

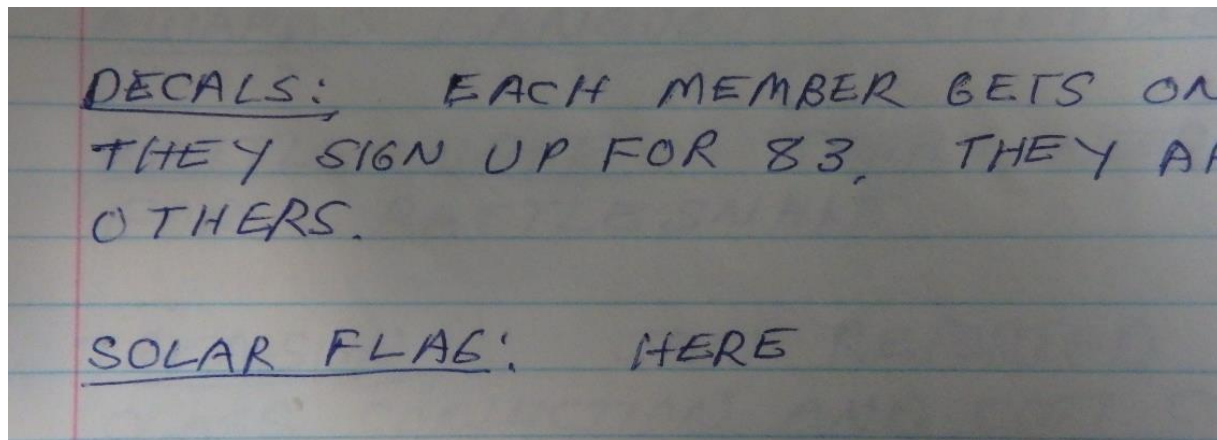


Mental meandering by SOLAR historian

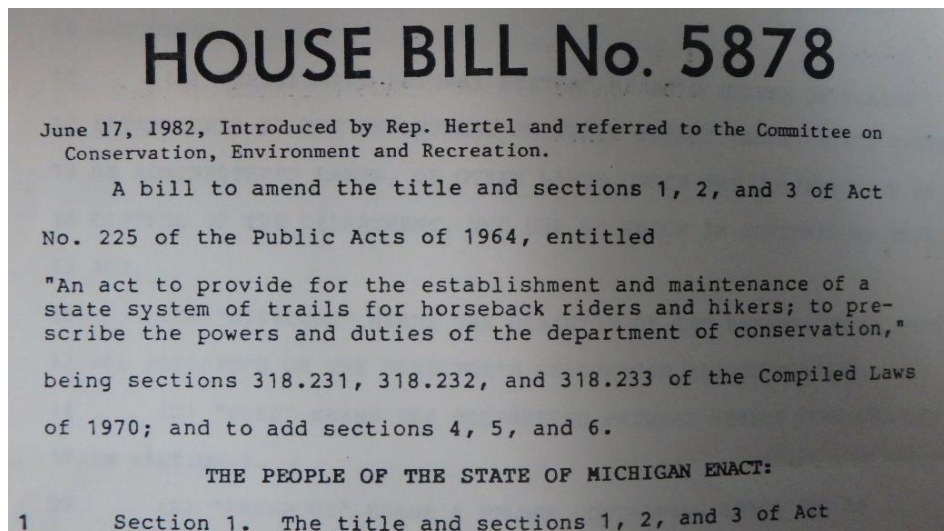
We will dig into our archives and ponder on the past and present minutia of our club.....Welcome to Mike's mad mad world of run on sentences and mental meandering ..... vol. 6, [looking back to 1983](#).....

### That Darn Decal

You may have heard the rumor that the Steering Committee is working on a new sticker or cling or decal, well they have been doing that for years it seems. In the hand written notes from 83 they were giving them away to new members, charging for others to have the privilege. At one time you could tell SOLAR cars not only from their roof racks, kayaks or canoes, skis or other equipment but even when we came in from the wild you could spot a member by the decal on the car or bumper. Well not many cars left rolling from 83, but rumor has it that the window decals are coming back so we can represent the pack again..... oh yea, I saw there was a SOLAR flag out there, I think there still is, check with the equipment manager to see if you can take it out and share a photo of it around the world in your travels.....



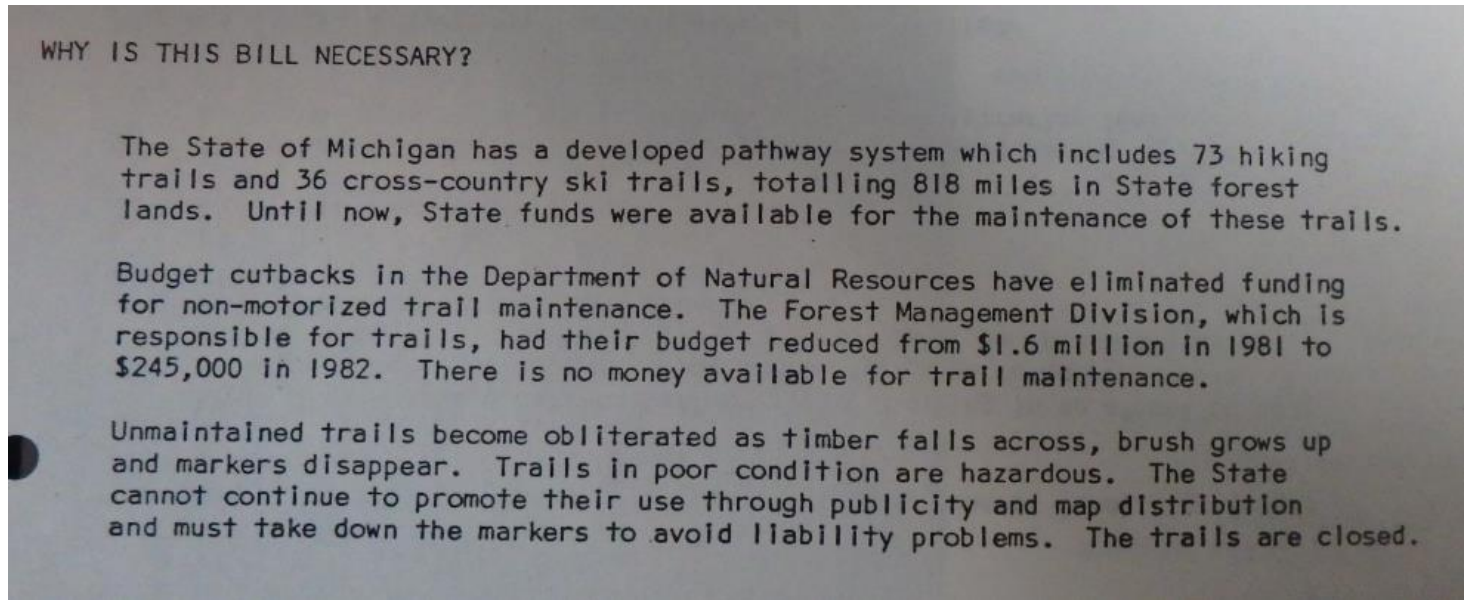
### I'm just a Bill



Found a nice submission to a 1980's SOLAR Ray about budget cut backs and getting the House Bill No 5878 passed to establish and maintain trail in Michigan. This was to continue funding and clarify and add sections to a 1970 bill. Essentially it tells us that funding is not forever and though as a state we have supported recreation and hunting in our woods and on our

streams, it is not guaranteed. It is a good reminder as to why we have to watch and be knowledgeable about our legislator's activities.

This is a rehash of what is in the attached picture but a good point the older article is more eloquent ..... end funding, trees fall, trails and markers deteriorate, we lose a resource and tourism and recreation are lost.



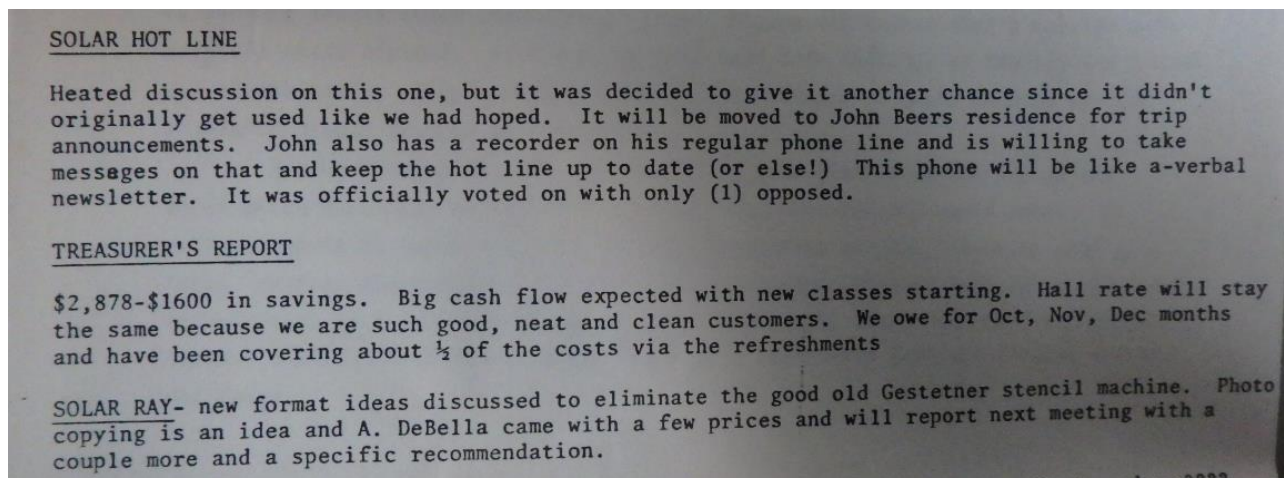
Occasionally on Meet Up or our other social media we see calls for trail clean up or local or state issues and activism. Sometime simple support is all it takes to convince our representative's direction and vote.

IF you hear about something that would resonate with the club, let SOLAR know, this is why we have websites, yahoo, meet up and more.....if you can't get active outdoors you can still be active for the outdoors.....

#### ssssssssssssssssssssss sizzlin' hot HOT LINE

I found out that SOLAR had a HOT LINE, like the red phone in Commissioner Gordon's office to call the Batman. It was an answering machine that would help spread the word like a verbal newsletter. Just under the Steering Committee's meeting minutes was Treasurer Report and SOLAR RAY. I will comment on Treasurer Report in the next segment but the RAY notes that "printing" was progressing from stencil machine to photo copying. Today, NOW we have already transitioned out of that single source compiled paper format to a digital single source compiled format, for the future we hope to advance past the HOT LINE, Single Source to a multi contributor stream of news, photos, commentary and stories to help keep us all informed and connected.

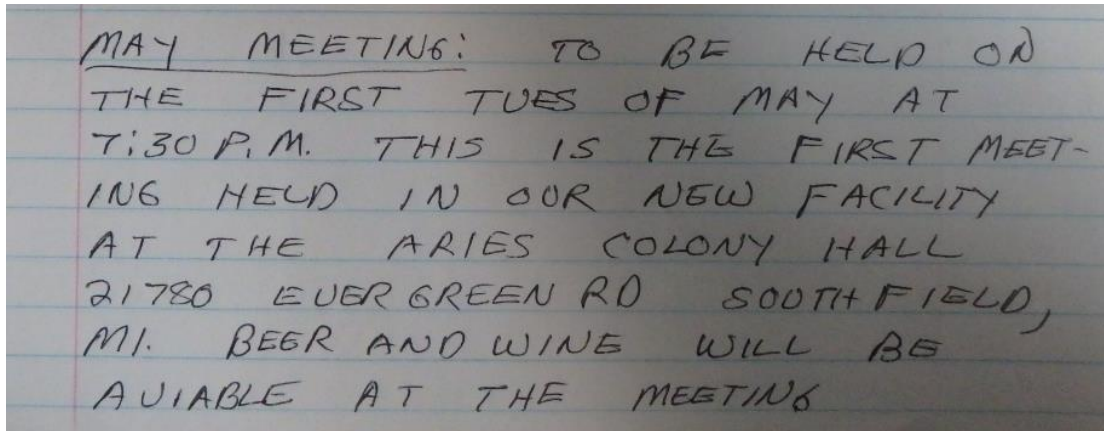
Please contribute stories and as we work toward the future we will braid and weave them into our story and inspiration.



Moving.....what a good idea....



I found hand written meeting notes of the first meeting to be held May 1983 at Aries Colony Hall in Southfield. I also found out that beer and wine would be available at the meeting, that is a nice option but now a days not such a draw with driving home after.....but I digress.



MAY MEETING: TO BE HELD ON  
THE FIRST TUES OF MAY AT  
7:30 P.M. THIS IS THE FIRST MEET-  
ING HELD IN OUR NEW FACILITY  
AT THE ARIES COLONY HALL  
21780 EVERGREEN RD SOUTHFIELD,  
MI. BEER AND WINE WILL BE  
AVIABLE AT THE MEETING

I also found a newer mailing announcing our move to our current location from 2015



Adventures are more fun with friends.

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**SOLAR is on the move!**  
Check out our NEW day and location for meetings,  
starting in July! *Details on reverse side.*



**July Meeting and Picnic:**  
Saturday, July 11  
Meeting: 11am-12pm  
Potluck 12-2pm  
Biking, hiking, swimming: 12-6pm  
Island Lake State Recreation Area  
Bluebird Shelter

**Starting in August:**  
SOLAR will meet monthly on the  
LAST Tuesday at  
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church  
27475 Five Mile Road in Livonia  
(1 block west of Inkster Road)  
**Aug. 25, Sept. 29, Oct. 27, Nov. 24**

*More information will  
be mailed in June.*

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Now I don't want you to get the idea we are moving again but I do want you to think about moving what you've got. St Paul's Presbyterian is a great location that offers many options and resources, classrooms, meeting spaces ample parking. I hope to use that lot for a future camper rally but only time will tell. If you have an idea remember the Steering Committee is here to help as was their guidance in moving us to the current and every location we have been at.

If you feel like you could contribute, get a move on and step on up and help them out, there are always suggestions and ways to help.

**Another listing of past event to inspire (remember you help make it happen)**

## UP AND COMING EVENTS

### February

- 3 Maybury Night Ski
- 5-6 EMW Pidgeon River Practical
- 7 Steering Committee
- 9 1st Survival Class
- 12 VASA VASA VASA
- 14 General Meeting
- 15 1st Exercise class
- 16 Survival Class
- 19 Point Pelee Day XC trip
- 21 RAY DEADLINE
- 22 Exercise class
- 23 Survival Class
- 26-27 Wilderness State Park #2

### March

- 12 Survival Class
- 4-6 Survival Practical
- 7 Steering Committee
- 12 Square Dance
- 14 General Meeting
- 15 1st Backpacking Class
- 16 1st Wilderness First Aid Class
- 20 Wapos Loppett-Sault St. Marie, Ont.
- 21 RAY DEADLINE
- 22 Backpack Class
- 23 Wilderness First Aid Class
- 25 Restaurant Evening-Old Fish Market, Windsor
- 29 Backpack Class
- 30 Wilderness First Aid