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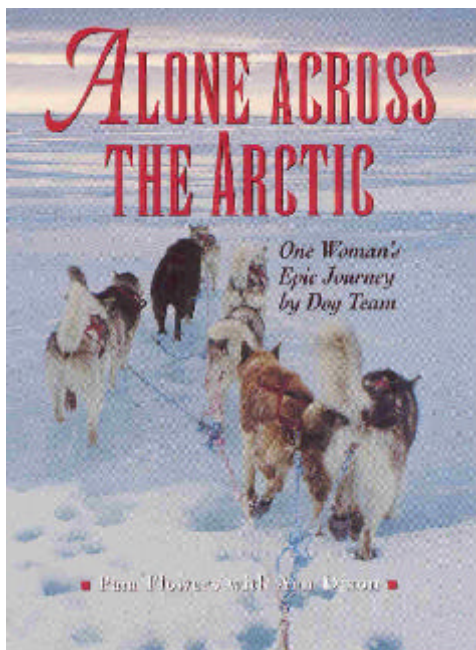


Solar Power Takes Off in Europe



According to the USA Today this month, Europe leads the USA in wind-powered electrical generation. In year 2000, Europe generated 13,630 megawatts of electricity as compared to the USA's 2,847. In year 2001, Europe continued to gain ground, producing 17,000 megawatts compared to 4,240 in the USA. Europe produces 2% of their electricity by wind, compared to .3% in the USA. "Got Oil?"

Alone Across the Arctic



On February 14, 1993, Pam Flowers and her 8-dog team left Barrow, Alaska, on the start of a 2,500 mile journey across the Arctic to Repulse Bay in the Northwest Territories of Canada. They sledged east along the edge of the continent, retracing the route of Knud Rasmussen's portion of the Fifth Thule Expedition.

The Fifth Thule Expedition was composed of seven Danish scientists of various disciplines and a contingent of Greenland Natives who worked as dog drivers, hunters, and interpreters. The expedition arrived in Repulse Bay in 1922, intent on documenting Inuit history and culture. In May 1923, Rasmussen left Repulse Bay in the company of a Native Greenland woman named Anarulunguaq and her cousin, a man named Miteq. The majority of their trek took them across 2,000 miles of the Northwest Passage. After 13 months, they arrived in Barrow, Alaska.

Pam Flowers and her dog team followed the route of the Fifth Thule Expedition as closely as possible, traveling west to east. Anarulunguaq was the first woman to complete this entire route. Pam Flowers is the second woman known to have completed it. She is also the first woman and first American to do it solo.

Less than one year from the start, on January 9, 1994, Pam and her team arrived safely in Repulse Bay. All eight dogs who started the journey in Barrow arrived in good health and good spirits.

Pam Flowers is the author of Hug A Husky and Alone Across the Arctic. On March 19, 2002, at 7:30 PM the Headwaters Group Sierra Club will host Pam Flowers. Please join us to witness (in slides) the beauty of this special place and to learn more about critical reasons why it is so important to preserve the North American Arctic!!

OCG Meetings & News

Thursday, March 14, 7:30 PM in the Church of Reconciliation On tour, author Pam Flowers will discuss her adventures "Alone Across the Arctic". See lead story.

Wednesday, March 6, 7:30 pm ExCom meeting. At the Oriental Garden Restaurant on Rosemary Street. Submit agenda items to Robert Porter at robertporter@mindspring.com or 933-7613.

Update on the Chapel Hill Development Ordinance The following town meetings are scheduled. SC members are encouraged to participate.

March 9 7:00 p.m.
Development Ordinance workshop

March 19 7:00 p.m.
Development Ordinance Workshop Forum

Update on Parking Lot #5 Sierra Club members are urged to attend the downtown planning event for Chapel Hill on March 23rd. The Town Council envisions this second of two events as the vehicle that will guide future development downtown including on Parking Lot #5. If you share the hope that future development on Parking Lot #5 will include adequate public space around which an active cultural scene can develop than please attend this meeting. The exact time of the meeting has not been released so for more information please email me (Greg Gangi) at ggangi@mindspring.com or give me a call at 932-7340.

The OCG Group would like to sponsor a design contest to stimulate innovative thinking about parking lot #5. We are trying to raise funds for a prize of between one and two thousand dollars. If you would like to contribute to this endeavor please send checks made out to the OCG Sierra Club and mail them to Greg Gangi at 1465 Smith Level Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27516.

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Q. What one company in the USA makes wind turbines? A. Enron

Outdoor Leadership Workshop

If you are a Sierra Club outing leader or you want to become a Sierra Club outing leader, join us for the North Carolina 2002 Outdoor Leader Workshop. Leader training is a never-ending process, so whether you're an old hand or have never led before, this workshop is for you.

Join us for a weekend of interactive learning, networking with leaders from all outing programs, and of course, lots of fun.

The Workshop will be held at Camp Slocum, Rougemont, NC 14 miles north of Durham on Friday, April 26. (8 pm) through Sunday, April 28. Workshop ends with lunch at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$45 which includes meals (Fri. dinner to Sun. lunch) & bunk-style lodging Fri. & Sat. nights.

Limited to 50 people - first come, first served. Questions? Contact Steven Shewach, Sierra Club Outdoor Activities Training Manager at (415) 977-5711.

Outings

1st and 3rd Saturdays of each Month - American Tobacco Trail Service Outing. Friends of the American Tobacco Trail and the Sierra Club are continuing their efforts to extend the American Tobacco Trail in southern Durham and surrounding counties. Generally, the group meets on the first and third Saturdays of every month starting at 9:00 AM. The workgroup meets at the Scott King Rd. crossing of the ATT. If you would like to know more about trails and greenways construction or maintenance and other service outings in the Triangle, contact Thad Howard (HWG) at 919-544-9126 or e-mail thad.howard@duke.edu.

MAR 8-10 Walnut Flats. Late winter base camp (Fri, Sat) at Walnut Flats campground in the Jefferson Ntl. Forest near Bland, VA. Moderate to strenuous approx. 11-mile day hike Saturday climbing to 4,000 ft. up Dismal Creek and along the AT. Remote trail experience is prettier than it sounds, with attractive Dismal Falls along the way. Maximum group size is 10, with a \$10 refundable deposit/person. Call Chris or Odile Gould (HWG) at 919-493-1194 between 8 and 9 p.m., or e-mail chris_gould@mindspring.com.

MAR 9 (Sat) 10 a.m. Duke Golf Course. Meet at Washington-Duke Inn parking lot for a 3.5-mile hike around the golf course. This is the course the cross-country team uses. Rated moderate due to elevation changes. Contact Janet Burhans-Hitti (HWG) at 919-572-2407 or jhitti0326@cs.com.

MAR 22-24 Croatan Forest. Short backpacks, easy day hikes with dry boots in the coastal swamp-forest of Eastern North Carolina. Early wild flowers, camp on an isolated island. Call Dick Udry (OCG) at 919-929-1779 between 8 and 10 p.m. or e-mail udry@unc.edu.

MAR 23-24 Goose Creek State Park. Canoe the tranquil wa-

ters of Goose Creek or possibly windy waters of Pamlico Bay, observing wintering water fowl. Easy to moderate paddling. Or, take an easy hike along the trails with observation decks in this little known State Park near Washington, NC. Primitive campground. Potluck dinner on Saturday. Sunday morning we could tour nearby historic Bath before heading home. Contact leaders Helene Baumann (OCG) helene.baumann@duke.edu or 919-732-4060 or Chandler Stewart (CG) cstewart4@mindspring.com.

MAR 30 (Sat) Burlington City Park. Possible side trip to a Civil War Battleground. Contact Susanne Gomolski (OCG) at 919-929-3805 or Annette Jurgelski (OCG) at 919-644-0280.

APR 7 (Sun) Eno River State Park. Easy to moderate 6-mile afternoon hike along all trails in Cole Mill Access Area. Contact Peter Calingaert (OCG) at pc@cs.unc.edu (or 919-933-5489 before 9 pm).

APR 13 (Sat) 9 a.m., West Point on the Eno (off Roxboro Rd.). Come and explore this charming park (home of the Eno River Festival in July). We will hike all 5 short trails. Easy to moderate pace and terrain. For those who would like to have lunch in the park, bring a lunch and beverage. For further information, contact Janet Burhans-Hitti (HWG) at 919-572-2407 or jhitti0326@cs.com.

APR 12-14 Bear Island Backpack. Bask in the sun, explore the dunes, swim in the ocean, or simply do nothing at all. Enjoy 3 miles of remote beach on one of the Atlantic coast's most unspoiled islands. Arrive on Friday or Saturday by passenger ferry then backpack to the semi-primitive campsite where you will spend the night among the sand dunes. No pets. Moderate rating. Partially refundable \$10 deposit covers camping fee. Suitable for beginners. Call early, as trip size is limited. Contact Keisha Roberts (CG) at ker@paradymstudio.com.

APR 19-21 Patterson Mountain Base Camp. Wildflower time in the Virginia mountains. Moderate day hikes along a pleasant mountain stream. Call Dick Udry (OCG) at 919-929-1779 between 8 and 10 p.m. or e-mail udry@unc.edu.

APR 20-21 Lumber River--Boardman-Fair Bluff. Paddle this beautiful stretch of the River-total of 21.4 miles, with camping on Sat. night @ Lumber R. State Park. Trip = easy. Contact Chandler Stewart (CG) at 910-739-4879 (or 910-671-4486); e-mail is cstewart4@mindspring.com.

APR 26-28 Outdoor Leadership Workshop. See story on this page for more information.

Non Sierra Sponsored Hikes



Eno River Association—Spring Wildflower Hikes The Eno River Association is sponsoring a series of spring wildflower walks every Sunday at 2 p.m. from March 10 through May 12, 2002.

Hikes are free but limited to 20 participants. To register, please call Margaret Wainwright at 919 489-2795 before 9:30 p.m. or e-mail her at mhwain@nc.rr.com.

The spring wildflower walks explore a different section of the Eno River valley each Sunday with expert leaders. Walks last about two and a half hours. Walkers see spring arrive with the first hepatica and trout lilies and progress through the spectacular display of mountain laurel in May. The purpose is to acquaint people with the beauty of the Eno River State Park and with the efforts of the Eno River Association to acquire land for the State Park and protect it from harm.

More outings information is available on-line at <http://www.sierraclub-nc.org/ocg>



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