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LNG — Here It Comes, Ready Or Not!

by Vivian Newman

“You’d never see this in Kennebunkport,” said Lambert (Mayor Edward M. Lambert Jr, Fall River, Massachusetts), referring to the idea that a liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal could be located in the coastal town that is the site of the Bushs’ summer home.

It is a classic tale — major industrial development is being negotiated with government officials but not presented to the local residents until after details have been worked out and deals signed. Suddenly, peaceable citizens must put their personal lives on hold so they can read up on mysterious new technology, laws, and regulations that govern these things, and organize themselves to get answers to their questions.

Such has been the pattern this past winter regarding proposed LNG terminals, not only in Harpswell, Searsport, and other Maine’s coast communities, but in 30-40 locations along the East Coast as far down as Mobile, Alabama and beyond to various California coastal cities.

What is this all about? Market Demand, of Course!

According to the *Oil and Gas Journal*, anticipating robust US natural gas demand into the next decade, US oil and gas firms are spending increasingly more on LNG infrastructure (1,000-foot tankers, terminals with towering tanks, and degasification plants) as a way to tap into existing low-cost gas basins outside the US.

Safety Issues

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) recently, and belatedly, published a study by Houston-based ABSG Consulting Ind. The study identifies site-specific estimates of flammable vapor and thermal hazard distances for LNG spills on water, but, FERC noted, the models do not address risks to the public from an LNG terminal or associated tanker

traffic. Yet, as the *Oil and Gas Journal* article points out, the FERC has been one of the Bush administration’s most vocal supporters of LNG use, calling it a safe and reliable energy source that will help mitigate price spikes.

FERC Pulls Rank

On March 25 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Wednesday said it has exclusive jurisdiction over site and construction of liquefied natural gas terminals in California even though it is not a state regulatory body.

LNG in Congress

A pending energy bill (HR 6) contains provisions to facilitate LNG terminal development. House Republican leaders are expected to endorse a new proposal that eliminates jurisdictional conflicts by designating a “lead agency” for project review, permitting, and deadlines for FERC review. The proposal also codifies the FERC’s landmark “Hackberry” decision, which gives project developers the opportunity to arrange LNG terminal construction and supply plans without FERC open-access requirements or other economic regulations.

Maine Chapter Actions

Sierra Club’s Conservation Committee wrote to Governor Baldacci in February 2004 urging him, “to take immediate steps to assure Maine citizens that his administration will provide a transparent, thorough, and responsible evaluation of identified concerns, issues, and impacts associated with the proposed location of liquefied natural gas (LNG) facilities on Maine’s coast, and that public participation in siting decisions will be provided for at all stages of the decision making.”

The letter continued: “As you are aware, the proposals for locating liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals in

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Sierra Club Earth Day Rally a Success!

When President Bush came to Wells, Maine on Earth Day to tout his Administration’s environmental policy, he did not know he would be greeted by a very special welcome committee – over 300 protestors on the side of the road holding signs. Mothers with small babies, fathers sporting youngsters on their shoulders, students, grandparents, and many other concerned citizens lined up to show the president that “green for a day” was not good enough.

The crowd waited patiently for over three hours in chilly Maine weather. When the time drew near for the President’s arrival, police lined the street in front of the protestors. Small children looked on curiously at these impressive figures, and held up handmade signs such as “Kids Need Clean Air” and waved American flags.

An overwhelming sentiment was concern that Maine’s children may not have the heritage of beautiful, natural surroundings, or even the basic right to be healthy. So when the motorcade rocketed past, the crowd broke into the chant “Earth Day, Every Day!”.

“I think I saw him,” said one attendee afterwards. “He looked confused.” This could very well be true since the designated public space provided for the Rally was at the Town Hall, off track and out of sight.

However, thanks to the hard work of dedicated Sierra Club volunteers, the kindness of strangers, and a wonderful streak of good luck, the Rally took place on a stretch directly in front of the road to the Wells Reserve at Laudholm Farm. As one Sierra Club member put it: “There



was one house that the President passed on Route One – and we were at it!”

The result of the rally was a clear message directly to the president: Mainers are not fooled by one visit on Earth Day from a president whose administration sides with polluters, not families, every other day of the year. See more on page 4!

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Message from the Chair

Barbara J. Winterson



“Mercury’s in retrograde!”, I hear on the other end of the line. This announcement is followed by good-natured cackling of our friend from high school days calling to warn us to lay low as the stars/planets are not in optimal alignment. I suspect it is also an excuse to check in with us to see how we’re doing.

In reality, mercury — the metal, not the planet — ought to be in retrograde but it is not. The Bush administration’s so-called “Clear Skies” plan would allow power plants to emit more mercury that if the existing Clean Air Act was simply enforced.

The Environmental Protection Agency has estimated that mercury emissions could be limited to five tons per year by 2008 using existing and emerging technologies. The Bush administration plan would allow approximately three times more.

Mercury is carried downwind from the many power plants in the Midwest and pollutes Maine’s air and water. Most significantly, mercury is converted to methylmercury, enters the food chain and is concentrated in many of the fish we eat. Maine has had fish advisories posted for several years warning women of childbearing age and children to limit their consumption of fish. Methylmercury toxicity leads to permanent brain damage affecting a child’s ability to learn, reason, run and play.

Ultimately children are the victims of the Bush administration “Clear Skies” plan. But there is a better way. Tell your friends, family and co-workers that the “Clear Skies” plan obscures the truth and the mercury pollution from power plants can be reduced. We must speak-up and speak-out for children. We have the power to put “mercury in retrograde!”

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Harpwell and Sears Island have provoked controversy and alarm among local residents and many others statewide. We believe that the time is ripe for your Administration to update a comprehensive plan for siting these facilities and head off a situation that pits our coastal communities against one another.”

The letter further noted that the 103rd Maine State Legislature established a State Planning Office 1968 and a Comprehensive Coastal Development Plan in 1969 in response to continued interest by major oil companies to locate facilities on the coast.

In 1971 the Governor’s Task Force on Energy and Heavy Industry on the Maine Coast was appointed by then-Governor Kenneth M. Curtis. In 1972, the Task Force reported that, “the essential quality and beauty of the coast should not be sacrificed to short lived advantages of particular resource, technological, or locational features.”

The report went on to say that, “our principal finding is that for the most part future heavy industries should locate in two designated zones on the Maine coast... the rest of the

coast — perhaps 98 percent of the coastline — would not be eligible for heavy industrial plants but would be retained for open space, scenic benefits, outdoor recreation and tourism, summer and year-round residences, appropriate light industry both old such as boat building and new such as aquaculture, and of course further planned development of cities and towns.” (The Report may be viewed at http://unicorn.csc.noaa.gov/docs/czic/HC107.M2_M332_1972/1918.pdf)

“In our view, these principles still apply,” said Joan Saxe, Co-Chair of the Chapter’s Conservation Committee. “Decisions about the siting of energy-related facilities can only be made in the context of sound over-all land-use planning, should not proceed unless a definitive need for them has been demonstrated, and should be located as close as possible to load centers and on land or water that has little other productive value. Trade-offs should be discussed explicitly so that the public is fully informed at each phase.”

For information, contact Joan Saxe or Vivian Newman, Co-Chairs of the Chapter Conservation Committee.

OCEAN REPORTS – A Call To Environmentalists!

Reports help bring positive public attention to the marine environment, and keep a spotlight on our coasts and oceans.

Shortly before the 2000 election, Congress authorized the Oceans Act, and subsequently President Bush appointed the U.S. Commission for Ocean Policy (USCOP) to provide the first federal update in decades. The 500 page preliminary report was published on April 20, 2004, and, as the Washington Post remarked, the USCOP report is yet another sobering read about the decline of ocean health and productivity.

Last summer, the Pew Oceans Commission starkly warned that the oceans as we know them will not survive unless there are dramatic policy changes making a commitment to preserve oceanic biodiversity.

Both USCOP and Pew Oceans Commission held public meetings around the country. They heard from scientists, legal experts, and the general public (and, of course, Sierra Club activists!). However, there were major differences between the two Commissions.

The Pew Commission included fishermen from both East and West Coasts, as well as two national environmental groups on its panel; the USCOP included neither fishermen nor environmentalists, and was dominated by military and industry representatives.

What’s Good?

Both Pew and USCOP call for a comprehensive national oceans policy and a coordinated management structure. They cite failure to create an independent NOAA (as recommended by the Stratton Commission), and recommend ecosystem-based management for fisheries. Both recognize the importance of fish habitat, minimization by catch, and the preservation of marine biodiversity in natural resource management plans.

USCOP also recognizes better federal coordination and regional ocean governance are needed. It suggests new

commercial offshore activities pay user fees, supports strengthening NOAA, and calls for an offshore legal ocean agency for each offshore activity. USCOP would significantly increase federal spending on ocean science and education, which would ultimately cost an estimated \$3.2 billion per year.

What’s Not So Good?

USCOP does not recommend national ocean policies protect, maintain, or restore the health of the marine ecosystems, or that federal actions need to be consistent with this policy. It defines a precautionary approach, but the threat must be of “serious or irreversible damage”. To pay for many beneficial programs, USCOP

would create an Ocean Policy Trust Fund from oil and gas royalties, with a portion of the revenues going to states and local communities. This risks rewarding states for accepting offshore and close shore drilling, and fails to adequately define the eligible programs.

What’s Next?

The final USCOP report will be sent to the Administration by July 23. The Administration has 90 days (until October 23) to respond to the report. It is likely that Congress will hold hearings, and perhaps votes on legislation during this period. This is also the time-span in which the Administration will be crafting its response to the final USCOP report.

Environmentalists must use July 23-October 23 to generate attention to oceans and coasts to keep the press focused on essential public debate. Citizen meetings, press events, roundtables with lawmakers in the district — all these are critical to keep pressure on lawmakers and the Administration, so that in another 35 years we can look back on 2004 as a turning point for the better for our oceans.

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To view the full reports and background papers visit:
www.oceancommission.gov and www.pewoceans.org

Support Wilderness and Environmental Education for Petit Manan NWR

Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge Complex is a collection of offshore nesting islands and mainland units. It spans 200 miles of the Maine coast, and supports diverse biological communities such as an impressive assemblage of native fish, wildlife, and plant species, including seabirds, shorebirds, waterfowl, migratory songbirds, raptors, amphibians, reptiles, and rare and plants.

On April 30, 2004 a Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Refuge Complex was made available for public comment. For more details go to <http://northeast.fws.gov/planning/petit.htm>.

You can also request a CD-ROM or print copy of the draft, or its summary, by mail to Nancy McGarigal, Planning Team Leader, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, MA 01035-9589, by telephone, 413-253-8562, or by e-mail with the subject line Petit

Manan Refuge Complex to northeastplanning@fws.gov.

Deadline for written comments is July 1, 2004.

Points to make in your comments:

- Support Preferred Alternative B that would establish six new projects to protect and restore seabird populations and their habitats; expand the land acquisition program to include 153 acres on the mainland and 2,314 acres on 87 islands.
- Support Wilderness designation for 3,125 acres for 13 islands within the refuge complex.
- Urge the Refuge to locate its Seabird Environmental Center on Sears Island and expand its environmental education workshops with interpretive programs on tour boats and trails, providing both an environmentally compatible use of the Island and revenue for nearby communities.

SAVE THE DATE...September 11, 2004!

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MAINE WOODS NEWS

Liquidation Harvesting

In the final hours of the Maine legislative session the House and Senate narrowly approved the Administration's proposed rules to "significantly reduce the practice of liquidation harvesting."

Despite vigorous opposition by the timber industry, Governor Baldacci, staff of the Department of Conservation, and the Maine Forest Service persevered and prevailed in convincing lawmakers that the adoption of these rules is paramount to the long term health of Maine's forestlands.

During the rulemaking process Sierra Club advocated for inclusion of a ban on the practice of "high-grading" – essentially stripping the land of the "best trees" and leaving the rest. This provision was included in the final version of the rules passed by the legislature.

In a complementary action earlier in the session, a bill to restrict the subdivision of lands that have been liquidated (introduced by Representative Ted Koffman of Bar Harbor) also passed. Coupled with adoption of the liquidation harvesting rules the stage is set for substantial reduction of this destructive practice.

Copies of the final liquidation harvesting rulemaking will be available later in the summer on the Maine Dept. of Conservation website.

Land Bond

Disappointingly, the fate of the proposed Maine Land Bond had not been determined by the end of the

legislative session, or any other bond request for that matter. Despite an overwhelming show of statewide support for a \$150 million bond at a packed public hearing in March, no action was taken due to the quagmire of economic issues that faced the legislature.

Governor Baldacci has announced his intention to call a special session to address the land bond and other bond proposals sometime in August or September. Sadly, should passage of a land bond fail this year, we have lost the resources to grab once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to protect some of Maine's special natural areas. Stay tuned for ways that you can help when the bond is revisited later this summer.

To become involved in the Maine Woods Campaign contact Karen Woodsum at (207) 791-2821 or Karen.woodsum@sierraclub.org.

100-Mile Wilderness Economic Study

A study commissioned by the Maine Department of Conservation to examine "the potential linkages between further land protection in the 100-Mile Wilderness region and maintenance of the economic health of the northern forest region", has commenced.

The study is being conducted by the University of Maine Department of Resource Economics and Policy and the Eastern Maine Development Corporation and is entitled: 'Assessing the Regional Economic Impact of Land Conservation in the 100-Mile Wilderness Region of Maine'.

A diverse group of stakeholders will be integral to the development of the protection scenarios upon which the economic projections will be made. They include residents and business leaders of local communities, landowners, policy makers and environmental groups, including the Sierra Club. The study will be completed by December 2004.

FIELD NOTES... Earth Day in Wells

Kate Moffat, Kennebunk, volunteer Membership Chair

I felt like it was a test. A test with one question: "What would you do if President Bush came to your backyard for an Earth Day photo op?"

First, I got mad. How dare he? Earth Day is practically a holiday; a time to assert our commitment to passing a clean and healthy world on to our children. Who did he think he was to celebrate Earth Day at the Wells Reserve? This president's administration has sided with polluters over Maine families at every turn.

Next, I dug in my heels and got to work. Maureen Drouin, Sierra Club staff person in Maine, and I decided that we needed to set the record straight and expose this administration's destructive environmental policies. We needed to hold the president accountable during Earth Week while he was in town.

The biggest effort would be held on Earth Day itself in the same place the president was going to be — Wells. I phoned the police to get more information and to see where we would be permitted to gather. Maureen immediately began talking with other Maine organizations and Sierra Club's national office. We both began calling the media.

That was the answer to the test: plan an event, a show of support for the planet. A "pep rally for Maine's environment" was born. But, we only had five days to pull it together.

The Secret Service and state and local police permitted us to assemble at Wells Town Hall. There was no guarantee the president's motorcade would pass by our location, and people were eager to assemble closer to the entrance to the Wells Reserve. To see if we could gather closer, I phoned Bull and Claw, a restaurant near the entrance to the reserve, and asked permission to hold our rally there at 8:15 AM. The owner graciously said yes.

Little did he know that 300 people would show up, and New England Cable News would broadcast live from the parking lot! Indeed, that is what happened. Families, the young and old arrived with hand-made signs and American flags. All were there to set the record straight: President Bush was no friend of Maine's environment.

An hour after we arrived at the Bull and Claw, an antique shop owner, Corey Daniels, invited us to gather on his front lawn, which turned out to be the closest we could ever hope to get to the motorcade. Riot police and the Secret Service, local and national press were there.

When Bush's motorcade sped past us just before noon, hundreds of people were lined up along Route 1 holding Bush accountable chanting 'Earth Day! Every Day! I lost my voice but gained so much more from this exercise in democracy.'

Portland Press Conference Decries Bush Administration Environmental Record

On April 21st, the day before the President's Earth Day visit to Wells, the Sierra Club, Environment Maine, parents with children, and others held a press conference at the Children's Museum of Maine to decry the environmental record of the Bush Administration and to bring attention to the planned rally the next day.

Volunteer Kate Moffat was featured on the nightly news and several newspapers including the Portland Press Herald which quoted: "Kate Moffat, a teacher, said the Wells Reserve is one of her favorite places to spend her free time. She said to have President Bush at the Reserve on Earth Day is "an insult." "It just feels to me like he's trying to look green for a day by coming up here to this beautiful spot."



Kate Moffat, Sierra Club volunteer, laughs with Leanne Krudner, Sierra Club staff, because they passed the test — more than 300 people protested at the entrance of Wells Reserve to tell the Bush Administration to protect Maine families, not polluters.

More photos from Earth Day Rally (page 1)



Protestors meet in the parking lot of the Bull and Claw Restaurant to organize and listen to speakers from the Sierra Club, Toxic Action Center, Environment Maine, NRCM, and others. Photo by Mike Gerstner



◀ *Nancy Rich, Sierra Club volunteer, inspires rally attendees during a short speech asking for a clean environment. Photo by Karen Woodsum*

Sears Island Update

The threat of a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminal on Sears Island has not gone away.

The Maine Chapter of the Sierra Club continues to work with local citizens to draw attention to this unique opportunity to conserve a natural island on Maine's coast, and with Governor Baldacci to assure development of a long-range management plan for Sears Island that will keep its ecological integrity and provide for compatible economic uses to benefit local communities.

➤ Earth Day morning saw Sierra Club's intrepid Joan Saxe leading an outing on Sears Island in a mixture of snow and rain.



➤ This summer an intern from Colby College, Carolyn Hunt, will develop interpretive materials about the natural and human history of Sears Island, and will lead site visits for the public.

➤ Sierra Club volunteers testify in support of locating a seabird interpretive center on the Island, under the auspices of the US Fish and Wildlife Service Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge.

For information or to join our Sears Island Task Force, contact Joan Saxe or Vivian Newman, Co-Chairs of the Conservation Committee.

Building Environmental Communities - Neighbor to Neighbor

Reach out to your neighbor and share a message of solutions about the environment!

Earth Day 2004 kicked off a campaign to reach out to those in our community who may not be aware of many of our own behaviors and environmental issues that can affect our health, degrade our rivers, streams and coast line and spoil our forested state. And, we need Maine Chapter members to help in building environmental communities.

Specifically, the Maine Chapter is part of a nation wide project "Engaging Our Members", holding gatherings in homes, community centers and other comfortable settings designed to en-

courage conversation and build relationships. This project will involve thousands of Club members in activities that focus on important environmental issues that will be on the front burner in this year's elections.

We need you to Speak Out, Stand Up and help in mobilizing our members. This project is on a fast track; our first "Engaging Our Members" meeting in Kennebunkport attended by nearly 25 members and friends was held in May. Please call the chapter office at 761-5616 to help us promote the project and or have a meeting at your home.

Eco Book Discussion Group Maine Chapter Sponsors FUN Book Club!

The Eco-Book Club is an informal group that meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Sierra Club office, 1 Pleasant Street, Portland (next to Hi Bombay Restaurant). For more information call the Sierra Club office at 761-5616 or visit our web site at <http://maine.sierraclub.org>. Free and open to the public.



"Becoming Green Consumers in a Fast Food Nation" Spring Series

Friday June 25, 2004 Flight Maps: Adventures with Nature in Modern America — by Jennifer Price. We'll read chapters 4-6. Answers the question "Why Nature Company is an oxymoron" and examines other ways we are manipulated into spending money on seemingly environmental products.

"Lobstering in Maine" Summer Series

Thursday July 29, 2004 The Hungry Ocean her account of "the perfect storm" by Mainer Linda Greenlaw

Monday August 23, 2004 Wooden Nickel a novel by William Carpenter

Friday September 24, 2004 Maine Lobsterboats: Builders and Lobstermen Speak of Their Craft by Virginia L. Thorndike

National Wilderness Conference

October 10-13, 2004

Fort William Henry Resort & Conference Center
Adirondack Park, NY

Join fellow wilderness advocates at the National Wilderness Conference to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act! This conference focuses on the history, present-day realities, and future of the National Wilderness Preservation System. As an attendee, you will be a part of an in-depth series of presentations, panel discussions, and breakout learning sessions as well as have the opportunity to learn from a diverse group of Wilderness professionals. There will also be opportunity to network and build supportive coalitions with other Wilderness advocates.

The conference is held at Fort William Henry Resort & Conference Center located on scenic Lake George in New York's Adirondack Park. The Center is a one-hour drive from Albany International Airport, and is just a short distance from historic, scenic, and highly accessible Wilderness loca-

tions within the "Forever Wild" Adirondack Forest Preserve.

The conference starts on October 10 and runs until October 13 with field trips, speakers, panelists, and workshops addressing a diversity of perspectives on the value and meaning of wilderness, the challenges and opportunities wilderness faces today, and the future of America's National Wilderness Preservation System.

The event is organized by national and Adirondack regional organizations, including the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks, State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Friends of the Clearwater, International Journal of Wilderness, Natural Resources Defense Council, The Sierra Club, and Wilderness Watch. Mark your calendar and join in! For more information, check out the website at www.Wilderness40th.org.



LIVING GREEN

Be an environmentally conscious consumer!

Drivers – Stop Your Engines

Motto of the new Freeport Clean Air Project

The Clean Air Project (CAP), spearheaded by concerned groups such as the Maine Chapter of the Sierra Club, Maine Council of Churches, the Maine Lung Association, and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), aims to create a model community-based program.

Freeport is an ideal community to pilot the CAP project, which highlights clean air and a healthy environment for all citizens, especially children. Maine children suffer from the highest rate of asthma in New England, according to a recent report.

Asthma and other respiratory problems are exacerbated by air pollution. Freeport is one of several Maine communities recently identified as an area that has ground-level ozone (a component of smog) levels that do not meet EPA air quality standards.

There is something simple and significant that each one of us can do as a first step to help clean the air we breathe - stop idling our vehicles. The CAP project includes a vehicle no-idling campaign, clean

transportation workshops and activities for students, and public education and action initiatives that will reach into all sectors of the community — faith, health, academic, business, public, and others. One of CAP's goals is for every schoolyard to be a "clean air zone" where idling is generally not permitted for buses, delivery trucks, or cars.

The CAP committee is looking for Freeport area members to volunteer with this program. Some examples of community members already involved include the Freeport School district, which participates in the Clean School Bus USA grant to retrofit buses for reduced emissions, LL Bean and the Maine Department of Transportation's Freeport facility which have switched their fleets to a biodiesel blend, a cleaner renewable fuel, and Patagonia has signed on to support the community no-idling campaign.

The pilot project in Freeport is the first effort to create a Clean Air Community in Maine beginning with schoolyards, congregations, and public areas. For information call 865-3648.

Chapter Joins Forces to Foster Sustainable Habits

Mckenzie-Mohr, a Canadian environmental psychologist, presented a workshop in Freeport on April 16. The Maine Council of Churches, the Sierra Club, the Maine Lung Association, and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection sponsored the event.

McKenzie-Mohr focused on "community-based social marketing" to foster sustainable human behaviors such as recycling and backyard composting, and to reduce or eliminate undesirable behaviors like car idling and littering. Social marketing has been compared to advertising, but there is a distinct difference.

In advertising, people are enticed to choose among similar products they would buy anyway. Social marketing attempts to persuade people to adopt or eliminate certain behaviors, a much more difficult endeavor, as McKenzie-Mohr's research indicates. Even among highly motivated people whose values and attitudes complement sustainable living, entrenched habits are difficult to change.

To induce change, barriers to the targeted behavior must be identified. Focus groups and telephone surveys are ways to discover objections people may have about changing. In the case

of car idling, people simply seem to forget to turn off the engine. Alternatively, they may not seriously consider the data associated with engine idling, because people tend to discount knowledge that runs counter to what is already believed.

For example, barriers to checking tire pressure, in addition to forgetting, are not having a tire gauge and lack of knowledge in using instruments associated with tire pressure. Barriers can be overcome when benefits of a particular behavior are emphasized.

Behavior appears to take hold more readily when a person makes a commitment. Verbal commitments are good; written commitments such as signing a petition are even better. People demonstrate even greater follow-through by making public commitments within a group setting.

Interesting details about McKenzie-Mohr's social research are available on his web site: www.cbsm.com. To use the web site, you need to register, but registration is free.

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TIRE TIP



According to www.betiresmart.ca, fuel consumption increases by 1% for every 5% of tire under-inflation.

To help keep your tires properly inflated, the TireMinder, a replacement valve cap, gives a color-coded instant check of correct tire pressure. These caps are an inexpensive, easy way to prevent tire-related accidents, save money, and protect the environment.

The Lake Region Auto Supply in Bridgton or Fryeburg Napa Auto Parts carry the TireMinder. To find this product online, type "TireMinder" into your favorite Internet search engine to locate companies that will deliver TireMinders to you so you don't have to drive!

Have you always wanted to visit Eastern Nevada, California White Mountains, or the Tongass National Forest? Learn about exciting National Sierra Club outings at www.sierraclub.org/outings/national.

Nature Walks and Outings in York County

Join us for fun, easy nature walks in the York County area. You'll meet other nice people, enjoy the scenery and chat about today's environmental issues. After each outing (~2 hours in duration) we will continue to socialize at a nearby diner or home. Our motto is "we don't go long; we don't go fast; then we eat."

Please REGISTER for Sierra Club outings in advance by calling Kate Moffat at (207) 985-9928 or Barbara Winterson at (207) 967-8517. These outings are appropriate for people of all ages including children. Non-members welcome; sorry no dogs. Bring a friend! Free! Participants will be asked to sign a standard liability waiver; call a leader or visit <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/index.asp> if you wish to see it in advance.

Kennebunk Plains Sunday, August 1, 2004 at 5pm (C, E)

Hike Kennebunk's Blueberry Plains and pick low-bush blueberries & blackberries. Learn about the fragile habitat that protects Endangered Species on this property.

Vaughn Woods State Park Sunday October 3, 2004 at 10am (E)

Vaughn Woods State Park in Berwick is the perfect place to spend a fall morning. We'll take a short side trip to Hamilton House to check out their formal fall gardens. An experienced Master Gardener will talk about Earth-Friendly Gardening and its benefits to the environment and consumers.

Mount Agamenticus Saturday November 6, 2004 at 9am (C)

Late fall is the perfect time to climb Mount Agamenticus in York. The hike up takes 45 minutes and is easy to moderate. Great views of the ocean and nearby hills. Learn how special places like this get preserved in Maine through partnerships between state and local organizations and land trusts.

(C) Conservation: The leader or another participant may be knowledgeable about the area and instruct participants about environmental concerns and pending conservation issues.

(E) Education: The leader or another participant will be available to instruct participants about a variety of attributes of the area such as flora, fauna, geology, and natural and/or cultural history.

Summer Canvass Efforts in your Neighborhood!

This summer, as in summers past, the Sierra Club is going door to door in an effort to educate the public about top environmental issues and recruit new members. You may be visited! Take this opportunity to sign a post card and accept materials from the canvasser. Canvass runs from May 1 to August 31.

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Maine Chapter Women's Voices for the Environment Summer Encampment 2004 is postponed until 2005.

New Activity — In place of the Summer Encampment: Engaging All our Members to Speak Out, Stand Up! Speaking neighbor to neighbor to build environmental communities and to get out the vote in November. Speak up now to volunteer. Call the Sierra Club Maine Chapter: 761-5616.

SIERRA CLUB CALENDAR

June

25 Book Club discusses Flight Maps: Adventures with Nature in Modern America by Jennifer Price. Portland Office at 5:30pm.

July

1 Deadline for written comments on the Petit Manan NWR.
17 Executive Committee meeting 5:30pm
18 York County Outing – Bridle Path at 8:00am
24-25 Full Circle Fair. Sierra Club is looking for tabling volunteers. Please call the Maine Chapter Office at 761-5616.
29 Book Club discusses The Hungry Ocean by Mainer Linda Greenlaw. Portland office at 5:30pm.

August

1 York County Outings – Kennebunk Plains at 5pm
23 Book Club discusses Wooden Nickel by William Carpenter. Portland office at 5:30pm.
27-29 Sierra Club Outings Leader Workshop (#04996A). For more information go to http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/training/brochures/2004_mass.asp.

September

11 MaineShare Hike & Bike
18 Sierra Club Annual Lobster Bake. Winslow Park, Freeport from 11:00-3:00.
24: Book Club discusses Maine Lobsterboats: Builders and Lobstermen Speak of Their Craft by Virginia L. Thorndike. Portland office at 5:30pm.
24-26 Common Ground Fair. Sierra Club is looking for tabling volunteers. Please call the Maine Chapter Office at 761-5616.

October

10-13 National Wilderness Conference

Sierra Club Annual Lobster Bake!!!

When: September 18

Where: Winslow Park, Freeport

Time: 11am-3pm.

Speakers, awards, great food and outdoor activities



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