

OCTOBER PROGRAM

"Forever Wild"

Walkin' Jim Stoltz presents a multimedia celebration of the wilderness. Known as one of America's most unique folksingers and backcountry travelers, Jim will present a wonderful journey with song, poetry, slides, and stories. From a man who walked over 23,000 miles, there are many stories to be heard. Join us after the monthly meeting at 8:30-10:30 for this event. An \$8.00 donation at the door to cover the cost is appreciated. *Details on Page 2.*

NOTICE- Proposed By-Law addition. Details on page 6.

Do you have an idea for a activity or class we could do in the next few months? After such a busy summer we are almost at a loss of what to do next!

If you have an idea for a class or activity for the fall or winter, submit it to a member of the steering committee, or mail it to the SOLAR RAY.

We are also solicitating for activity leaders and coordinators... interested? Call Leslie Cordova for information.

Giving thanks by giving a hand.

SOLAR, a club supporting its members in the pursuit of outdoor activities, is also involved with the community. We do this with activities such as the *Detroit Public Television, Channel 56* fund raisers, and the *Maybury State Park* fix-up.

This Thanksgiving is no exception. SOLAR members can volunteer to help the less fortunate by lending a helping hand at the Capucian Soup Kitchen, located on Mt. Elliott in Detroit, on Friday November the 27th, the day after Thanksgiving. About 10 volunteers are requested.

We have been blessed by having the ability to enjoy all of the various activities that SOLAR members attend. We have enjoyed the company and companionship of others on our trips. And we all enjoy the SOLAR pot-luck dinners, at which food is plentiful.

If you would like to give thanks this year for all that God has blessed us with, this special SOLAR activity may be a way of doing just that, and there is no cost for this event! We will also be accepting donations in the form of food or money at the October and November meetings.

For information and to sign up, contact Debbie Wood on (313) 521-2891

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OCTOBER PROGRAM

Walkin' Jim Stoltz

One of America's most unique folksingers and backcountry travelers, *Walkin' Jim Stoltz*, on tour from Big Sky, Montana, will bring his inspiring multimedia show, *Forever Wild*, to the SOLAR CLUB after the October general meeting. Walkin' Jim gets his name from the more than 23,000 miles he has walked the the wild country of North America. Carrying a guitar and writing songs along the way, his lyrics express a great love and respect for the Earth and the wild places he knows so well. Known for his powerful baritone and emotion packed vocals, his Forever Wild show combines live music and poetry with multi-image slides. The result is a stirring celebration of wilderness. This year's tour marks Jim's 25th year of performing. He will be sharing images from the Utah wildlands, the Northern Rockies, the Pacific Coast Trail from Mexico to Yellowstone, the Yukon, and Canada. Walkin' Jim was presented with the Environmental Protection Agency's **Outstanding Achievement Award** for his sharing of nature and Wilderness across America. Edward Abbey, the late author of many nature classics, described Stoltz as "a



music man of exuberance and passion, with more to say in one song than Frank Sinatra ever managed in a whole bloody concert." This year Jim has released his sixth and seventh recordings, "The Web of Life" for kids, and "Oh, What a Life", a live album celebrating his 25th year of performing. Stoltz's recordings get regular airplay on National Public Radio, and will be on sale at the concert. Join us on Tuesday October 6th at the Colony Hall, located on Evergreen Road at 8-1/2 Mile Road, in Southfield. The regular SOLAR monthly meeting will start at 7:30PM, and will conclude with this wonderful event.

An \$8.00 donation at the door is appreciated to cover the cost of the concert.

Details for Upcoming Activities

JORDAN RIVER PATHWAY

Join me, **Karen Bates**, and fellow SOLARites for a weekend hike and camp. We will meet at the *Jordan River Trailhead* on Saturday October 17th at 8:00am SHARP! We will take the 10 mile trail to camp on Saturday, and the 8 mile trail back to our cars on Sunday.

The campground is about 500 yards from a road, where we can spot a car for those of us that don't really want to carry a full backpack. The campground is a walk-in only camp, and parking on the road is very limited. I will be setting up camp on Friday the 16th in the evening. If anyone would like to join me Friday, or drop off their gear early Saturday before our 8AM meeting time, feel free.

There is a water pump and an outhouse in the campground (almost like Club Med!). **There is no water available at the trailhead, so be sure to bring your own for the hike in.**

The *Jordan River Pathway* is very hilly and very beautiful. The colors at this time of the year should be spectacular! Bring your cameras, remember the SOLAR Photo Contest is in January. The cost is \$10 for this event, which includes camping and Sunday breakfast.

Contact me for more info (810) 983-4147.

INDIANA ADVENTURE

First in 1994, then again in 1996. Now again on October 16-18, it's the *Indiana Adventure*!

This event is at the *Chain-O-Lakes State Park*, located northwest of Fort Wayne, Indiana, near Albion.

We will canoe on five of the eight interconnected lakes, all flanked by wooded hill sides. Since this should be near peak color season, be sure to bring your camera on the canoe. The canoeing is very easy, with little or no current. The canoes will be rented for 6 hours per day.

two nights/per tent/per site. You will pay this directly to the campground when you get there. Cabins can also be rented in the park. Call the park directly at (219) 636-2654 for current charges, and to reserve one, if you prefer a cabin. Canoeing is \$15 per canoe (\$7.50/person) for 6 hours.

All charges are paid directly to the State Park. Ask for the SOLAR area when you get there.

This trip is for all levels of canoeers, including kids. See Jim Gilfix at the October SOLAR meeting, or



Zack Levey & Ellie at Chain-O-Lakes

If you wish to visit *Shipshawanna* or the flea market, Jim recommends you do that on Friday. And don't forget the famous SOLAR pot-luck dinner on Saturday night and then a bonfire. On Sunday after packing up, a day hike around the lake is scheduled.

Since this is a non-SOLAR event the cost is entirely up to you. The park entry fee is \$5 per vehicle. The campground charge is \$15 for

call him on (734) 513-9460.

I am still looking for a "few good tips", with the "right stuff". Submit your *Tips or Hints* to me at my address indicated on the back of **The SOLAR RAY** -editor

More Details for Upcoming Activities

GHE.. HEA.. MUSH!

About 12 weeks left before *Dog Sledding* in



Algonquin Park, Canada! The trip will be December 26-30.

*On Dancer, on Prancer,
on Donner, ...*

This is a 4-day, 3 night event. The cost is \$550 Canadian. This price includes everything except your personal belongings, and includes lodging in heated tents.



This event is now FULL, but a wait list is being taken should there are some cancellations. If you are interested, you should sign up now. For more information on this trip, or want to added to the wait list, call Karen Bates on (810) 983-4147.

Can we ALL fit on it?

NORDHOUSE DUNES CAR CAMP / DAY HIKE

Saturday - Sunday: November 7-8, 1998

This trip is always a favorite way to end the camping and hiking season (although many of us enjoy Michigan winters by camping out year 'round). The rustic campsites at the *Lake Michigan State Recreation Area* are open for a fee of \$7.00 per site (2 vehicles per site). The water pump and pit toilets will be operating. For the more hardier souls, you can work on your backcountry skills by backpacking into the *Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness Area*, where camping is free. You will have to carry in water and practice "leave no trace" ethics.

We will be day hiking the trails in and around the Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness Area by day, and howling around the campfire by night, weather permitting. Be prepared for anything from Indian Summer to a post-El Niño winter! This trip is free except for the above mentioned camping fees. You can pick up maps from Linda Burke at the October or November meetings or call at (248) 471-9185

TIP OF THE MONTH

- by Tom Poster

Hygiene... we should know how important that is. Because we don't have access to soap and water as much as normal, this can be an important issue. Especially when so many SOLARites get together to have fun. Remember hygiene when sharing food such as GORP, for many hands might be handling your snack. Also, when it comes to eating, SOLAR knows how to get down at the Pot-Luck meals. If you have a communicable disease or ailment such as rash, cold sores, poison ivy, etc., please consider your friends. Ask for assistance instead handling cooking/serving utensils, and refrain from volunteering to handle or prepare food. **Purell**, a waterless antibiotic soap, is a good thing to have and use when on a group activity. Let's all enjoy our time together without worrying about what we might catch from our friends.

Activities

Education

October

Friday 2

Feather Bowling- Cadieux Cafe, Detroit
Nancy Day 248 641-9863

Tuesday 6

General Membership Meeting- Co ony Hall
Program: Walkin' Jim Stolz

Fri-Sun 16-18

Gillfix "Everything" Adventure- Fort Wayne, IN
Jim Gillfix 734 513-3460

Sat-Sun 17-18

Backpacking- Jordan River Parkway
Karen Bates 810 983-4147

Fri-Sun 23-25

7th Annual Haunted Halloween- Bald Mtn Rec
Tom Dunn 248 683 9617

Saturday 31

First Aid Meet - Maybury State Park
Harry Price 248 477-7547

November

Tuesday 3

General Membership Meeting- Colony Hall
Program: Birds of Prey

Fri-Sun 6-8

Camping at Nordhouse Dunes- Muskegeon
Linda Burke 248 471-9185

December

Tuesday 1

General Membership Meeting- Colony Hall
HOLIDAY PARTY!

Sat-Wed 26-30

Dog Sledding- Algonquin, Ontario Canada
Karen Bates 810 983-4147

October

Fri-Sun 9-11

Beginning Backpacking Practical #2
Pictured Rocks National Shoreline

December

Wednesday 9

Enjoying Michigan Winters
Doug Lanyk 248 634-4551

******* NOTICE *******

The SOLAR Steering Committee has before it, a proposed addition to the By-Laws of the club. Comments and concerns pertaining to this proposed section may be addressed to any of the Steering Committee, who are identified on page 8. A vote shall be taken at the October membership meeting.

PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE BY-LAWS:

Section 5.4.1. Termination of Membership

The Steering Committee may terminate the membership of any member participating in socially unacceptable or criminal behavior on any S.O.L.A.R. sponsored class or activity. The member shall be notified in writing by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, that the Steering Committee is considering the termination of their membership. The member under consideration for termination, shall be advised of the time and location of the Steering Committee meeting where the termination will be considered. The member under consideration for termination shall have the right to select a *Member At Large* of the club to chair the termination proceedings. The Steering Committee shall advise the member why termination is being considered, presenting such supporting materials or witnesses as required. The member under consideration, shall have the right to bring such supporting materials and witnesses to demonstrate why the termination clause should not be invoked. The termination of a membership shall require unanimous vote of the Steering Committee. If a membership is terminated, donations to the club shall be prorated (Lifetime Memberships shall be amortized over five years) and any unused portions of the donation shall be returned.

This offer Isn't Available in Stores or Catalogs...

Get the most recent SOLAR t-shirt and bandana. There are several sizes and colors left.

The prices can't be beat!

T-shirts are only \$10 and bandanas are only \$4 or buy one of each for only \$14!

See Karen Bates at the monthly SOLAR meeting.

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The October meeting will bring back the coffee and baked goods table.

If you have a few minutes and baking abilities, please bring a baked donation to share with your SOLAR friends.

This will be on a trial basis for a couple of months; please let me know if we should continue the baked goods/coffee table.

Thanking all of the bakers in advance. -Karen Bates

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TRIP REVIEW

Elk Photo Safari & 4X4 Off-Road Jamboree

Sept 12 - Pigeon River

Armed with camera and a trusty steed (actually a 4X4), off into the woods to hunt the big prey... the Elk. Eight SOLARites, Christine and Terry Felix, Matt Dalton, Tom Olaffo, Judy Spitzer, Kathrine Blessing, Dominic and Tom Poster stealthfully (kinda) penetrated the brush for the big ones.

In typical SOLAR -style, food was abundant, especially for breakfast. Later Matt demonstrated several types of Elk calls, one for Bulls, one for Cows. Within the first half hour, an elk could be heard nearby. Matt used his call. Very soon two cows (female Elk), were spotted about 100 feet away. We followed. Soon a young bull was heard. Although we only got within 60 yards, the sound of the beast sent chills down our spine. Soon the Elk were long gone. After dinner we set out again, off-roading down some challenging two-track. We didn't see any Elk, but a Coyote was spotted about 100 yards away in a valley. Christine and



Dad, shouldn't we stop and ask for directions?

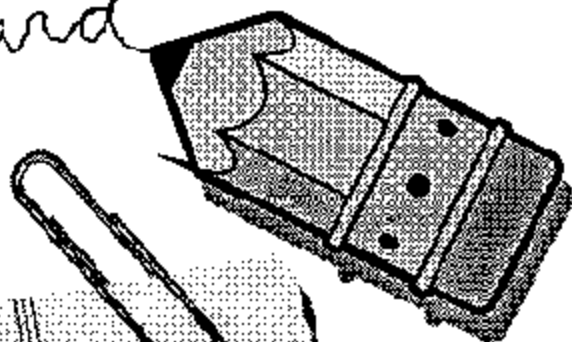


Dominic decided to impress their dads with their off-road driving skills. Personally, I think they did an excellent job! We thought

Spotting the Coyote, but no road runner.

we were lost in the outback, but careful orienteering (yca, right!) and luck (for sure), we found our way back to camp for a nice bonfire. The next day a few more places were tried, but no Elk were to be found. The weather was great, the company was fantastic, and for two kids, an experience to be remembered for a long time.

The Bulletin Board



LOOKING FOR TLC...
4'-6" GREEN AND FUZZY
NORFOLK PINE TO GOOD HOME
WILL DELIVER
-LINDA ROSA (734) 261-5584

NOTICE!

Jim Gilfix's new phone #
(734) 513-9460

Tom Poster's new phone #
(248) 706-9363

WANTED:

FIVE SOLARites to share a
cabin in Kentucky. Near the
Green and Nolin Rivers. Just
6 miles from Mammoth Cave.
Oct 16th-23rd.
For Info- Jonnie Kostishak
(734) 396-5315

For Sale:

3 dining room tables

Black Marble
with 4 chairs \$699

Country wood with 2 leafs
seats 4-12 people \$399

White table with leaf
6 chairs \$549

See Matt Dalton
or call (248) 360-1611

For a good time
Call Solar
(248) 988-6658

Feather Bowling

Never heard of Feather Bowling? Actually this is a game played in Belgium. It's a cross between bowling, marbles, horseshoes, and bocci ball.

The lanes are dirt, formed similar to a trough. At the end there is a feather sticking up in the center of the lane.

The object of the game is to be the closest to the feather with your wheel. The wheel (akin to a bowling ball) is similar in appearance to a small cheese wheel.

You roll the wheel down the lane and it wobbles and traverses from side to side. When it gets to the far end, you hope it falls over next to (or on) the feather. As more and more wheels are played, the lane becomes an obstacle course. Many skillful players are able to weave their shot between the wheels previously played.

Currently the games are full, but you may be able to switch off with another person to give it a try, or there may some cancellations.

Feather Bowling will be from 8:00PM till 10:00PM. If you would like to meet for dinner, that is at 6:00PM.

The *Cadieux Cafe* offers a broad menu of chili, salads, and sandwiches, up to full dinners. They are world famous for their mussels, and I mean WORLD FAMOUS, literally! I have heard of people from Europe making a stop in Detroit specifically to get a taste of them! Also, *this is the only place in the United States where you can play this game, and there's only one other place in North America, in Ontario.*

There are tables between the lanes for observers, which can be as fun as actually playing the game.

The cost is \$7 per person.

The date is Friday, October 2nd.

The place is the *Cadieux Cafe* at 4300 Cadieux in Detroit, south off of I-94.

Contact Nancy Day for info on (248) 641-9863.

Hey... hey... HAYRIDE!

Join us for a hayride with cider, snacks, and good times at the *Kensington Metropark*.

We will meet at the *Farm Center* area of the park at 6:00 PM on November 14 and will start with a bonfire. The hayride starts at 7:00 PM.

Ask the person at the entrance gate of the park, for directions and a map. The hayride will last about an hour, and will be followed by hot dogs, cider, and hot chocolate.

The hayride is limited to adults and children 16 and older.

This is a non-SOLAR event, so you can invite your friends, neighbors, cousins, and everybody!

For more information or to sign up, contact Debbie Wood at the October or November meeting, or call her on (313) 521-2891.

First Aid Meet

A *First Aid Meet* at *Maybury State Park* is scheduled for October 31st., from 9:00AM to 3:00 PM. This is for people that have completed Wilderness First Aid or equivalent. Price is \$5.00 which includes lunch. Sign up at the Oct. meeting.

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR A
SOLAR ACTIVITY TO HAVE FUN!
PLAN YOUR OWN EVENT WITH
FELLOW SOLARites.**

**OR BETTER YET... BE A
COORDINATOR FOR A SOLAR
SPONSORED EVENT AND INVITE
US ALL.**

**CONTACT LESLIE CORDOVA FOR
DETAILS ON HOW TO BE A SOLAR
COORDINATOR (248) 547-5626**

THE SOLAR RAY

About THE SOLAR RAY

THE SOLAR RAY is a monthly publication of the SOLAR Club and is provided free of charge to current dues-paid members. Contributions in the form of comments, trip reports, recipes, photos and original articles are welcome. The deadline for next edition of THE SOLAR RAY is 12 days after the monthly general membership meeting. Send all contributions to: (New address and phone number) Tom Poster, THE SOLAR RAY editor, 2350 Island View Drive, West Bloomfield, MI 48324 - (248) 706-9363

Meeting Location

The purpose of the SOLAR Club is to promote and advance interest in the outdoors, through information, education, and participation. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at the Colony Hall, located at 21780 Evergreen Rd., between 8 and 9 Mile roads in Southfield, at 7:30 PM. Membership dues are:

\$30 individual, annually
\$150 for individual lifetime
\$45 annually for a family
\$225 lifetime for a family

For more information about SOLAR, call:
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look of the SOLAR
RAY next month!

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