it, and I want to thank him for his efforts. We all benefit from Dale's efforts to organize this assembly, our group's 25th Anniversary party this past April, and his work with the Ice Age Trail.

Traditionally our group elects some of its board members each December. Although we may not have enough

candidates for the positions to fully justify an election, it is still an important way to show our support for the board. Four of our board members are finishing three-year terms in December. I'd like to thank Sally Peck, Rich Krieg, Charlie Paine, and Kelly Krupka for their years of service to our group.

Chris Calhoun has been our hospitality chairperson for a number of years, and wants a break from the task of setting up our meeting place and organizing snacks. Thank you Chris. Now, we need somebody else to take over.

We have other local heroes in our group, and they're not always adequately recognized. And I'm afraid this column is not long enough to cover everybody. Sorry. But I want to recognize Sharon Duerkop because she has been running our buckthorn control service project at Bubolz Nature Preserve for eight years. Penny Bernard Schaber has been working on a project, supported by our board and club treasury, to organize the "Sustainable Fox Valley" conference on November 3. Great idea!

I've been using a new vocabulary word, *greenwashing*, and wanted to share it with you. As defined by the WhatIs.com website, "Greenwashing is the practice of making an unsubstantiated or misleading claim about the environmental benefits of a product, service, technology or company practice. Greenwashing can make a company appear to be more environmentally friendly than it really is."

If you can make it, I hope you will join us December 13 for our holiday party at Bubolz Nature Preserve. We always have fun at all of our meetings and outings, but this is one of our truly social events. We'll have a potluck dinner and a silly white-elephant gift exchange. And we'll ask for gifts to help support Bubolz Nature Preserve and its programs.

Thanks for reading my comments. As leader of our group I welcome your feedback.

Alan Lawrence, 920-730-9515 or
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A Sustainable Fox Valley— Building a sustainable community using the Natural Step approach

Come gain an understanding of sustainable practices in communities at this day long workshop on November 3, 2007.

This one day interactive workshop from 9 AM to 3 PM will introduce participants to the concepts and practice of The Natural Step approach to sustainable communities. Learn how communities and businesses in Sweden and Wisconsin communities such as Bayfield and Ashland are utilizing the Natural Step to make these places more sustainable. Sustainable practices are good for people, our economy, and environment. Presentations, discussion and hands-on exercises will be featured. The conference will be held at the Universalist Unitarian Fellowship Hall in Appleton, at the corner of Calumet Street and Mathias Street (2600 Phillip Ave, Appleton)

At the workshop you will learn about the four principals of a sustainable community. A sustainable Community will:

- Eliminate its contribution to fossil fuel dependence & to wasteful use of scarce metals & minerals.
- Eliminate its contribution to dependence on persistent chemicals & wasteful use of synthetic substances.
- Eliminate its contribution to encroachment upon nature.
- Meet human needs fairly & efficiently.

Workshop cost is \$20.00, this includes the “Natural Step for Communities” book and a light lunch.

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS:

- **Jay Moynihan**, Shawano County UW-Extension, trained in The Natural Step Approach by Paul Hawken, environmentalist, journalist, and author
- **Lisa MacKinnon**, 1,000 Friends of WI, co-author of Sustainability Toolkit for Local Gov'ts.
- **Tom Boldt**, CEO, The Boldt Company
- **Amy Oberg**, Futurist for Kimberly-Clark

WORKSHOP SPONSORS:

Energy Coalition for a Sustainable Fox Valley, UW-Extension, Winnebago and Outagamie Counties, Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Social Action Committee, Fox Valley Sierra Club

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Catherine Neiswender, UW-Extension Winnebago County, (920) 232-1972 or Catherine.neiswender@ces.uwex.edu. Or you can call Penny Bernard Schaber at 739-6041 or penny4assembly@athenet.net .

Register by mail: Pre-registration by October 30, 2007 guarantees a book and lunch for the low cost of \$20.00.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Make check out to UW Extension-Winnebago County. Send registration to:

Catherine Neiswender, University of Wisconsin-Extension
Winnebago County Community Development Educator
James P. Coughlin Center, 625 E. County Rd Y, Suite 600
Oshkosh, WI 54901-8131

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SISTER BAY

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Gregory Smith

Julie Baures

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Trekkin' with Dale

Autumn in Wisconsin means turning our eyes toward the sky as birds, especially Canada geese, migrate south for the winter months.

One area nearby to view migrating flocks of Canada geese is Horicon Marsh. Hundreds of thousands of Canada geese can be seen migrating south on a major flyway from the Hudson Bay Area. Not only are Canada geese seen but also more than 260 kinds of birds have been sighted at the marsh.

The Wisconsin DNR lists Horicon Marsh as "the largest freshwater cattail marsh in the United States".

Horicon Marsh is a shallow wetland scoured out by the Green Bay lobe of the Wisconsin glacier about 70,000 years ago. When the glacier receded about 12,000 years ago it left behind a long shallow lakebed 14 miles long and three-to-five miles wide. The northern part of Horicon Marsh is designated the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge and is under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The southern part is designated the Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area is owned by the State of Wisconsin and is controlled by the Department of Natural Resources.

The website for the northern Horicon National Wildlife Refuge is: <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/horicon/index.html>. Here you will find information on these educational opportunities: bird watching, hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, hunting fishing and nature classes. The visitor center is located 3.5 miles south of State Highway 49 on County Road Z and is accessible to people with disabilities.



The visitor's center for the Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area is the Horicon Marsh International Education Center. It is located on Highway 28 between the cities of Horicon and Mayville. Activities at the southern Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area include nature study, hunting opportunities, trapping and trapper education programs, fishing, canoeing, hiking, biking, birding, photo and observation blinds and winter sports, such as snow shoeing and cross-country skiing.

The website for the Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area is: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/wildlife/reclands/horicon/>. Naturalist Bill Volkert and Assistant Naturalist Andrew offer the public a series a series of naturalist programs to introduce visitors and interested persons to the geology, history, wildlife and management of the Horicon Marsh ecosystem. Programs are conducted at the DNR Field Office, located on the north end of Palmatory Street, in the City of Horicon. All programs are free and open to the public. No registration is required. For information about the naturalist programs see the website or contact Horicon's Naturalist, Bill Volkert at 920-387-7877 or Andrew Rothman, Assistant Naturalist at 920-485-3029.

In May of 1971 the Horicon Wildlife Refuge was selected as one of nine units in the Ice Age Scientific Reserve. The purpose of the Ice Age Scientific reserve is to protect, preserve and interpret Wisconsin's glacial heritage. The nine units in the Ice Age Scientific Reserve are Two Creeks Buried Forest, Kettle Moraine, Campbelsport Drumlins, Horicon Marsh, Cross Plains, Devil's Lake, Mill Bluff, Chippewa Moraine and Interstate.

Take the time to explore the Horicon Marsh. You will enjoy it. The number of Canada geese you see is truly remarkable.

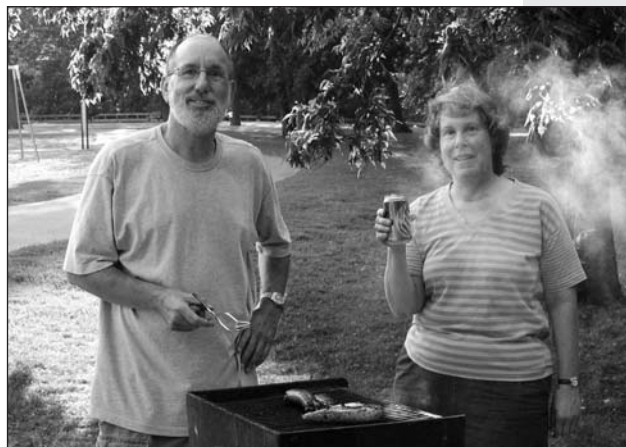
This is my last "Trekkin' With Dale" article. I have enjoyed writing and sharing my thoughts with you about my special activities and places in Wisconsin. My hope is that you will continue to explore, enjoy and protect your special Wisconsin places! Have fun! See you on the Trail!

(Commute continued from page 3)
the back of the bus and took a seat. The seats were comfy and noticeably clean; they were covered in the same brightly patterned upholstery that you find in movie theaters. I took a novel out of my shoulder bag and managed to get through a whole chapter by the time we rolled into the downtown Appleton Transit Center.

From the bus stop I biked through a quiet neighborhood inhabited by architecturally intriguing old homes. Being a subscriber to "This Old House" magazine, I was in my glory. I thought how I would have never known about this place if I hadn't ridden the bus.

I made it to work with time to spare. Not having to fight the idiot drivers on Highway 41 put me in a better mood for the rest of the day. I actually looked forward to my commute home so I could get through another chapter of my book while I relaxed in one of the comfy bus seats. The world

moves at a pretty fast pace but during my bike and bus commute, it slowed down just enough to make me re-appreciate the Fox Cities. The other day I purchased a 10-ride Valley Transit ticket so now I'm committed. I wonder what new thing I'll discover on my next ride to work!



Dale and Maureen man the grill at the August picnic. KELLY KRUPKA

Next Program

January 10, 2008 • Managing Lake Winnebago Sturgeon

Ron Bruch, DNR Senior Fisheries Biologist, plays an important part

in the fisheries management of the Lake Winnebago Sturgeon population. Ron will discuss the history of the program, its success and failures, and future. Ron has been involved with the program since its beginning almost twenty years ago, from weighing in the monsters (some are over eight feet long) to checking their health from gill samplings.

NATURE CENTER EVENTS & ACTIVITIES, ETC.

Baird Creek Green Bay

November 10 - Saturday

Geology Hike at Christa Mc Auliffe Park. 1 PM. Learn about glacial formations and the landscape of the past from a UWGB Geologist. www.bairdcreek.org

December 9 - Sunday

Winter Wonderland Hike at Christa Mc Auliffe Park. 1 PM. Join Dr. Mike Draney for this hike and cross your fingers for snow this year! www.bairdcreek.org

Brillion Brillion

November 10 - Saturday

Make recycled paper using natural fibers and other materials. 1:30 PM. Participants will learn the process of papermaking, go outside to gather natural materials to use in their paper, then return to the building to create their works of art. All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Please register in advance. Cost: Members/\$3, Non-members/\$5.

December 1 - Saturday

Beeswax Candles. 1:30 PM. Just in time for the holidays, learn about three different methods of candle making and make a pair of rolled beeswax candles to take home. All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Please register in advance. Cost: Members/\$3, Non-members/\$5.

January 26 - Saturday

Animal Signs Hike (On Snowshoes). 1:30 PM. Learn to recognize the many different kinds of signs that animals leave behind. Then, if conditions are right, we'll head out on snowshoes to look for signs of winter active animals. This program is intended for individuals or family groups. All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Hikers should dress for the weather and meet at the Nature Center building. Please register in advance. Cost: Members/\$3, Non-members/\$5.

Heckrodt Menasha

November 3 - Saturday

Native American Games. 1-3 PM. Test your skills through a handful of Native American inspired games such as Shiny and the Bone Game. Create your own game to take home with you. Cost: \$2/person.

December 8 - Saturday

Children's Christmas Gift Workshop. 12:30-3:30. Avoid the busy retail chains during the holiday season and have the children's gift giving done in one day. Join us as children make 10 giftable gifts that include candy train, twig frame refrigerator magnet, tree cookie candleholder, and a first aid kit. They'll be all wrapped and ready to give when you walk out the door. Cost:

\$15/person, registration & prepayment required. Space is limited.

January 12-13 - Saturday & Sunday

Free Snowshoe Weekend. 11-4. No snowshoe rental fees this weekend! Come try on some shoes and go for a walk. We'll get you "shoed" and give you some pointers on successful walking them point in the direction of our snowshoe trail. Warm up in the Nature Center with cocoa and cookies.

Ledgeview Chilton

November 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18

Cave Tours. 1 PM. All cave tours are led by a naturalist and include information on the geology, biology, and human history of the caves. Caves are accessed by stairs and ladders. Opportunities for exploring are provided. The more fun you have, the dirtier you get. Bring a flashlight. Cave tours last 2-1/2 to 3 hours. No reservations required unless group of 12+: first come, first served. Recommended minimum age five years old with parent. Cost: \$5/person.

December 8 - Saturday

Holiday Wreaths. 1 PM. Wreath greens, pine cones, wire all provided. You bring a wreath frame, ribbon, wire cutter, and pruning shears, and we'll show you how to create your own holiday wreath. Cost: \$5-15 for wreath materials.

Nature Ornaments for Kids. 1 PM. Make as many nature ornaments as you like; materials will be provided. Cost: \$2/person.

January 13, 20, 27

Guided Snowshoe Hikes. 1 PM. Includes snowshoe rental and instruction in use. Learn some winter ecology & enjoy the hush of the winter world. Cost: \$5/person.

January 19 - Saturday

Moonlight Ski. 6:30 PM. Ski by moonlight.

Mosquito Hill New London

November 3 & 4 - Saturday & Sunday

Snowshoe Lacing Workshop. 8:30-4:00. Cost: \$150/person, \$140/FOMH.

November 10 - Saturday

27th Annual Nature Art Fest. 10-4. Great art, warm soups, music, all in our cozy building. Our featured artist is Bill Kallner, White Lake, whose "refined rustic" furniture and wall hangings are on display in our Thrivent Financial Gallery through November 25.

November 17 - Saturday

Silk Scarves Dyed Naturally. 12:30-3 PM. Cost: \$20/person, \$17/students, seniors & FOMH. Registration and payment due before Nov. 3rd.

November 18 - Sunday

Pine Cone Wreaths for the Holidays. 12:30-3. Cost: \$15/person, \$13/students, seniors & FOMH. Registration and payment due before Nov. 10th.

November 24 - Saturday

Beeswax Candle Making. 9-Noon. Cost: \$19/person, \$16/students, seniors, FOMH. Registration and payment due November 1.

November 25 - Sunday

Natural Ornaments. 9-Noon. Cost: \$15/person, \$12/students, seniors & FOMH. Registration & payment are due before November 15.

December 1 & 15 - Saturdays

A Loon from a Block of Wood (Decoy Carving). 8:30-4:00. Cost: \$50/adults, \$45/students. Registration and full payment due by Nov. 15th.

December 8 - Saturday

Holiday Make It & Take It. 8:30-12:30. You won't want your kids to miss this one! They'll make 10 unique gifts for \$12, wrap them up and your children's holiday shopping is done. Register before Nov. 20, we had a full house last year! (Most appropriate for K - 4th graders.)

December 14 - Friday

Shiocton Area Christmas Bird Count. 8-4:30. Take part in our annual census of resident winter birds. All bird enthusiasts are welcome to join us in the field or count at their home feeders. The day includes a potluck luncheon. Note: Call MHNC for details.

Jan. 19, Feb. 9 & 23 - Saturdays

Candlelight Snowshoe Walk. 6:30-8 PM. Enjoy a seldom seen area of the nature center at a unique hour. A naturalist-led walk will be held in the event of poor snow conditions. Refreshments will be served and all snowshoe equipment is provided. Cost: \$7.50/adults, \$5/students, seniors and FOMH, \$20/family. Note: Registration required before January 11.

Ridges Baileys Harbor

Every Friday in January & February

Snowshoe Fridays. 1 PM. Join Naturalist Karen Newbern as we explore The Ridges on snowshoes (or boots, if there's no snow). Some loaner snowshoes are available, call 920-839-2802 to reserve or for more information.

The aforementioned activities are not sponsored nor administered by the Sierra Club. The Sierra Club has no information about the planning of these activities and makes no representations or warranties about the quality, safety, supervision or management of such activities. They are published only as a reader service because they may be of interest to the readers of this publication.

OUTINGS

November 10 - Saturday

Buckthorn Removal Work Day. Sharon Duerkop 920-734-1419.

November 10 - Saturday

Hike atop scenic granite at Rib Mountain State Park and visit the renowned Birds in Art exhibit at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum in Wausau. Meet at 10:30 at the park to hike about 1 hour. Trail is steep - bring a walking stick or ski pole. Lunch at local restaurant. Then drive across town to see the eagerly anticipated annual exhibition. This is the last weekend to view an international show boasting a variety of styles ranging from exacting realism to painterly impressionism and fanciful expressionism. State park sticker or daily pass required for the park. Donation at museum. Nancy Brown-Koeller, Neenah, 920-721-5431 days, 920-830-662 evenings.

December 2 - Sunday

Buckthorn Removal Work Day. Sharon Duerkop 920-734-1419.

December 8 - Saturday

Buckthorn Removal Rain Day. Sharon Duerkop 920-734-1419.

December 15 - Saturday

Hike the Point Beach State Forest Trails. 8.7 miles or less. Point Beach has six miles of beach bordered by a quiet and undeveloped forest. The trails travel over low ridges, the remains of ancient beaches. This will be a moderately strenuous hike, although we can cheat on the distance by taking a short cut. Afterwards we can have a weenie roast in the park, if people so wish. Wear hiking shoes, dress for the weather, and bring water. Charlie Paine, Menasha, 920-739-1900.

January 18-20, 2008 - Weekend

Winter Weekend at Afterglow Lake Resort. (a three night trip). Afterglow Lake Resort is a popular family resort located 18 miles north of Eagle River, WI. We have a side-by-side duplex type cabin reserved. Cabins have wood burning fireplaces. They have a website for more information including ski conditions. Both diagonal/classic and skate skiing are available right at the resort. Plus there are separate snowshoe trails. Both types of trails are excellent. There are also other trails close by. But it's great to ski right from the cabin and there are no trail fees for resort guests. Tubing and ice-skating are also available for those who are interested. And a hole in the ice for the polar plunge if you're so inclined!

Saturday Night we'll have a pot luck dinner with wine/beer and cheese tasting first. Surprise us! Friday and Sunday nights are on your own to either visit a nearby northwoods restaurant or eat-in. (There is a fully equipped kitchen in each unit.)

Each trip participant is responsible for the following:

- All breakfasts, lunch and snack foods.
- Their own beverages.
- Their own equipment and clothing to match weather and conditions. (Snowshoe rental is available at the resort.)
- Sheets and bath towels are not furnished so you need to bring. (Blankets, pillows and bedspreads are supplied.) A sleeping bag may be the easiest thing to bring.

*Penny Bernard Schaber & Dale Schaber: Appleton, 920-739-6041.
Nancy Brown-Koeller & John Koeller: Appleton/Shawano, 920-721-5431 days; 920-830-6625 evenings.*

More detailed outings information may be found on our website. Times and meeting locations of outings can change. Always check with a trip leader at least 24 hours before the outing. Upon arrival all participants must sign a Release of Liability form.

FVSG Movie Night

Date: November 14, 2007

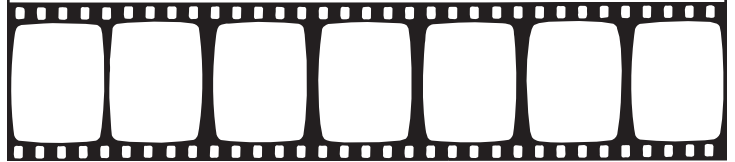
Movie: **Who Killed the Electric Car?**
In 1996, electric cars began to appear on roads all over California. They were quiet and fast, produced no exhaust and ran without gasoline. Ten years later, these cars were destroyed.

Time: 4:30 PM

Place: DePere Cinema and Cafe
417 George Street
DePere, WI 54115

Cost: Donations to FVSG appreciated.

Food: Beer, soda, pizza and popcorn are available for purchase.



Plans Can Change

It is worthwhile contacting trip leaders if you are interested in participating on an outing. This September 29th outing changed from being a Saturday bike ride to being a weekend campout and a bike ride. Charlie Paine planned the 33-mile bicycle ride while Alan Lawrence made the camping reservations at a Boy Scout camp near Sturgeon Bay. Attending were: Charlie & Caroline Paine, Alan & Diana Lawrence, and Jennifer Reschke.



Coast Guard Station and lighthouse facility on Lake Michigan at the east end of the Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal. ALAN LAWRENCE

WINTER FUN

7:00 PM
December 13th

Join us at
Bubolz Nature Preserve
for our Annual

Holiday Party

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Dale Schaber has been our Ice Age Trail contact person since 1985, leading our members on several service outings each year, and encouraging our participation in the annual Ice Age Trail Hike-A-Thon. Work is typically near Hartman Creek State Park. Dale's back does not appreciate bending over anymore, and Dale finds it necessary to step down. He will continue his role through 2008 but we need to find someone else interested in the trail. This is a great role for our group. If at all interested, please contact Dale or another group leader.

Deadline...

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