

SOLAR RAY



2001

March's S.O.L.A.R. Program!

Join us this month folks after our monthly general S.O.L.A.R. meeting for an evening of sights that few see themselves. Some of our very own Solarites have had the most enviable opportunities to travel other countries, and the kindest generosity to capture some of their phenomenal moments in pictures for us. Pete Lamb will direct Tuesday evenings slide show. He writes.....My show will have a couple hundred slides taken by Chris Surmacz and myself. They will cover Katmandu, and the hike from the town of Jirri to Lukia, where Chris and Clayton Lucey joined us after flying in. On up to Kalapatar, with photos of TRIUMPHANT Solarites on two Himalayan summits, wellll almost! Shots of Everest, Lhotse, and Abadalblam, as well as the highest construction site in the world. Also to be shown; an assortment of artifacts brought back by various expedition members.

AS AN ADDED ATTRACTION (if I can talk Juli into it) A genuine Sherpa Queen of the high snows in full ceremonial dress. **DON'T MISS OUT ON THE EVENING EVERYONE! SHOW STARTS RIGHT AFTER MONTHLY SIGNUPS!**

FEBRUARY'S PHOTO CONTEST RESULTS !!!!

SOLAR CATEGORIES

HUMOR: TIED FOR 1ST PLACE - TOM OLAFFO AND JIM GILFIX
3RD PLACE - CINDY ERICKSON
NATURE: 1ST PLACE - ROB MAIR
2ND PLACE - PEGGY (LAST NAME NOT GIVEN)
3RD PLACE - TOM OLAFFO
PEOPLE: 1ST PLACE - RICK WALLER
2ND PLACE - JEAN CRAWFORD
3RD PLACE - KAREN BATES
SCENERY: TIED FOR 1ST PLACE - TOM OLAFFO AND MICHELLE GANSKE
3RD PLACE - TOM HAYES

NON-SOLAR CATEGORIES

HUMOR: 1ST PLACE - PETE LAMB
2ND PLACE - JEAN CRAWFORD
3RD PLACE - CLAYTON LUCEY
NATURE: 1ST PLACE - CINDY ERICKSON
TIED FOR 2ND PLACE - JEAN CRAWFORD AND LESLIE CORDOVA
PEOPLE: 1ST PLACE - RICK WALLER
2ND PLACE - PETE LAMB
3RD PLACE - CATHRINE KRUEGER
SCENERY: 1ST PLACE - LINDA DZWIGALSKI
2ND PLACE - ROB MAIR
3RD PLACE - A.J. PASTULA

WE ALSO HAD AN OVERALL WINNER WHO IS RICK WALLER. ALL OF THE 1ST PLACE WINNERS AND THE OVERALL WINNER RECEIVED A GIFT CERTIFICATE TO ONE OF OUR GREAT OUTDOOR STORES IN THE AREA. ALL OF THE 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACE WINNERS RECEIVED RIBBONS SO GRACIOUSLY AND PROFESSIONALLY MADE BY LAURA ALBIN. FOR THOSE WINNERS THAT HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEIR GIFT CERTIFICATES AND RIBBONS, YOU CAN PICK THEM UP AT THE MARCH GENERAL MEETING. WE WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE ALL OF THE WINNERS AND PARTICIPANTS OF THIS YEARS PHOTO CONTEST. A MESSAGE TO ALL THE WINNERS, PLEASE BRING YOUR PHOTOS IN TO THE MARCH GENERAL MEETING TO SHOW OFF TO EVERYONE! REI-NORTHVILLE WILL BE DISPLAYING ON SIGHT, THE PHOTOS OF THE 1ST PLACE WINNERS, AFTER THE MARCH MEETING. ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE E-MAIL DAVID FOERSTER AT DBFOERSTER@JUNO.COM



**IT'S FOR SALE!!
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**DID I SAY IT'S
FOR SALE??!!**



**NORTHFACE 'HARRIER'
CONVERTIBLE 3-4 SEASON TENT
2 MAN - FREE STANDING DOME
WITH GROUND CLOTH (FOOTPRINT)
7 LBS.-4 OZ. \$250.00**

**TAKERS - CALL
TIM KEY 313-527-9070**

LAST SKI OF THE WINTER??

**TWENTY SOLARITES ARE SET TO
GO CROSS COUNTRY SKIING AND
SNOW SHOEING THE WEEKEND
OF MARCH 16-18. CONTACT
MARY DUNN AT 248-585-9954
FOR MAPS, WABOS LOPPET ENTRY
FORMS, OR TO ADD YOUR NAME
TO THE WAITING LIST. THIS
TRIP IS FULL AS OF FEB. 10TH.
BALANCE OF THE \$60 TRIP FEE
AND MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE
PAYABLE IN FULL BY THE MARCH
MEETING: TUESDAY - THE 6TH.**

The MAIN EVENT

LASER TAG
Saturday April 7, 2001

Friendly challenge between the SOLAR club and the SKIM's

Armed with a laser pistol and moving through a DARK MAZE
of NARROW PASSAGES, find the opposing club and FIRE.

HIT one of the many targets and help your club be VICTORIOUS.

NEED: 15 People from EACH club

TO: Play 3 GAMES. EAT PIZZA. DRINK POP. HAVE FUN.

COST: \$19 per person for both CLUBS MEMBERS.
Day of challenge \$20 PER PERSON
\$20 For ALL GUESTS

WHERE: LASER QUEST
31401 JOHN R ROAD, MADISON HEIGHTS
(1/2 mile south of I 4 mile on the west side of the street)

TIME: 3:30 PM (Be on time to register your code name)
Last game will end at 6 PM.

CONTACT: JEFF ENTERKIN at (248) 399-0696 or E-mail at
jente69690@aol.com



UPCOMING SOLAR CLUB ACTIVITIES

MARCH



Mar 3 - A Year On The Rock Party
6-11 pm. Hazel Park Comm. Center
Rick Waller - 248-414-6991
Mike Hubbard - 248-358-2950

Apr 7 - Laser Tag
Madison Heights 3:30 pm
Jeff Enterkin 248-399-0696

Mar 6 - General Membership Meeting
Program: Slide show of various hiking
expeditions, including: Katmandu, 2 Himalayan
Summits, Everest, Lhotse and Abadalblam

Memorial Weekend - South Manitou Island
Kid Friendly - Backpacking - Group Sites
Leslie Cordova - 248-547-5626 or e-mail
lesliegene@aol.com

Mar 9 - A. Pastula Presentation at Troy R.E.I.
Triple Mountain Summit Expedition
Troy, 16 Mile and Rochester
7pm

May 11-13 - Rock Climbing Practical
Laura Albin -

Mar 16-18 Skiing, X-country, Snowshoeing
Saulte St. Marie
Mary Dunn 248-585-9954



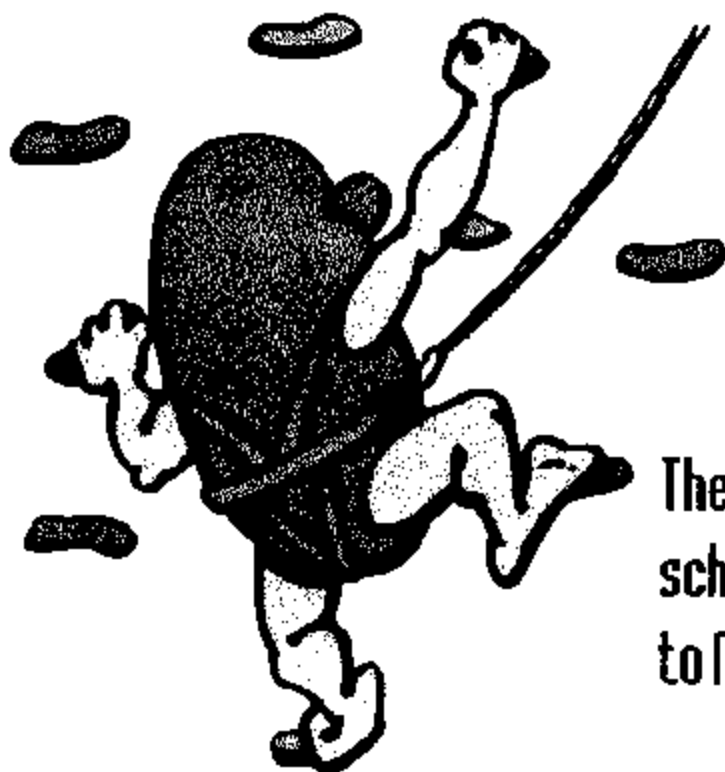
JOIN ADAM 'A.J.' PASTULA ON MARCH 9, 2001, AT THE TROY LOCATION OF R.E.I., AT 7 PM; AS HE GIVES A PRESENTATION ON A TRIPLE MOUNTAIN SUMMIT EXPEDITION IN WASHINGTON. NINE PEOPLE TRAVELED TO SUMMIT MOUNT BAKER, MOUNT COLFAX, AND MOUNT RAINIER. LEARN ABOUT THE TERRAIN, SKILLS, ATTITUDE, AND GEAR NECESSARY FOR THIS TYPE OF TRIP. FIND OUT WHY THE WILDERNESS FIRST AID CLASS (AVAILABLE THROUGH S.O.L.A.R.) IS A GREAT SKILL TO HAVE ON ANY ADVENTURE. SEE THE BREATHTAKING SCENERY THROUGH THE PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN ADAM, AND LEARN ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE FROM A CLIMBERS' PERSPECTIVE. THERE WILL BE A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION.

THE TROY R.E.I. STORE IS LOCATED IN THE SOUTH WEST CORNER OF ROCHESTER AND 16 MI. RD. ALTHOUGH THE PRESENTATION IS FREE, WE WILL BE ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF MONEY, FOOD, CLOTHING, AND TOILETRIES TO BENEFIT THE GENESIS SHELTERS. GENESIS SHELTERS HELP NEEDY PEOPLE IN THE DETROIT AREA. PLEASE PASS THE WORD ON TO ANYONE YOU FEEL MAY BE INTERESTED.

YOU CAN FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE PRESENTER AT WWW.ADVENTURE-GEEK.COM

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

ADAM PASTULA HOSTED BY: R.E.I. 166 E. BIG BEAVER RD
TROY, MICHIGAN



notice!!!

The Rock Climbing Practical originally scheduled for May 4-6 has been changed to May 11-13

A YEAR ON THE ROCK PARTY!!!

"The Millennial challenge"

March 3, 2000

6:00 pm - 11:00pm

Location: Hazel Park Community Center

620 W. Woodward Hgts.

(exit I-75 at 9 Mile Rd. and take the northbound Service

Drive north 1/2 mile to the traffic light/Woodward Hgts..

Turn west/left. The Community Center is 1/8 mile.)

\$5.00 at the door

Come ROCK with the best. This party is for all "Rockheads" (climbers) and "Rockhead Wannabes". Bring a dish of FOOD to share and Your Own ADULT BEVERAGE and we will provide the CHIPS, POP & COFFEE. There will be music, dancing, stories, and lots of fun. This party will be a good introduction for those interested in taking the Rock Climbing Class in April.

Come ROCK with us!

Contact: Rick Waller 248-414-6991

kclrw47@juno.com

Mike Hubbard 248-356-2950

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WHEN IS A FROG A TOAD???

IF YOU DON'T KNOW A FROG FROM A TOAD, OR HOW TO RECOGNIZE THEIR SONGS..... THEN JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE ROUGE FOR A NON-SOLAR EVENT. LISTENING FOR FROGS AND TOADS IN WATERSHED COMMUNITIES IS A WAY TO MONITOR THE RIVER'S HEALTH. TRAINING SESSIONS ARE OFFERED:

- SAT. MARCH 10 / 10AM-NOON
E.L. JOHNSON NATURE CENTER
ON FRANKLIN ROAD, NORTH OF
LONG LAKE
- MON. MARCH 12 / 7-9PM
DEARBORN HGTS AT THE
HENRY FORD COMM. COLLEGE

*PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
YOU CAN CALL THE FRIENDS OF
THE ROUGE AT 313-192-9621
THEN YOU CAN HELP MONITOR THE
RIVER AND IMPRESS ALL YOUR
SOLAR FRIENDS THE NEXT TIME
YOU'RE NEAR WETLANDS WITH
YOUR TOAD EXPERTISE....OR WAS
THAT A FROG???*

SOUTH MANITOU ISLAND BACKPACK
Memorial Weekend
Kid Friendly

Just finishing the spring backpack class, and looking to practice your new found skills, or just want to get out after the winter? Come join SOLAR as we backpack South Manitou Island. You must have taken the SOLAR backpack class or be proficient at backpacking to participate in this event.

You may choose to take the ferry over to the Island either Friday or Saturday, and everybody will be returning on the Monday Ferry. Please let me

know when you sign up so that I can make the appropriate reservations. The cost of this trip is \$27 which includes your camping fees and the ferry, \$18 for kids 12 and younger. You will be responsible to pay the park (either on the mainland or on the Island) a \$7 vehicle fee, plus there is a \$1 per day parking fee.

NOTE: These fees are 2000 rates and are subject to change.

South Manitou Island is part of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. We will be hiking about 1.5 miles to the Bay Campground where I have 2 group campsites reserved for SOLAR. These sites are equipped with a fire ring, outhouse and water pump, but no picnic tables. You should be prepared to carry all of your gear in, as they do not allow any kind of wheeled device.

Be advised that there is NO food service on the Island or any place to purchase supplies. Also, be prepared to hang your food from the killer CHIPMUNKS!! A backpack stove is also a necessity, as well as a rain tarp in case it does rain (this is Michigan), SOLAR has some that you may borrow. Please try to double up in your tents as each site will only accommodate 10 tents and up to 20 people.

There are a lot of interesting day hikes available on the Island. You can tour the 1871 lighthouse, wander around the old farmsteads, orchards and cemetery, visit the old growth cedars, view the shipwreck of the Francisco Morazan which ran aground in 1960, climb on the sand dunes, or just play at the beach.

There is a variety of wildlife on the island, including fox, beaver, coyote, squirrel, chipmunk, snowshoe hare, deer mouse and four species of bats.

At the May meeting I will have a list of people who are going on both the Friday and Saturday ferry. Please take a copy and try to car pool as much as possible.

Remember that you will be responsible for your own food and gear (stoves, water filters, tents, first aid, bear bag etc.) PLEASE COME PREPARED!!!

Sound like fun? Call Leslie Cordova at (248) 547-5626 or e-mail lesliecne@aol.com

Note: Since the ferry will fill up for this trip, I will need all money by the April meeting so reservations can be made.

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Meeting Location: Join us on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall, located at 21780 Evergreen Rd., between 8 and 9 Mile R.S., in Southfield at 7:30 PM. Visitors can attend the meetings for FREE. Membership dues are:
Individuals- \$30 annually or \$150 lifetime.
Family- \$45 annually, or \$225 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 an exchange of expertise, experiences, and information. All of these contribute to fellowship among its members.

The SOLAR club activities will enhance and further the skills and information taught in the basic and more advanced classes through active participation.

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