

SOLAR RAY



May 2001

Time to Vote!

Yes, It's that time again to elect your Steering Committee positions. This month's "program" is Election 2001!

Be sure to attend and cast your vote, and if you are interested in a position, come early and get entered on the ballot.



The **MAIN** **E V E N T**

May 1 - S.O.L.A.R. Gen. Meeting
Program: ELECTION 2001

May 11-13 - Rock Climbing Practical
Laura Albin -

May 17 - Sailing Instruction
Sinbad's Restaurant
See May Newsletter for details

May 19 - 15% off at Moosejaw
See May newsletter for details

May 18-20 - Bay City State Park Camping
Biking, Hiking, Critter Watching, Volleyball
Doug Lanyk 248-634-4551

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

May 30 - Backpacking 201
Carole McCorrie
See May Newsletter for details

Trying to find out if anyone would like to raft the Cheat River on the 2nd weekend of June. It's in West Virginia, for those who haven't been there, and it's a nice whitewater river. Anyone who would like to go, please let me know. Would like to fill at least one boat.
Margaret Martin (734) 721-2821

June 23-24 Archaeological Day
July 21-22 See May Newsletter

Oct 26-28 Double JJ Ranch-Rothbury
Horseback Halloween Party
Lisa Boose 248-358-5330

**ATTENTION!!!! LOOK!!!
DUE TO THE HOLIDAY
THE JULY 3RD GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED
FOR THE DATE OF....
MONDAY-JULY 9 TH
BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!**



SOLAR 2001 ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SEASON

Archaeological field digs are some of the most interesting and exciting outdoor experiences to be had, but never before has that kind of experience been commonly available. In the last few years, though, universities, museums, and research scientists worldwide have realized the depth of public interest and they are starting to open their field work to the paying and volunteering public. Now even lay people have a chance to participate in an authentic field dig, and it's paying off for science as well: a volunteer on a recent dinosaur dig in Montana discovered one of the largest T. Rex specimens ever found.

This year, SOLAR is going to Field School so going to participate in a fee-based introductory Rife Site, just outside London, Ontario, is a villages along the Bruce Trail that was of this area's rich archaeological Under the guidance of Dr. author, we will receive training data recording, and lab work. Dr. weekends for SOLAR

Here are the details of the Cost: \$160 (US) each adult, cost for camping (Children & a big price break for us -- the power of



we, too, can call ourselves "shovel burns". We are program in Ontario, a four-hour drive due east. The massive network of fortified Iroquois occupied about 550 years ago. Exploration past has been underway for many years. William Finlayson, archaeologist and in excavation techniques, survey methods, Finlayson has agreed to set aside two members only.

program: which includes two meals, plus a nominal and over are welcome for \$120) (Note that this is numbers!)

Dates: Weekend of June 23-24 or the weekend of July 21-22 (Please note the June date *may* be changed because it conflicts with the SOLAR 25th Anniversary party!)

There is a maximum of 20 people per weekend. As of the end of April, 8 spots are taken on the June trip (though the date

Backpacking 201

OK, you've taken Basic Backpacking but you want more experience in planning and going on a backpacking trip.

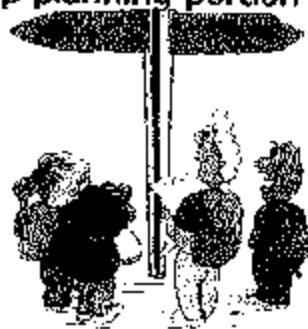


Well, Backpacking 201 is the class for you! This is a two day class, and if you want, you can just take the first class for \$10.00. If you take both classes the cost is \$35.00... a real deal! Reference material and lecture are included. Present your questions to the leaders to make your trip a fun and successful one.

This class reinforces the subjects that you learned in the Basic class, and then you plan your own trip! The class starts May 30, which will be held at Eastern Mountain Sports (EMS), in Farmington Hills (tentatively) at 7PM. This class is the trip planning portion of the class.

The second class is June 6.

The tentative plan for the trips are in July and August. See Carol McCrie at the meeting for more info.



The S.O.L.A.R. Clubs 25th Anniversary Party is Coming!!! June 23, 2001

Believe it or not folks.....the S.O.L.A.R. Club is celebrating it's 25th year anniversary! To commemorate this event, your ever vigilant, duly devoted, awe inspiring, steering committee has put together a weekend event that will not only knock your socks off, tip your tent, it will truly describe what the "R" stands for in S.O.L.A.R. Do your fellow Solarites know how to have fun? You betcha! So join us JUNE 23 (mark that on your calendar now) at ISLAND LAKE RECREATION AREA for some fantastic fun in the sun!

- kayak and canoe races scheduled.. along many other fun filled events
- any ideas, let a steering committee member know at the meeting!
- \$15.00 for Cabin stay 2 nights, includes Saturday BBQ
- BBQ approximately 4pm • WE NEED BBQ'S!!!!
- If you want to stop by for the day only costs only a \$5.00 donation per person

The S.O.L.A.R. Club will be furnishing Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Condiments, and Soft drinks. Other than these items, bring your own.

BRING A DISH TO PASS PLEASE!.....REMEMBER, SOLARITES EAT!!

LOOKING FOR A HALLOWEEN TRIP THAT DOESN'T SUCK?



DON'T BE TOO GRIM THIS HALLOWEEN. JOIN LISA BOOSE AT THE DOUBLE JJ RANCH FOR A SPECIAL HALLOWEEN PARTY/WEEKEND.

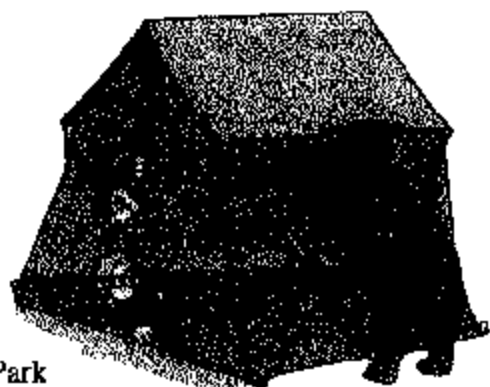
ARCHERY, AND A RIFLE RANGE IS AVAILABLE, AS WELL AS HORSEBACK RIDING (UNLIMITED RIDES PROVIDED TO SOLAR ONLY!). Costumes are mandatory!



A PROGRESSIVE "TRICK OR TREAT" IS PLANNED SEE LISA FOR THE DETAILS.



SPIRITS



Bay City State Park

It will be summer camping season again soon. To get started on summer activities please join me camping at Bay City State Recreation Area.

This will be a relaxing weekend in one of Michigan's under-used Parks. Activities available will be bicycling, hiking, awesome bird and critter watching, fishing, roller blading, volley ball, kayaking in the bay, swimming for the brave, sleeping on the beach. . The park also gives guided hikes and has organized activities for the family. The Park features nice shower facilities, 4000 ft of Lake Huron beach front, and the Tobico Marsh Wildlife area. The marsh has 1 trail and an observation tower. The rest is left for wildlife, untouched by humans. There are just enough businesses (like ice-cream stores) nearby to make camping a perfectly relaxing experience.

The plan: Cost \$15 Tent camping (Campers needing hookups will cost you extra) Pot luck supper Saturday night. Sunday Brunch supplied by Doug May 18-20 Time to smile.

Sign up at the April or May meetings or give me a call 248-634-4551

A CORN ROAST IS PROVIDED ON FRIDAY, 2 NITES OF HOWLING GOOD FUN, MEALS, THE PROGRESSIVE TRICK OR TREAT, AND ALL DAY ACTIVITIES ARE OPEN FOR THE FIRST TEN SOLARITES THAT SIGN UP.

THE COST OF ALL THIS FUN??? \$265
A \$50 DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED WITH THE FULL AMOUNT DUE BY OCTOBER 2.

THE DOUBLE JJ RANCH IS LOCATED IN ROTHBURY, 20 MINUTES NORTH OF MUSKEGON.

SEE LISA AT THE SOLAR MEETING, OR CALL HER ON 248-358-5330 DAYTIME M-F (SHE IS OUT AT NIGHT!)



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Saturday, May 19th

Friday, June 8th

Saturday, July 7th

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**Subject: NEW SAILING INSTRUCTIONAL
(FORWARDED FROM SAILING SINGLES)**

Dear BSHikers, Skivis, and SOLAR,

I am forwarding some information that I just received about a new sailing instructional program being organized by the "Sailing Singles" sailing and social club. The program is designed to encourage membership of singles in their 20s, 30s, and 40s who are interested in sailing.

The instructional program is called the "Flying Scots." Boats and instructors are provided and lessons are scheduled on THURSDAY evenings in May, June, and July of 2001.

Once a member has taken the instructional and qualifies, the club will make the 19 foot sail boats available for the members' use. It's an incredible opportunity for anyone who has longed to sail and enjoy the best Michigan has to offer!

AN INFORMATION MEETING will be held on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 9** at Sinbad's Restaurant(6:00pm for dinner or 7:30pm for the meeting, Sinbad's is located at 100 Saint Clair St, Detroit near Detroit Waterworks Park, Sinbad's phone number is 313-822-7817).

THE INSTRUCTIONAL starts on **THURSDAY, MAY 17th**. The cost is \$125. Only a few openings remain, so if you are seriously interested in learning to sail, you may want to sign up very soon!

Registration for: () Class () Sailing Card
(Class starts Thursday, May 17 at Sinbad's Restaurant)

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone (H): _____ Phone (W): _____
Email: _____

MAIL TO: Larry Chenault 1206 Shipman Blvd, Birmingham MI 48009

Everyone is invited to attend the next meeting of the Flying Scot Booster Club on Wednesday evening, May 9 at Sinbad's Restaurant. Come at 6:00pm for dinner or 7:30pm for the meeting.

The classes are at Sinbad's Restaurant on the following date and times:

May9 Wednesday 7:30pm
May17 Thursday 6:00pm
May24 Thursday 6:00pm
May31 Thursday 6:00pm
June7 Thursday 6:00pm
June 14 Thursday 6:00pm
June 21 Thursday 6:00pm
June 28 Thursday 6:00pm
July5 Thursday 6:00pm
July 12 Thursday 6:00pm
July 19 Thursday 6:00pm
July 26 Thursday 6:00pm

With everyone.
Well, the ferry reservations have been made and the trip is almost full. Still have 2 openings if anyone knows of someone who still wants to go.

Please remember the the magazines are limited to 10 tents each, so please double up in tents wherever possible. Also, this is Michigan and it rains a lot so bring a rain tarp to cook under just in case.

The ferry leaves at 8:00 AM SHARP, and you still need to park your car, down the road from the ferry, so plan to arrive no later than 7:15. I have seen the ferry leave without people who are an hour or 5 minutes late. The return ferry is scheduled for 4:00 PM on Monday, but this is subject to change so please check with the ferry service as you are on the island.

To help you decide, here is the listing of people going on the Friday and Saturday ferries.

WEDNESDAY
Leslie Cordova Oak Park (734) 547-1124 les@bigback.com
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THURSDAY
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The motto is have fun and be safe.

See you all there.
Leslie

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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.

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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.

GENE & LESLIE CORDOVA
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