

The Solar Ray

June 2000



June Program: Ron Smith / Kayaking

JOIN RON SMITH FOR THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM AS WE EXPLORE THE WILD AND WET WORLD OF KAYAKING. WITH AS MANY SOLARITES INTO AND GETTING INTO KAYAKING....THIS IS THE PERFECT CHANCE TO SEE CLOSE UP WHAT THE KAYAKING WORLD IS ALL ABOUT. SHOW TIME IS APPROXIMATELY 9:00 PM. SEE YOU THERE!

A Warm Welcome to Solar's new and returning Steering Committee members....

Congratulations to Solar's newly elected steering committee! May's meeting proved once again that Solar members have the stunning tenacity to bring an elections day to its end. By the way....a Solar Shirt goes to the one person who can accurately recount the evenings events! But alas, we have some new steering committee members, and some who are courageously continuing on! Please welcome....*Leslie Cordova* - President; *Tom Olaffo* - Vice President; *Ted Huff* - Secretary; *John Moffat* - Treasurer; *Mary Price* - Membership; *Carole Mertrie* - Equipment; *Laura Albin* - By-laws; *Harry Price* - Education; *John Fedyk* - Historian; *Dave Forrester* - Programs; *Teri Simonds* - Public Relations; *Tom Poster* - Editor; *Penny Lopez* - Co-Editor. We wish the very best for a great and eventful year to each of you!

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National Trails Day

Saturday - June 3, 2000
Maybury State Park



Right around the corner is our annual event to work on the trails in our park systems, that we all love to use. Please come out and bring your shovels, loppers, rakes, gloves, wheel barrels, and smiles. Job at hand will be to clear vegetation, remove stumps, perform erosion control, and rerouting of trails. If you haven't signed up already, you can contact Mike Banks at (248) 347-2100, or John Simonds at (313) 422-6021 for more info.

News from the Steering Committee

Hey Everybody! - For July's Solar Club meeting we're having a BBQ - and we NEED BBQ GRILLS and help if you can donate your grill and/or your time for the evening, please contact David Foerster at 734-453-0692, or e-mail him at dbfoerster@juno.com Thanks!



To participate in any SOLAR activity, you must be a member and joining is easy. Check out the back page for more info. and call Mary Price - Membership Director, at 248-477-7547, E-Mail: MHallpri@dmc.org

Coming soon! Solar Club E-Mail Address List

I have received many requests to develop a list of the E-Mail addresses of Solar members. In order to ensure that I have the correct addresses, and only those members who wish to have their addresses published, I am asking that you E-Mail me with a short statement stating that you wish to be included in the list. If you want to use a different address than the one you e-mail me with, please include that also. The cut-off date is July 15th. The list will only be available to members whose addresses are included on the list. Please e-mail me at - mhallpri@dmc.org Thanks, Mary Membership Chairman

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Class Offerings!.....Should'a, Could'a, Here's your chance!

Solar Search and Rescue Class

When: June 2-4, 2000 7:30 pm, and a one day practical on....July 29, 2000

Location: To be determined

Cost: \$95.00

Principal Instructor: Doug Brown

Coordinators: Tom and Reggie Hayes
(810) 778-3589

The course will cover the incident command system, types of searches, types of transportation, the art of improvisation, and basic first aid review. The text for the class will be Wilderness Search and Rescue, by Tim Setnicka. Texts will be available at the May meeting for paid participants. There will be a written test and short practical on the weekend session. The one day session will be a long practical.



Sea Kayaking Class

Sharon Broderick is organizing a sea-kayaking course for beginning and intermediate kayakers with ACA Coastal Kayaking Instructors. This is a 2-day course for the weekend of July 7-9, 2000. Equipment is available for rental. To see if any openings are still available call Sharon Broderick at 248-960-2093, E-Mail: Sharon_Broderick@michcon.com.

Want to - Just Don't Know How? Your chance is now! CANOE PADDLING DOES

ROVE.....Join Larry Martin and others at on Sunday, June 25, 2000 - 1 - 4 pm at Doug Lanyks house, and develop your skills in canoeing. Larry and the others will demonstrate paddling techniques for you, and then you will dive in the waters (not literally) and practice what you've learned. That's not all folks, there's a BBQ scheduled afterward. Bring a dish to pass, but the BBQ is free - 4 - ? For more info, please contact Larry Martin at (734) 591-3845



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Trip Planning Seminar - Feel like you want to take a trip somewhere and want to make sure it's a success? Join Carole McCorrie and others on Wednesday, July 19, 2000, and make sure your trip is successful. The seminar will include such topics as planning your itinerary, packing, safety issues, how far in advance to start planning, follow-ups, who does what in the travelling group, and other very important issues you need to know. Taking the seminar will give you confidence in your planning, and that extra edge for know how to make that trip a great trip. For more info. contact Carole McCorrie at (527) 548-5732. Location of Seminar: EMS



Wilderness First Aid Class - Ok, so you've planned a trip successfully and you're out there in one of our great National Parks. Something happens... what are you going to do if you don't know how to help yourself or someone you're with. Personally I believe in praying. But you were given a brain too. So join up with the Wilderness First Aid Class scheduled on July 7-9, 2000 - at the Brighton Recreation Area. For more info. call Mike Banks at (248) 347-2100



Solar Inventory

Did you know.....The Solar Club has many kinds of equipment that you (as a member) can check out or rent for a small fee. Before you go out and buy that great looking tent, or think that's the kind of backpacking stove you want, why not try out Solar's equipment and make sure that's what you really want. You can make arrangements with the equipment manager, Carole McCorrie, by contacting her at 517-548-5732. Keep this list for a handy future reference.

Tents

- 1 - Eureka Dome (2 person)
- 2 - Eureka Timberline (4 person)
- 1 - Eureka Timberline (2 person)
- 1 - North Face Dome (6 person)

Backpacks

- 3 - External Frame (Adult)
- 1 - External Frame (Youth)
- 1 - Rucksack
- 5 - Internal Frame (Adult)

Mountain Bikes & Equipment

- 1 - Men's 26 inch
- 1 - Ladies 26 inch
- 5 - Panniers
- 1 - Safety Helmet

Water Filters

- 3 - Pur Hiker
- 3 - First Need

Camping Equipment

- 3 - Parawings
- 2 - MSR Cookset
- 1 - Thermarest Pad
- 4 - Mummy Sleeping Bags
- 2 - Dining Canopies
- 2 - Whisperlite Stoves
- 1 - Ridgecrest Pad

Water Jugs

- 4-5 Gallon Jugs
- 1-6 Gallon Jugs

First Aid - 4 First Aid Kits

Caving Equipment - 4 headlamps and assorted caving helmets

Miscellaneous

- 2 - Snow Shovels
- 1 - RCA Camcorder
- 1 - Volleyball, Net (no poles)
- 1 - air pump for volleyball
- 1 - TV/VCR with Remote
- 1 - Carousel Slide Projector and Screen

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10-Th Annual Fossil Hunt and Adventure Day

Join us for the 9-th Annual Fossil Hunt and Adventure. This trip is open for people ages 4 - 87. Last year we had 30 adults and 22 kids, not counting the adults who acted like kids! We will meet at the Rock Glen Museum at the Rock Glen Conservation Area on **July 23, 2000** - at **11:00 am**. The trip is a 2 and 1/2 hour drive from Royal Oak going across the Port Huron Bridge.

We will hike, swim and look for fossils. Then we'll have a creme de la creme of potluck for lunch, so please bring your best culinary delight. After lunch we will change into clothes that can get **WET!** Do not bring (cameras and towels included) anything that can get wet. We will play in the Conservation Area's 35-foot waterfall (if you can stand the cold) and go under and behind a smaller waterfall nearby. Next, we'll swim in an almost tropic river. All that's missing is you!

The cost is free! All you have to do is drive to Port Huron, take HWY 402 East to County RD 79/7 North (at exit 44). 1 km past the town of Arkona (there is a small jog to the left, then to the right) look for the signs to Rock Glen Conservation Area.

Hopefully all the regulars will be there and a whole raft of new folks! Jim will be on the balloons and we expect a fantastic time will be had by all! For more info. call **Jim Giffix at (734) 513-9460**



Get out your Paddles...The Kayaks are waiting! Join us, Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons.....

Intermediate and Advanced Kayakers - Wednesday eves and Sunday afternoons - Locations change weekly

Contact **Matt Dalton** at 248-360-2611, email; mdalton@ameritech.net

or, **Sharon Broderick** at 248-960-2095, email; Sharon_Broderick@michcon.com

Solarites Love to Kayak!

Great Lakes Sea Kayak Symposium - July 20 - 23, 2000

This is a terrific symposium that takes place on Lake Superior. Bring your own kayak, or rent one for the weekend (reserve your kayak well in advance of the event). The weekend starts off with a night paddle on a protected bay. The next day, different groups tour the world-class paddling along Pictured Rocks. The next two days are full of classes and opportunities to test-paddle over 75 new kayaks. There will also be a fund raising picnic dinner to support the local school. This is a great weekend! To receive a program and registration form, contact **Larry Merz** at **(734) 439-0049**. I will have some brochures at the Solar meetings. For carpooling and camping contact **Matt Dalton** at **(248) 360-1611**, or email mdalton@ameritech.net

Where: Grand Marais, Michigan - Pictured Rocks Area

Cost: \$75.00 before July 10, \$90.00 after July 10



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Upcoming Solar Activities

June 2-4 Search and Rescue Class

Brighton Recreation Area

Tom and Reggie Hayes

810-778-3589

June 3 (Saturday) National Trails Day

Maybury State Park

John Simonds or Mike Banks

313-422-6021 248-347-2100

June 4 (Sunday) Kayak Demo Days

Heaveners Canoe, Milford

Matthew Dalton

248-360-1611

June 9-11 Rattlesnake Provincial Park

Milton, Ontario

Laura Albin

517-381-8976

June 8-10 White Water Kayaking

Pennsylvania

Tim Klepaczyk

313-565-7217

June 25 (Sunday) Canoe Paddling Class

Doug's House in Holly

Larry Martin

734-591-3845

June 30 - July 31 Motorcycle Trip

The Maritimes, Canada

Tom Dunn

248-683-9617

**** July 6 **** THURSDAY (NOT TUESDAY)

Solar General Membership Meeting

July 7-9 Coastal Kayak Class

Muskegon State Park

Sharon Broderick

248-920-2096

July 7-9 Wilderness First Aid Class

Brighton Recreation Area

Mike Banks

248-347-2100

July 19 (Wed) Trip Planning Seminar

EMS

Carole Moccie

517-5485732

July 20-23 Canoe Trip

Manistee River, Grayling

Tom Claffo

313-386-0057

July 23 (Sun) 10th Annual Fossil

Hunt - Kids ok

Arkona, Canada

Jim Gilfox

734-513-9460

July 29 Search and Rescue Class Practical

Location to be announced

Tom and Reggie Hayes

810-778-3589

August 4-6 Rattlesnake Provincial Park

Milton, Ontario

Laura Albin

517-381-8976

August 17-20 Great Lakes Primitive Gathering

Bois Blanc Island

Lester Mok

519-256-0324

August 18-20 11th DeFrance Canoe Outing

Au Sable River

Moe DeFrance

517-552-3670

August 18-20 Car Camping - Hiking

Bruce Peninsula, Canada

Mary Price

313-532-7498

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ITEMS

T-SHIRTS & BANDANAS
AVAILABLE
THROUGH SOLAR
GET YOURS
T-SHIRT \$10.00
BANDANA \$7.00

FOR SALE

1-pair Women's
Hiking Boots
Size B
\$20.00

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The Ray is a monthly publication of the SOLAR club, and is provided free of charge to the current dues paid members. The Deadline for new entries into *The Ray* is 12 days after the current month's general meeting. Contributions in the form of upcoming events, comments, trip reports, recipes, photos, and original articles are welcome. Send all contributions to.....

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Meeting Location

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 (west side of street - at the light), in Southfield, at 7:30 PM. Visitors can attend meeting for free. Membership dues are: \$30.00 individual / annually (or) \$150.00 individual / for lifetime, and \$45.00 family / annually (or) \$225.00 family / lifetime



The SOLAR CLUB is a non-profit organization of people interested in promoting appreciation of outdoor activities through education and practical experience. The club offers educational programs and various activities which are listed inside. We sponsor trips as well as informal gatherings to provide the exchange of expertise, experiences, and information. All of these contribute to fellowship among the members. The SOLAR CLUB activities will enhance and further the skills and information taught in the basic and more advanced classes through active participation.

SOLAR CLUB

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