



The Lunz Letter



Newsletter of the Robert Lunz Group

Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton & Dorchester Counties in South Carolina

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Quick Calendar

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- **August 14:** Lowcountry Backpackers Meeting
- **August 21:** Lunz Group ExCom Meeting
- **September 4:** Membership Meeting – Amazon & Galapagos
- **September 11:** Lowcountry Backpackers Meeting
- **September 18:** Lunz Group ExCom Meeting

..... TEMPORARY MEETING LOCATION

Monthly Membership Meetings 1st Thursday of the Month

**This month in Rm. 302 of the Basic Science Building
MUSC Campus, Downtown Charleston**

<http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/oipa/planning/gettingaround/campusmap.pdf>

Directions To This Temporary Location:

If you stand facing the doors to Baruch Auditorium, turn right, walk half a block to Ashley Ave and turn left. Walk past Sabin Street on your left, then past the Childrens Hospital and the Storm Eye Institute. Walk across the first and second "Horseshoe" entrances. Then walk up to the end of the Basic Science Building. Enter the foyer and walk to elevators at left or right. Go to 3rd floor, Room 302. This is about a 5-minute walk from the Baruch Auditorium entrance.

Parking:

- 1) Park where you usually do near Baruch and follow the directions above to the Basic Sciences Building.
- 2) There is limited parking in the Horseshoe, along Ashley Avenue and along Bee St.
- 3) Park in the "G-lot". There are more spaces but you may be charged.
- 4) Ride your bike or walk from farther away.

August 7 - This Brave Nation

This Brave Nation is a unique video collaboration between *The Nation*, America's oldest weekly magazine, and Brave New Foundation, one of the country's newest multi-media producers. The entire series consists of six video dialogues between pairs of well-known figures featuring charged conversations about loves, lives, politics and history. At our meeting we will show excerpts from three of the videos relevant to conservation. Carl Pope, Sierra Club executive director, is interviewed with Van Jones, founder of Green for All.

Musician & social activist Bonnie Raitt teams up with Dolores Huerta – organizer, feminist & activist. Legendary singer Pete Seeger, still active at 88, spoke with Majora Carter, the young founder of Sustainable South Bronx. (Pete also sings a couple of songs on the video.)

Our meeting is listed on the official web site of This Brave Nation so join us for our screening of these inspirational interviews. For more information, visit <http://bravenation.com>.

September 4 –

Slide Show of the Amazon Rainforest and the Galapagos Islands

Local Sierra Club members Christine and Alec Cooley and Bill Turner will share slides and stories from their spring visit to the Ecuadorian headwaters of the Amazon rainforest and the Galapagos Islands. The first part of their trip was spent at an eco-lodge run by a local tribe on the Napo River within the Yasuni National Park.

Among the animals seen were caiman, howler monkeys, army ants, anaconda snakes, parrots and toucans. From the endless biodiversity of the rainforest, the presentation will shift to the physical isolation of the Galapagos Islands and its very sparse but rich biodiversity. This isolation, which has famously allowed many species to develop endemic traits over time, has also bred a lack of fear that allows visitors to view animals up close under the supervision of trained guides. The presentation will show photos of iguanas, albatross, sea turtles, land tortoises, sharks and penguins, as well as the famed sky-pointing dance of the blue-footed boobies.

The Case Against the Charleston Incinerator – excerpted from Post & Courier – July 13, 2008

Smoke and ash pour out of Charleston County's trash incinerator nearly every day, fouling the air over Victoria Doctor's home and those of her neighbors in Union Heights.

Doctor is one the many Union Heights residents who have been suffering from the incinerator's fallout since county officials built the huge facility near their doorsteps 18 years ago. The incinerator burns about 70 percent of the county's municipal waste – about 220,000 tons of household garbage each year.

Charleston County was planning to close the facility in 2010. But as the deadline approaches, county officials are considering offering the company that runs the Waste to Energy Facility another 20-year contract.

Doctor and many residents of Union Heights & other neighborhoods near the industrial corridor on the peninsula north of downtown Charleston said they're tired of their part of the city being used as a dumping ground for dangerous environmental waste.

Many feel their neighborhoods are more likely targets for environmental pollution because residents are predominantly black, more likely low-income, and lacking a strong political voice.

Rahim Karriem, president of the Union Heights Community Council, said the neighborhood is made up mostly of elderly residents. And the incinerator has forced most of them indoors. They

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Outings

Saturday Aug 23 Float trip on the Black River. Section depends on water level. Contact Starr Hazard 843-881-8902 or hazardes@bellsouth.net.

Saturday Sept 13 Return to Deveaux Bank and Botany Bay Island. Kayaks over 12 feet only; spray skirts required. Contact Starr Hazard 843-881-8902 or hazardes@bellsouth.net.

Saturday Sept 27 Creek Paddle at ACE Basin. Pending permissions we will begin and end on swamp creeks with rice fields in the middle. Ashepoo River to Price's Bridge. This is the essential creek paddle trip of the ACE Basin. Contact Starr Hazard 843-881-8902 or hazardes@bellsouth.net.



Nature on the Move

Wed. Sept. 10, 6:30 pm

Sierra Club is pleased to co-host with
Charleston Natural History Society

Audubon Naturalist, biologist and botanist

Patrick McMillan

of Clemson University & SC ETV Expeditions

at the

Charleston County Library Auditorium

68 Calhoun Street

Reception 6:30 - Lecture 7 pm

<http://www.charlestonaudubon.org/>
www.clemson.edu/expeditions/patrick_mcmillan.html

For more info, please call
Teri Lynn Herbert at 762-2002

Times they are a changin' and animals and plants are racing to keep up. Join Clemson University naturalist and host of the ETV program *Expeditions* Patrick McMillan for a look at plants and animals on the move.

Alteration of habitats such as the wetlands of south Florida, moderation in winter temperatures and extreme droughts are forcing native species to seek refuge in new regions. As a consequence, South Carolina is becoming a home away from home for some new and interesting species.

We'll take a look at some of the most dramatic examples from sightings of snail kites, to increases in wood stork populations, bears visiting our upstate cities and otherwise tropical plants showing up in the Grand Strand.



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Sky's the limit?

The facts are in: coal-fired power plants and the pollution they release are a major threat to human health and our environment. We need to act to clean up dirty coal power through pollution reductions that can protect our families now, not in two decades. We also need to reduce our dependence on dirty coal by retiring and replacing these plants with clean energy alternatives like wind, solar, and improvements in energy efficiency.

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Lowcountry Backpackers Club

August 14 and September 11 : Monthly Meetings 2nd Thursday of the month.

The Lowcountry Backpackers Club is organized through the Sierra Club Robert Lunz Group. We meet the second Thursday of every month at the Collins Park Clubhouse [see map on our website] from 7:00-8:30pm. We will discuss past and upcoming trips, trail safety, low-impact backpacking, light-weight backpacking, photography, and many other topics!

Beginners and experienced backpackers are welcome. If you have any tips or ideas you would like to share with the club, please bring them. Our meetings are free - join us and we'll make tracks together!

All outings are led by a trained outings leader. Membership in the club is open to anyone interested in backpacking.

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For Backpacking Trips, see: <http://groups.msn.com/LowCountryBackpackers>

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can't sit outside or they suffer respiratory and other health problems, he said. The incinerator has destroyed community life.

The Union Heights neighborhood is shouldering a huge portion of the burden for the entire county's trash problems, he said. "It's wealth against health."

Herbert Fraser-Rahim, Imam of the Masjid Al-Jami Ar-Rasheed mosque, is a member of Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities. The group, made up of residents from several North Charleston neighborhoods, is organizing to heal the community from environmental, crime and safety problems as well as protect it from encroaching development, Fraser-Rahim said.

The group is opposed to the incinerator, not only because of toxins from the burning trash, he said, but also because of the truck traffic it brings to the neighborhood. The trucks dribble possibly toxic trash juice along neighborhood streets, he said.

Charleston County Councilman Henry Darby, from North Charleston, said he thinks a majority of council members will vote to close the facility. The county can bring more trash to the Bees Ferry Landfill, increase recycling efforts, and look for alternative methods of trash disposal, he said. He told Union Heights residents that if County Council votes to continue running the incinerator after 2010, he will bring the matter to the U.S. Justice Department.



The Holy City Bike Co-op

The Holy City Bike Co-op is a group formed to provide community bike workshops, advocate bicycle safety, repair and knowledge, and promote bicycles as viable transportation. We are currently looking for a space to establish the community bike workshop. It should be located in downtown Charleston and be at least 600

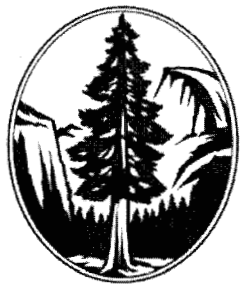
square feet. We are working on establishing 501(c)3 status, so donations of space will soon be tax-deductible.

upcoming event:

Sunday August 3rd - Marion Square - 3-6pm - Community Bike Workshop. Bring your bike, bike tools, your knowledge, and most importantly bring your energy! We'll be sharing parts, fixing bikes and making new ones. Visit www.charlestonbikecoop.com.

SCBikeLaw.com

Check out this new website which promotes the legal rights of cyclists and bicycle advocacy.



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Robert Lunz Group T-Shirts

Now available at membership meetings. We are selling T-shirts for fundraising and for fun! Get your T-shirt and start wearing it around town to show your support for the Sierra Club.

Tshirts are available in S, M, L and XL for \$15 each. The shirts are made from 50% recycled cotton and 50% recycled PET soda bottles but feel like 100% cotton!

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*** Executive Committee Members & Executive Committee Meetings:** Next Meeting is August 21 at 7. Call 881-3868 for location. Interested Sierra Club members are welcome to attend.

Lunz Group Website: www.sierraclub.org/chapters/sc/lunz

Lunz Group Conservation and News Listservs: See website for directions on how to join.

Lunz Group Lowcountry Backpackers Club Website: www.groups.msn.com/lowcountrybackpackers

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