

Orange- Chatham Group

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New Meeting Place

The OCG General Meeting will be at the Carrboro Century Center and will be held on the second Wednesday of each month. Remember our new day and location. **See you in Room 2-3 of the Carrboro Century Center!**

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World Care Free Day Wednesday, Sep 24th

"What is life like in communities that are not dependent on the automobile? What are the benefits of such a way of life?"

This is the question that World Car Free Day, begun in Europe in 1998, seeks to answer. On September 22, 2004, Orange County citizens will join over 1400 cities and towns throughout the United States and 37 other nations celebrating World Car Free Day. The Village Project, Orange-Chatham Group of Sierra Club and numerous other partners in Orange County invite you to join the celebration!

What Happens on Car Free Day?

Citizens will pledge to reduce their use of automobiles, either by going Car Free (not using a car for the entire day), or by going Car Lite (reducing the number of trips made by automobile) during their daily routines.

Everyone who pledges to reduce their automobile use will be entered in a drawing for prizes! There will be a celebration from 6 to 8 p.m. at Weaver Street Market in Carrboro, as well as a daytime event in Durham. Chapel Hill Transit provides easy access to the event via the CW, F, and J bus routes.

How Can People Get Involved?

Make a Pledge to Reduce Your Auto Trips: Orange (& Chatham) County residents visit www.gocarfree.com on the web and tell us how you plan to reduce your auto use on Car Free Day. Your pledge is your entry into the prize drawing. Ways to reduce auto trips include:

- Go Car Free for the whole day
- Ride the bus, bike or walk to the grocery store
- Walk your child to school instead of driving
- Walk to lunch instead of driving; bring lunch to work or school

How will this make a difference?

Having diverse transportation choices helps to have cleaner air & water, conserves energy resources, reduces traffic congestion, supports more compact & walkable urban form, promotes public health and makes our streets safer.

Join us on September 22nd. Take this day to experience the many other ways to move around our community, including the fabulous Chapel Hill Transit & TTA Buses and our already extensive network of sidewalks & bikeways!!

For more information visit www.gocarfree.com or call Patrick McDonough at 485-7455.

OCG Meetings

August General Meeting

Wednesday, August 11th, 7:30 p.m. General Meeting. Visit To China: Dave Owen, naturalist for West Point on the Eno Park, will entertain us with tales of his experiences sailing from the Eno River State Park to the coast in his inflatable "waft." Along the way, he encountered a variety of interesting flora and fauna which he'll be describing and illustrating with photographs. Don't miss this opportunity to share vicariously in a memorable journey.

September General Meeting

Wednesday, September 8th, 7:30 p.m. General Meeting. Book Discussion: Robert Porter, Chair of the Orange-Chatham Sierra Club and an award winning teacher, will lead a book discussion on Strategic Ignorance: Why the Bush Administration is Recklessly Destroying a Century of Environmental Progress. Strategic Ignorance is by the national executive director of the Sierra Club, Carl Pope, and Paul Rauber, a senior editor at Sierra Magazine. George W. Bush, the authors argue, isn't just trying to rollback the environmental reforms of the past two generations. Instead, he is trying to take us back to the late Nineteenth Century, to a time when the government allowed virtually unfettered environmental exploitation. Here's your chance to sound off about a president who is destroying our nation's natural heritage and imperiling our health in the process.

Wednesday, September 1st, 7:30 p.m. ExCom meeting. At the Oriental Garden Restaurant on Rosemary Street. Submit agenda items to Robert Porter at robertporter@mindspring.com or 933-7613. All OCG members are welcome and encouraged to join us.

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Outings

All participants on Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. If you would like to read the liability waiver before you chose to participate on an outing, please go to: <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/>, or contact the Outings Department at (415) 977-5528 for a printed version.

3rd Saturday - Bolin Creek Trail. Work is continuing on the Bolin Creek habitat restoration project. After a fairly small amount of work, a significant improvement is now visible along the Greenway. This is a long-term project, and we need many more volunteers. It's hard work, but very rewarding.

We meet the third Saturday of each month at the Greenway entrance on Bolinwood Drive, just off Hillsborough Street in Chapel Hill. Please contact Bill Bracey at arbornet@mindspring.com, or 942-9937 if you are interested in participating.

1st and 3rd Saturdays of each Month - American Tobacco Trail Service Outing. 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. For more info contact Thad Howard (HWG) at 919-544-9126 or e-mail thad.howard@duke.edu.

AUG 1 SIGN-UP DEADLINE --- South River overnight paddling trip Aug.7-8. See trip description for details.

AUG 7-8th South River Paddle (rescheduled from June). The South is a blackwater river located in Cumberland, Bladen and Sampson Counties. It has significant stands of cypress trees and low to swampy banks. If the water level is low, there will be many sandbars and beaches available for breaks, swimming and camping. Leader has right to change location if deemed necessary. The total distance is approximately 30.7 miles, and we'll choose a campsite on Sat. night about halfway downriver. No pets or children under 13; must provide own boat. Contact Chandler Stewart (CG) at cstewart4@mindspring.com or by phone between 8:30 & 10:30 P.M. @ 910-739-4879 or 910-536-4416.

AUG 14 (Sat.) Eno River. Another opportunity to waft the Eno with Dave Owen on one of his inflatable kayaks. Enjoy cool river breezes while Dave entertains and informs with many tales of the wildlife that can be found along this river in Orange and Durham Counties. Fee of \$12.00 covers guide and waft rental. (Easy) Contact Annette Jurgelski at 919-644-0280.

AUG 16 SIGN-UP DEADLINE --- Mt. Rogers Blueberry Pancake Backpack Aug 28-29.

AUG 28-29 Mt. Rogers Blueberry Pacake Backpack. Our trek will take us to the cool balds of the rooftop of Virginia. Learn the history of these high balds and why they now offer some of the best wild blueberries you can find. Moderate backpack. Contact Steve Lund (CG) at 919-481-1300.

SEP 3-5 Fork Mountain Backpack, Shining Rock Wilderness, Pisgah National Forest. - More details on our web site.

SEP 17 (Fri) SIGN-UP DEADLINE --- Explore Bear Island. See Sep. 24-26.

SEP 24-26 (Fri-Sun) Explore Bear Island. The 25-minute ferry ride to the island offers a glimpse of interesting wetland inhabitants, including herons and egrets. Backpack a half-mile trail that travels through the dune system, across the island, and to the beach and our camp site. You will be free to explore the island, observe wildlife, gather shells, fish, or simply relax. Appropriate for beginners and children over 5 years of age. \$10 per person fee includes ferry pass and camping fee. Contact Keisha Roberts (CG) at 919-788-0237 or kroberts@sierraclub-nc.org.



The Sierra Club's **Sustainable Consumption Committee** has created a newsletters and website www.sierraclub.org/sustainable_consumption. The goal of the committee is to educate

the public about the impact of over-consumption and to offer practical alternatives that can be applied at home, business and school.

New OCG Listserv email list

Orange-Chatham Group maintains a listserv to inform members of important events and action items. Anyone may subscribe to this list. Posting is limited to subscribers.

To subscribe to this list, go to <http://lists.sierraclub.org/SCRIPTS/WA.EXE?SUBED1=nc-ocg-news&A=1> and click on "Join or leave the list."

To post to this list, send your message to: NC-OCG-NEWS@lists.sierraclub.org

To contact the owner of this list, send a message to: NC-OCG-NEWS-request@lists.sierraclub.org Archives of this list may be viewed at: <http://lists.sierraclub.org/archives/NC-OCG-NEWS.html>

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