

The Lunz Letter



Newsletter of the Robert Lunz Group

Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton & Dorchester Counties in South Carolina

June-July 2006

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Quick Calendar

- June 1: Membership Meeting - Movie: *End of Suburbia*
- June 8: Backpackers Club Meeting: Members Slide Show (See page 2)

Summer Break

- June 22: No Executive Committee Meeting
- July 6: No Membership Meeting

Regular Schedule

- July 13: Backpackers Meeting will be held (See page 2)
- July 20: Executive Committee Meeting (Call for location)

Monthly Membership Meetings 1st Thursday of the Month

7:00 pm MUSC's Baruch Auditorium,
284 Calhoun Street, Downtown Charleston

June 1st - Film Screening: "End of Suburbia" A Piccolo Spoleto Event

With brutal honesty and a touch of irony, *The End of Suburbia* explores the "American Way of Life" as the planet approaches a critical era—as global demand for fossil fuels begins to outstrip supply. As energy prices skyrocket in the coming years, how will the populations of suburbia



react to this challenge to our fulfillment of the American Dream? Are today's suburbs destined to become the slums of tomorrow? And what can be done now, individually and collectively, to avoid the End of Suburbia? For more information on the film, please visit www.endofsuburbia.com.

**July 6th - No Meeting
Summer Break**

**August 3rd - Membership
Meeting TBA**

Charleston Documentary Film Festival, October 6-9, 2006.

Charleston has a compelling, shiny, new Film Festival, totally devoted to environmental issues!

"ChasDOC", or the Charleston Documentary Film Festival, October 6-9, 2006. See the pretty www.ChasDOC.org.

Justin Nathanson, a filmmaker with editing credits like HBO's "Blue Vinyl" (bluevinyl.org) and the upcoming "Melting Planet" (www.MeltingPlanet.org) is the Executive Director of ChasDOC, inc., the 501c3 non-profit that runs the imaginative film festival.

The film festival is a 4-day exciting screening event of more than 35 features and shorts, taking place at The American Theater and other annexed sustainable communities in Charleston such as Noisette.

Bridging with top environmental groups, ChasDOC's mission is to create an exciting, well-needed Documentary Filmmakers club to be officially launched at the festival. The ChasDOC Club's idea is to educate the



community on how to make fun, award-winning films.

Its members will have their own equipment to record and direct their own movies. They will meet once a month to screen footage, meet with top documentarians and activists, and have access to ChasDOC's edit suites and professional consultants.

ChasDOC will work closely with orgs like the SC Sierra Club to make personal films on its initiatives, becoming the official organization for environmental and activist based media in South Carolina. This will all culminate in the festival each year where all the movies will be shown as a special series and be released and distributed nationally. There will also be a special club just for kids and teens!

In late June, (Check the calendar page of ChasDOC.org for specific upcoming dates soon) they will be holding a sneak preview screening/fundraiser with Laurie David and Al Gore's critically acclaimed new Global Warming Documentary "An Inconvenient Truth", with surprise guests and an after party.

To submit a film for the festival, contribute a tax-deductible donation to ChasDOC, and/or for info/dates of events, go to www.ChasDOC.org, contact Justin Nathanson at justin@ChasDOC.org or call 843-277-0485.

Outings

Sun, Jun 25: Kayak Tour de Harbor. A long day's journey into light beginning early at 7AM, we will let the tide carry us all the way out to Fort Sumter and Morris Island then all the way back to Shem Creek. This is our solstice paddle and it's a new moon so the tide currents will be grand. Open water passages make this an intermediate-level trip. Starr Hazard hazardes@bellsouth.net 843-881-8902.

Sat, Jul 1: Short Kayak Tour: Shem Creek to Crab Bank circumnavigation and return. We will launch at 8AM and paddle past the shrimp fleet, the pelicans and the manatees. This is mostly protected water. Contact Starr Hazard hazardes@bellsouth.net 843-881-8902.



Trillium flower on trail in Joyce Kilmer. Photo: Rick Dandridge

Sat, July 8 - Mon, July 10: Hike in the famous Joyce Kilmer Wilderness in North Carolina. Three days of backpacking in the Nantahala National Forest. See Hangover Lead Overlook, camp on top of Bob Bald, Walk the Joyce Kilmer memorial forest loop trail. Call Dave Schwartz 607-1108.

Sat, Jul 21: Black River Canoe/Kayak Float to cool off trip. Mostly lounging in the water to cool off. Contact Starr Hazard hazardes@bellsouth.net 843-881-8902.



August 6, 2005 on the Black River. 10 to 12 mile paddle on the stretch above Hwy. 41 just north of Andrews. Top photo: The lunch crowd. Bottom Photo: Just hanging around. Photos: Christine von



Outings (Cont.)

Sat, Aug 5 - Sun, Aug 6: Pending permits we will paddle to Capers Island for an overnight stay. The moon will be nearing full so the night sky will be spectacular and the beaches awash in silver. Contact Starr Hazard hazardes@bellsouth.net 843-881-8902.



Sat, Sept 8 - Mon, Sept 10: Hike in Panthertown Valley in North Carolina. Lots of waterfalls! Call Maureen 568-7134.

Sat, Oct 7- Mon, Oct 9: Hike at Manchester State Forest in Sumter and Clarendon counties. Call Dave Schwartz 607-1108.

For Complete Outings Information, See:
<http://www.southcarolina.sierraclub.org/lunz/events.html>
<http://www.southcarolina.sierraclub.org/outings.html>

~Around Town ~

May 26 - June 11 Spoleto Festival USA - For 17 days and nights each spring, Spoleto Festival USA fills Charleston, South Carolina's historic theaters, churches and outdoor spaces with over 120 performances by renowned artists as well as emerging performers in disciplines ranging from opera, theater, music theater, dance, and chamber, symphonic, choral, and jazz music, as well as the visual arts. <http://www.spoletousa.org/>

May 26 - June 11 Piccolo Spoleto Festival - Focusing primarily on artists of the Southeast region, Piccolo Spoleto is the perfect complement to the international scope of its parent festival. Its 700 events in 17 days transform Charleston into an exhilarating celebration of performing, literary and visual arts. <http://www.piccolospoleto.com>

Oct 6 - 9 Charleston Documentary Film Festival See page 1 for more information.

If you have an event you would like to post in the "Around Town" column, please send an email to lauramoses@yahoo.com.

Lowcountry Backpackers



June 8: Monthly Meeting. Members slide show. 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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Explore, enjoy and protect the planet

Conservation Corner

By Elliotte Quinn

Offshore Drilling

A bill to end the moratorium on new offshore oil and gas drilling recently moved out of committee in the House of Representatives. The movement of the bill out of committee represents a danger to our coasts, and our economy. Possible oil and gas drilling could negatively affect our state's and other coastal states' fishing and tourism industries. Despite the House's seeming support for new drilling there has been a recent outpouring of opposition from opponents of new drilling. Numerous governors have put themselves on record urging Congress to abandon this plan. Our own governor Mark Sanford said: "Energy independence is something we're all after, but we think it makes more sense in the long run to pursue that goal through focusing on alternative forms of energy rather than fossil fuels. Tourism is our state's number one industry, and we don't think it makes sense to undertake something that could potentially damage our coast." Call your Representatives early and often to voice your opinion about this issue.

Call or e-mail your Senators or Representatives. Capitol Switchboard number for Senate is 202-224-3121 and for House is 202-225-3121.

Fuel Economy Standards

Congressman Barton (R-TX) has introduced a bill in response to President Bush's call for the authority to radically restructure Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards by replacing the current fleet wide average with size based standards. Congressmen Sherwood Boehlert and Ed Markey offered an amendment to raise fuel economy standards to 33 miles per gallon for both cars and trucks by 2016. The amendment failed in committee but is expected to come back for a floor vote next week. The amendment, similar to those proposed in previous years, picked up four additional votes in the Energy and Commerce committee--long known for its hostility on this issue, leaving supporters optimistic ahead of the floor vote. The biggest single step we can take toward saving consumers money at the pump and reducing our dangerous oil addiction is making our cars go farther on a gallon of gas. Implementing the Boehlert-Markey proposal to increase CAFE standards to 33 miles per gallon over ten years time would save the average driver nearly \$500 a year at today's gas prices. By contrast, Barton's bill provides no minimum fuel economy standard, would require years of study and rulemaking before any action is taken, and promises no actual oil savings or savings for consumers at the pump.

Barber on Alternative Energy

Robert Barber, Democratic candidate for Lt. Governor, released a statement on alternative energy. In it he advocates incentives to encourage alternative fuel development and production. To see his campaign statement on alternative fuels please visit: http://www.robertbarber2006.com/news/newsletter/alternative_fuels/ The Sierra Club has endorsed Robert Barber for Lieutenant Governor.

Film screening coming to South Carolina

The second week of September the film "Kilowatt Ours" will be touring South Carolina. It will be shown in Charleston on September 15th, location TBA. The film opens with Vice President Dick Cheney's energy policy speech in which Cheney makes the claim that America needs nearly 1900 new power plants in the next 20 years to meet projected electricity demands. From here, filmmaker Jeff Barrie takes viewers on a journey from the coal mines of West Virginia to the solar panel fields of Florida, as he discovers solutions to America's energy related problems. Along the way, Jeff and his wife Heather share a plan to eliminate their use of coal and nuclear power at home by employing energy conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.

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**Next Program Meeting:
Film Screening: "End of Suburbia"
A Piccolo Spoleto Event
South Carolina's Dumping Ground
Thursday, May 4th at 7:00 pm
MUSC's Baruch Auditorium, 284 Calhoun Street,
Downtown Charleston**

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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.

T-shirts 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 and Executive Committee Meeting:** Next meeting is July 20th at 7 pm (call for location). All Sierra Club members are welcome to attend.

Lunz Group Website: <http://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:

<http://groups.msn.com/LowCountryBackpackers>

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