

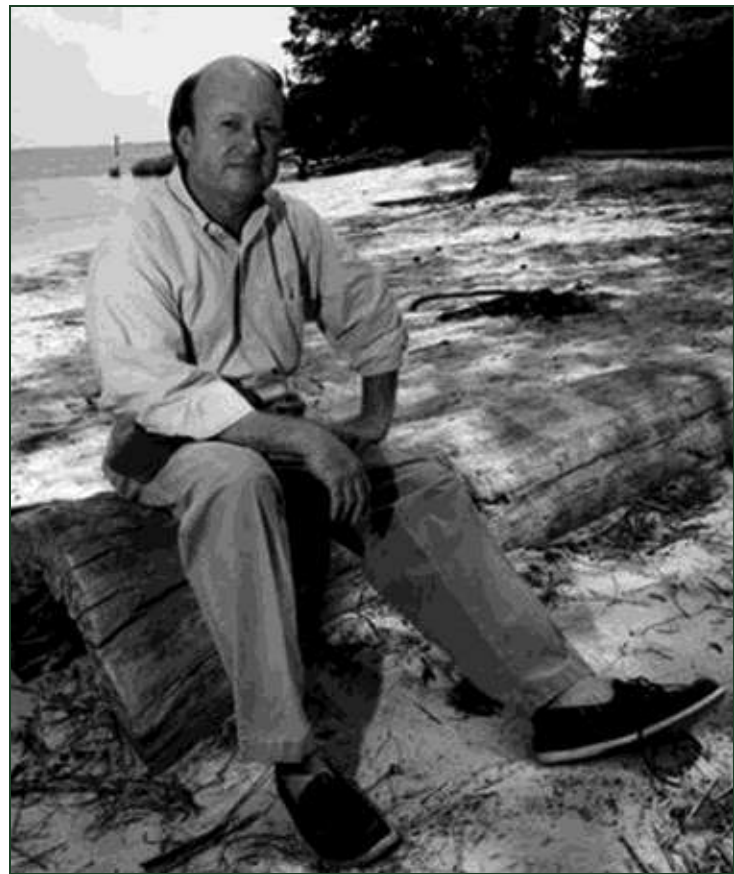


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## Passing the Torch

*In Memory of Jimmy Chandler*

*by Bob Guild*  
*Chapter Vice-Chair*

We, in the Sierra Club, mourn the loss of our lawyer, environmental champion and friend, Jimmy Chandler, who died on August 7, 2010 after a long illness.

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## Seeing the Big Picture

*Susan Corbett, Chair,  
South Carolina Chapter*

These past few months since the last Chronicle have been busy ones in many areas. I am pleased to tell you I believe our Chapter is making major progress on all fronts. Our general membership has grown and is continuing to grow. We started a new group in Aiken, the Western Carolina group, which will serve five counties in the western area of our state. Our outings program is growing and a number of folks are attending the national Outings Training in Florida at the end of October. The Cathcart Group is being revitalized and is taking on local and chapter conservation issues. The Bachman group has become a major voice for recycling in the Midlands. Other environmental groups are joining our effort to educate our elected officials and the public about the dismal condition of our state waters. The Henry's Knob group has a new conservation chair who was a major force in challenging the building of an incinerator in Chester County. The Sierra Club had a major presence at the Common Agenda priority setting forum. A number of Sierrans spoke at the recent EPA hearing in Charlotte regarding toxic coal ash. For the first time in years, we will have a booth at the State Fair, and our website is gaining visitors all the time. There are so many great things going on, I can hardly list them all in this column.

This is the way I like it. A static organization is a dying one. To quote Bob Dylan "he not busy being born is busy dying." My vision and role as chair is to keep us busy being born every day.

My main focus this year is group revitalization. Too many groups are barely functioning or functioning on such a low level as to be barely viable. To that end, I am working with the ExCom and our chapter coordinator, Kurt Henning, to find ways to re-energize underachieving groups, help identify new members who will get active, find interesting speakers for their monthly programs, get outings leaders trained and outings scheduled, and urge groups to identify at least one or two local conservation issues to take on. People get involved where there is positive energy, direct action, meaningful activities and, hopefully, successful outcomes.

We have a long list of successful issues we have been working on, although we have many more battles to wage. But to think we are not making a difference would mean you're not paying attention. Sierra Club members, leaders and staff are front and center on virtually every major environmental issue in the state and our voices are heard everywhere.

Last week, our Conservation Chair, Peggy Brown, and I attended the EPA hearings in Charlotte regarding pending EPA efforts to re-classify coal ash as a **toxic substance that must be regulated under an EPA standard (right now, it's up to the states, and they aren't doing a very good job in many cases)**. Overwhelmingly, the largest organization profiled there was the Sierra Club, with members, leaders and staff from national, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. Sierra Club has had representation at virtually every major hearing or public event going on in this state. When the word goes out that we need folks to speak up, Sierrans are often the first to volunteer.

But we still have much work to do engaging our members. Kurt told me recently that nearly 2/3 of our members have NEVER contributed financially to the chapter. This is not only a concern but a real puzzlement to me. Why would you join an organization that you are hoping will protect your environment and then not give it any money to support those efforts? Perhaps people misunderstand how we raise money to pay for staff, the office, the newsletter and all the other

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We search with difficulty for that silver lining in the dark cloud of his passing. Reminded as we are, in our shared love of nature, that death is integral to the cycle of life which sustains our world; we still protest his loss which comes too soon. **Like ours, Jimmy's work was not yet complete, and so much of the struggle to conserve our community and our world remains to be done.**

Jimmy will be remembered with admiration by his fellow Sierrans as our **chapter's lawyer who fought to protect his beloved state from the polluters' abuse as the nation's dumping ground for nuclear, hazardous and domestic waste.** We honor **Jimmy's pioneering work protecting the rights of citizens to be heard in their objections to arbitrary and capricious pollution permits and in his tireless efforts to hold elected officials, regulators and industry accountable for their environmental abuses.** We also will remember Jimmy for his wry humor, love of the saltmarshes of his native Georgetown, devotion to his daughter, Leigh and revival of his teenage rock and roll guitar playing.

**Jimmy's passing**—as with all passing in the cycle of nature—opens a niche for those who remain to take his place. It **does only honor to Jimmy's memory to recognize that his great gift to those of us left behind is the work he has entrusted to a younger and empowered generation of**

environmental advocates. Jimmy has passed the torch of his efforts to his able colleague and friend, Amy Armstrong, **who succeeds him as the club's lawyer and leader of the South Carolina Environmental Law Project.** Like Jimmy, we in the Sierra Club must both live to contribute to a better world while blazing the trail for those who must come after us.

**A Brief Overview of Jimmy's Life**

Jimmy grew up in Georgetown, South Carolina and graduated from Davidson college with a BA in economics and later earned an MBA and JD from the University of South Carolina.

Long before most of us, he realized that the federal government was turning over control and management of the environment to the states and he responded by founding the South Carolina Environmental Law Project (SCELP) in **1987 to help preserve our state's natural areas.**

Since that time, SCELP has participated in hundreds of cases, representing the public welfare on virtually every environmental issue facing South Carolina (from wetlands and water quality to hazardous waste and coastal zone management, mining, zoning, land use and nuclear waste disposal).

**Some of Jimmy's landmark cases include:** the Litchfield dredging case, the Laidlaw cases, and the recent Spectre cases which held that freshwater wetlands are

indisputably protected by the coastal zone management program.

Additionally, his challenge to the relicensing of the Barnwell nuclear storage site has reached the Supreme Court.

He is survived by his wife Rebecca McCarthy Chandler and his daughter **Leigh who live at Pawley's Island.** Jimmy loved to watch his daughter play softball and to spend time playing his guitar.

**We will all remember Jimmy's sense of humor, his patience and kindness to others, his fighting spirit and, especially, his willingness to take on the hard cases that, bit by bit, have played a vital role in protecting the health of our citizens and the precious character of our coastline.**



*Chapter Treasurer to Retire*

Jim Robey, who has served as the **chapter's treasurer for twenty-five years,** will be retiring at the end of the year.

Mr. Robey has been an instrumental part of the ExCom over the course of his tenure as treasurer, helping to guide the **club's finances and fiscal responsibilities.** **He will be greatly missed. We'll have a more detailed tribute to Mr. Robey in the next Congaree Chronicle.**

The club is looking for a volunteer to take up the mantle of club treasurer, and Mr. Robey has agreed to help to train his replacement. The position requires about two hours of work a week with the exception of January / February, during annual report time. Please contact the office if you are interested in volunteering.

*Revitalization of the Nancy Cathcart Group*



The chapter has begun the exciting process of getting the Nancy Cathcart Group up and running again. The revitalization meeting (at the time of this writing) is planned for the second week of October and will be held in Beaufort.

If you are interested in being an active part of the Nancy Cathcart Group, please contact the office or send an email to Harry Gregory at harrycgregory@gmail.com.

For this or any group to be successful, it needs an active membership base.

*Revitalization of the Swamp Fox Group*



The chapter is planning on beginning the process of getting the Swamp Fox Group up and running again. Letters will be **going out to members in the group's four counties** near the end of October. The chapter hopes to schedule a meeting for the beginning of November.

Mark Hall has been single-handedly representing the group and keeping its presence alive at chapter ExCom meetings, but he can use your help. Please consider becoming an active member of **the Swamp Fox Group's ExCom.**

## CHAPTER ELECTION TIME IS HERE AGAIN

What makes the Sierra Club special? Our governing executive committee is not hand-picked by donors but elected by our membership. This means YOU! Five great candidates are running for three open spots. Please read their statements carefully and **then vote for your three choices. You'll find the ballot slip on the last page of this issue. Ballots must be postmarked or received via fax by December 1, 2010. Happy Voting!**

**You may also choose to vote electronically. Simply direct your browser to the club's website ([www.southcarolina.sierraclub.org](http://www.southcarolina.sierraclub.org)) and click on the Chapter Election tab at the top of the page. If you have not already registered on the site, you will be required to do so first. You will need your membership number (found above your name on the label of this newsletter or on your membership card).**

Simply check the boxes for the three candidates for whom you wish to cast your vote. You may change your vote up until the due date for ballots (December 1, 2010). If you have any questions or problems casting your electronic vote, contact the office at (803)256-8487 or via email at [kurt.henning@sierraclub.org](mailto:kurt.henning@sierraclub.org).

Alllyn W. Schneider



Alllyn Schneider was selected as the Carolina Sierran of the year in 2004 by the South Carolina Chapter of the Sierra Club for his work in resurrecting the Nancy Cathcart Group. When he arrived in Hilton Head in 2003, the local group had been defunct for a number of years, as no one wanted to step up and chair the group. Alllyn stepped in and got the group going again with successful meetings and outings. He remained as chair for three years and then continued as assistant chair under his successor. He also served as the outings chair. He represented the group on the South Carolina Chapter ExCom where he was selected to serve on the Steering / Personnel, Fundraising and Conservation Committees.

As a result of his work with the Nancy Cathcart Group, he was selected to serve on the Beaufort County Stormwater Utility Management Board where he is now vice chairman.

Alllyn is active with the Service Subcommittee of the Outings Committee of the National Sierra Club where he has led service trips throughout the United States. He has led trips to Glacier and

Lassen Volcanic National Parks; Chiracahua, John Muir, Kanab Creek and Bob Marshall Wildernesses; Selkirk and Cabinet mountains in the Panhandle National Forest in Idaho and the Hells Canyon National Recreation area also in Idaho.

Alllyn is active with his local Habitat for Humanity chapter where he helps build affordable homes. Last year, he took part in the Jimmy Carter Build in Chang Mai, Thailand.

Alllyn is presently on the board and former vice president of the Friends of the Savannah Coastal Refuges, a group formed to preserve and protect the seven National Wildlife Refuges in the coastal South Carolina and Georgia area.

He is active with the Coastal Discovery Museum where he is a docent at the Pinckney Island National Wildlife Refuge, where he leads interpretive hikes.

Alllyn would like your support as he seeks an at-large position on the chapter ExCom after representing the Nancy Cathcart Group for the last seven years.

Emily Jackson Miller



Since I moved to South Carolina in 2007, after graduating from Vermont Law School, I have been an active member of both the local and state chapters of the Sierra Club. I currently sit on the local Pee Dee ExCom as well as the chapter ExCom, which I hope you will allow me to continue to do.

Being an environmentalist has been, and continues to be, one of the greatest adventures of my life. I was an active volunteer in the fight against the proposed Pee Dee coal fired power plant. I spent an entire year eating only locally grown food (for more information go to [www.thecarolinafoodproject.blogspot.com](http://www.thecarolinafoodproject.blogspot.com)). I have served as a member of the Florence Trails Dedication Day Committee. I headed up the **Pee Dee Group's Energy Film Festival**, and I currently run a project for our local Sierra Club

**Chapter called "The Backyard Banquets,"** which promotes creativity and exploration into local cuisine ([thebackyardbanquets.blogspot.com](http://thebackyardbanquets.blogspot.com)).

Professionally, I am a staff attorney with South Carolina Legal Services, and I served as the part-time, Executive Director of the Black Creek Land Trust.

While I believe in a holistic approach to protecting our environment, I am primarily interested in three issues: 1) the promotion of locally produced food, 2) promoting energy efficiency and 3) educating the public about the importance of leaving light footprints (i.e., sustainable living). I ask for your support in my re-election to the chapter ExCom so that we can continue doing the work that will make South Carolina greener.

Bob Guild



I ask for your support to continue my service on our chapter ExCom. For over thirty years, I have worked as an environmental lawyer and advocate **to protect South Carolina's many special places.**

In recent years, I have served as your Chapter Chair and Delegate to the national Council of Sierra Club Leaders, and I currently serve as Chapter Vice-Chair.

In many critical grass roots fights, South Carolina Sierrans have led the way for our conservation allies in the struggle to protect our environment. Among these many battles were the unprecedented victories against powerful polluters who sought to keep the door open in **South Carolina for the nation's garbage and nuclear waste.** Our members were in the front lines demanding accountability from regulators and policymakers in the face of high pressure

campaigns by the waste industry to permit more mega garbage dumps, new dirty waste incinerators and unrestricted burial of nuclear waste at the leaking Barnwell dump.

Likewise, Sierrans have led the way in advocating for a safe, clean and sustainable energy future for our state, grounded upon efficiency and renewable sources and discouraging reliance on more dirty coal and nuclear. Most recently, Sierrans have drawn new attention to the pollution of our streams, rivers and lakes and have successfully required the posting of waters which are unsafe for fishing and swimming as the first step to achieving needed clean-up. I ask for your support to continue this work of strengthening **our Club's ability to lead in the fight to save our own backyard as well as our planet.**

Jimmy Bruce



Throughout my life, I have enjoyed the natural resources of our planet without ever giving much thought to protecting it beyond not littering (the commercial with the tear running down the **proud Native American Indian's cheek is forever burned into my brain).**

This all changed when I learned about Chester County's plan to put a waste incinerator three miles from my home and the school where my youngest child attends. Sickened by the feeling that government and industry would work behind closed doors with no regard for public interest in the matter and bolstered by many others who felt the same, I helped organize and lead the local opposition to the Covanta project. We traveled to the statehouse and testified before the Senate subcommittee, and, with the help of the

conservation community, we were able to fend off another attempt to make South Carolina a dumping ground for more out-of-state garbage.

I am a single father of three who has been very active in wheelchair sports recreation and my community for over twenty-years. The first thirteen years of my life was nomadic and after being born in California and living in six states, my family settled in South Carolina, which I call my home. I have traveled to and visited many states in the United States, and South Carolina is by far the only place I want to live. I have an ability to think outside the box, and I would like to use my talents for the preservation of the natural beauty of our state. Thank you for the opportunity.

Mark Hall



I have been the pro-tem Chair of the Swamp Fox Group for the past ten years and have attempted **to keep the interests of the group's area** connected to the work of the chapter.

I served for twenty years in the United States Marine Corps and retired in 2000. While in the Marines, I spent thirteen years as a Support Equipment Technician, two years as a Drill Instructor, and the last five years in the environmental field. During that time, I obtained the secondary Military Occupational Specialty of Hazardous Material / Hazardous Waste Specialist and worked as a Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facility Technician.

Currently, I am an Environmental Protection

Specialist within the civil service, joining the Air Force team in 2001, and I work at Shaw AFB as the Pollution Prevention (P2) Manager. My responsibilities in this position include examining all media (air, water, solid waste, hazardous waste, etc.) in an effort to prevent pollution from leaving the base. I also teach environmental management systems, the DoD Green Procurement Program, and solid waste / recycling training.

I am active in the state as a member of several environmental organizations such as the Sierra Club, Carolina Recycling Association and Keep the Midlands Beautiful. I ask for your support so **that I can continue my service to our chapter's** executive committee.



*Conservation-ally Speaking*  
 Peggy Brown  
 Conservation Chair  
 South Carolina Chapter

On Saturday, September 11th, Conservation Chairs from groups around the state gathered to share issues of importance and campaigns that are being pursued from the foothills to the coast. We were glad to have Cary Chamblee join us and lead a discussion regarding the upcoming 2011 legislative issues session.

From the groups: Chris Gerards from the Cathcart Group presented a PowerPoint presentation on climate change. I shared a presentation from the Water Committee, which was a great eye opener about the importance of the legislative water issues. **Jimmy Bruce talked about his experience in last year's**

extraordinary, strong opposition to the Covanta Waste-to-Energy plant. **Angela Jones from the Lunz group spoke about "Saving the Angle Oak" along with special guest Samantha Siegel, the grassroots organizer who led the effort.** Jeremy Grant spoke about his recycling challenge to have all festivals held in the city of Columbia be "greener" by encouraging a recycling plan, hopefully, one the city will resolve to adopt! Susan Corbett gave us a brief update on what's going on in the nuclear world and couldn't stress enough that the plants are aging and the mounting nuclear waste is a threat of devastation that will always be here. We also had a guest presenter, Mark Sutton, who is now a new member, who spoke about Port Royal, a historical community established in 1562, which pulled together as a whole to oppose a development that was chopping away at a promised park overlooking the Port Royal Sound. Last, but by no means least, Harry Gregory spoke about the 10/10/10 project and 350.org.

Having said all this, I am pleased to offer the following articles on the next few pages that describe environmental issues from across South Carolina.

*Upcoming South Carolina Sierra Club Chapter Events / Dates*

- October 13, 2010 — Start of South Carolina State Fair
- October 16, 2010 — Chapter ExCom Meeting
- October 24, 2010 — Final Day of South Carolina State Fair
- November 19, 2010 — Articles Due for Winter 2010 Congaree Chronicle
- November 25-26, 2010 — Thanksgiving Holiday, Office Closed
- December 1, 2010 — Ballots Due



*Global Warming / Climate Change and South Carolina: What Can We Expect?*

*Chris Gerards,  
 Chair Nancy Cathcart Group*

What to expect? That is a question foremost on the minds of a lot of people. The Global Warming / Climate Change issue has become so complex, so contentious, we have decided to give it two names, the first being unpalatable to a lot of people. **We've changed the name to Climate Change** because it connotes a more natural process and not one directly attributed to any one particular source—but while the name may have changed, the rose is still wilting.

**But whether you think it's a non-issue, an issue we can engineer our way out of, or an issue it's too late to avoid, we should first take a cold, hard look at where we**

are when it comes to our emissions in the state of South Carolina. In all likelihood, Global Warming will require a solution that is universally mandated, making our personal and local opinions moot.

**Let's take a look at where South Carolina gets its energy:**

First, we have to realize that South Carolina imports all of its coal, gas, nuclear and petroleum, and, except for hydro electric, the state has no indigenous energy resources. 60% of our energy is produced by nuclear power, 40% comes from coal and a small 1.5% is generated using hydro-electric dams. For transportation fuel we use 109 million barrels per year of imported oil.

To give you some idea of the shear **numbers involved, let's take a closer look** at our coal usage and how it breaks down. Currently, we burn 17,288,000 tons of coal yearly (34.5 billion pounds of coal) to generate 40% of our electricity. When you burn one pound of coal, you produce roughly two-and-nine-tenths of a pound of CO2 (as coal is burned, carbon attaches itself to oxygen). Coal is responsible for

about 50 million tons (or 100,000,000,000 pounds, or a 100 billion pounds) of CO2 emissions in South Carolina or about 45 million metric tons. (The fact that we use the standard system and the rest of the world uses the metric system makes a confusing subject even more so). Okay, so what does that mean you ask? Well, **let's put this in the perspective of nature** and its balance. As you know, coal is formed when plants and animals decay under the right conditions (mostly pressure and heat are involved). Almost all plant life (and subsequently animal life) on earth owes its existence to the sun and a chemical reaction called photosynthesis. This process converts sunlight and CO2 into biomass (plants). The byproduct of this process is oxygen and water vapor. When you reverse this process, by burning plant material either in the form of wood, coal, gas or oil, you use oxygen, produce energy (formerly sunlight) and CO2.

I think we all had some idea that this is **what's happening when we burn fuel of**

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*Charlotte, NC  
September 14, 2010  
EPA Coal Ash  
Hearings  
Peggy Brown*

South Carolina Sierra Club is proud of the great job National did coordinating the coal ash hearing in Charlotte on September 14, 2010. After much planning and months worth of phone conferences, we showed strength and will in protecting our land and waters. Once again conservationists and environmentalists from an array of organizations united and were joined by faith leaders, educators, scientists, attorneys and, most importantly, private citizens who spoke about the need for stricter regulations for coal ash ponds. After hearing reports that the first of the seven EPA hearings in DC was dominated by industry, I felt proud and relieved at the turnout for the Charlotte hearing.

It was quite disturbing to hear the stories private citizens shared about the cases of cancer in the lives of their families, friends and neighbors—the real people living near coal ash ponds. One testified that she hoped “everyone will demand the

EPA to go back to the drawing board on the determination that coal ash poses no environmental justice risks. From where I stand, we are dying and this must stop.”

**Even the EPA’s own report states that cancer risk becomes one in fifty for people living near coal ash ponds.** If the EPA will regulate coal ash under Subtitle C (RCRA) and rule coal ash as hazardous waste under federal law, this will require the industry to phase out porous sludge ponds and replace them with sturdy, leak-proof facilities. For years, utility companies across the nation have touted **coal energy as cheap.** Isn’t it about time for the industry to realize coal is not cheap in terms of the cost to public health and the degradation to the environment?

No one was surprised that the utilities, concrete, sheetrock, trucking and, of course, the coal industry spoke about the cost that the regulation would impose on **them and the economy.** I really couldn’t decide if it was the money or the stigma that was more important to them. It almost seemed to me that if they didn’t have to let the consumer know the product was made with hazardous waste then they would be ok with the Subtitle C (RCRA) rule. The EPA had clarified its interest to leave in place the exemptions for beneficial uses, but the utilities and the folks that ship, fabricate, etc., only wanted

to discuss the “stigma” that would adversely affect the industry if the proposal went into effect. Off the record, one citizen was able to ask the EPA, over a break, about the gaping discrepancy between the volume of coal ash being split between beneficial use and landfill / impoundment storage (roughly 50/50) and what is listed on the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) reports (a rough ratio of two million on-site to two thousand pounds of total toxins transported off-site). They confirmed verbally that the discrepancy was due to what common sense told me—that beneficial off-site transport is not included in the toxin counts. South Carolina DHEC does not impose additional requirements on facilities beyond what is required by federal law and regulations. For more information see <http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/baq/ToxicReleaseInventory>.

In any case, we know, and the EPA confirms by test results from December 2009, that heavy metals seep out of coal ash at much higher rates than previously believed, poisoning water with arsenic and selenium at levels hundreds of times greater than the federal drinking water standards. I hope that Sierrans across the state sent in their written comments requesting the EPA to rule for the Subtitle C RCRA the most stringent regulatory class.



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some type, but what is not so obvious is how this relates to the overall question of balance: how much CO<sub>2</sub> do we currently use or take out of the atmosphere vs. what we currently emit or put back into the atmosphere?

Today, in South Carolina, an acre of forested land will use approximately one metric ton of CO<sub>2</sub> per year for its photosynthetic reactions and turn that into plant material. We would need about 45

million acres of woodland to take in what we currently put out. South Carolina has 12.7 million forested acres, allowing us to capture less than one-third of our coal emissions. If we add in emissions from oil and gas, the imbalance becomes even greater.

Today, we have no other significant method for carbon sequestration other than our woodlands. I hope that these numbers and calculations have given some perspective on the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions question. These numbers are enormous and solving our CO<sub>2</sub> imbalance is a

daunting task. Curbing emissions is only part of the solution. If we think about all the excess CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere now, accumulated after a hundred years of emissions, and what it would take to regain the equilibrium, we can see that the task is much greater than any suggestion for a solution currently out there. As people start to realize the magnitude of the problem, the pertinent question is not how to prevent Global Warming / Climate Change, but how do we cope with it? And who will pay for the consequences?



## Angel Oak Update

*Samantha J. Siegel*

This is not a typical battle over a tree. It was never just about a tree. It is about empowering local residents to share the **community's voice in a common pursuit. It is about saving a landmark.** It is about history and cultural significance. It is about preserving a rural area.

Savetheangeloak.org recently asked citizens to send letters illustrating their concerns about the Angel Oak Village Development to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as the developer had just applied for a federal permit to fill wetlands in close proximity to the Angel Oak.

This mammoth project would destroy forests and wetlands, add more construction run-off to an already impaired creek, change the hydrology of the area, and irrevocably alter the conditions that have allowed this magnificent tree to survive and prosper for 1400 years.

Further, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has now submitted formal comments opposing the project. In a letter to the Corps, the EPA makes its position on the development clear. **It says, "[o]ur assessment finds that the project does not comply with section 404(b) (1) Guidelines, and we therefore**

**recommend that the permit, as currently proposed, be denied."**

These are small victories for the Angel Oak; however, they did not come easily. As increasing numbers of citizens have become aware of this development, they have also learned how to make their combined voices effectively heard by decision makers.

We have learned that conservation victories can be won. We have also learned the price we pay for certain kinds of **"progress."** The battle to save the Angel Oak is far from over.

**The Angel Oak's surrounding** forest would be best used for an expansion of the park. We had an appraisal on a portion of the property and have made the developer an offer but have yet to hear back from him.

Please visit our website at: [www.savetheangeloak.org](http://www.savetheangeloak.org) for all the latest news with the development in question and for information on how you can help preserve this majestic, natural wonder.



## The Sierra Club in Hells Canyon

Allyn Schneider



After loading the gear (kitchen equipment, stoves, propane tanks, backpacks, fire ring, wood, trail maintenance tools, etc.) for a week in the wilderness onto a Forest Service (FS) jet boat, we headed up the whitewater Snake River, which straddles the **Oregon / Idaho state line**. The “we” included thirteen Sierra Club members including the cook and me, the leader and the host ranger and her two cowboy assistants. We were in the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, Idaho for a Sierra Club service trip week of trail maintenance. After passing a number of small rapids the FS captain announced that we were going to stop at the Kirkwood Ranch to let out eleven passengers as the boat was too heavy to maneuver successfully through the larger rapids we would encounter on our twenty mile trip to Bernard Creek.

Historic Kirkwood Ranch is a homestead on the Snake River maintained by the FS as a living museum to show what life was like in the early twentieth-century for those farming in the Snake River Valley. Our stay there, as we waited for the jet boat to return for us, was very interesting.

After setting up our kitchen canopy, latrine tent (because we were in the river corridor all wastes had to be carried out, in this case in bags) and individual tents, we had an orientation of the

work we were going to be doing during our week there.

The next day, we started with a great breakfast followed by a stretch circle where each individual contributed a favorite stretch, so we would be ready for the work. This consisted of brushing (loping) a four-foot-wide corridor along the Snake River National Trail for five miles in both directions from our camp. We also removed fire rings we found along the trail and removed any trash. We did this for two days and then had a day off for hiking, fishing or just chilling out. The fourth day, we finished the Snake River Trail, and, on the fifth, we tackled the Bernard Creek Trail in a riparian area that had not been brushed for six years. It took us most of the day to do one-and-a-half miles as the trail was just about impassable. To add to the challenge, the work was always being done in the presence of poison ivy. This trip was not recommended for those who were especially susceptible to it.

It was a very congenial group, and we had great fun in the evenings, sometimes around a camp fire or just hanging together after our conservation discussions, which took place each evening,

We halved the group right at the start for our jet boat trip down the Snake River, which we all survived. It was a great trip, and I would recommend that all Sierra Club members take part in one of the many service trips available and give a little back. You will not forget the experience and have the chance to work with a great group of people.



## Save Us A Slice

Mark W. Sutton

Port Royal, South Carolina

“Save Us A Slice” stands for a group of everyday citizens joining voices to protest the gradual and irreversible trend of privatizing our public land by federal, state, and local governments, thereby limiting our access to our forests, our beaches, and our rivers.

State land is again up for sale and developers appear poised to steal away one of the most significant waterfront resources in the country: the Port of Port Royal. This magnificent and historic slice of waterfront land (arguably one of the most beautiful and bountiful places on earth) has survived the occupation of seven

countries and has had seven flags fly overhead. Now the Port Royal waterfront is facing its most formidable assailant, that of speculative developers and an indifferent government bent on “closing the deal” with no regard to the irreversible consequences of its haste. The flag they carry should be a RED FLAG!

We want to ensure that future generations are able to walk to the river front and watch the sunset or throw a cast net without a wall of condos blocking access to the river. We would like to have just a slice of this historic waterfront set aside for future development as a park for the enjoyment of all citizens and for the preservation of our heritage as a seafaring, river dependant community.

For more info, please contact us at [saveusaslice@gmail.com](mailto:saveusaslice@gmail.com).

## *John Muir at Your Fingertips*

*Marjorie Palmer*

When was the last time you visited the Sierra Club website? Did you realize that the site houses the writings of the Sierra Club's founder, John Muir? Here's what you could learn with the click of your mouse:

A Scotsman by birth, Muir arrived in America in 1849 at age eleven with his family. Most of his youth was spent laboring on farms in Wisconsin for his father. As a teenager, Muir was an avid reader and taught himself a range of subjects, including geometry and philosophy, and even began building his own clocks and barometers. Literature and poetry also fascinated the young Muir. Eventually, botany and geology captured Muir's intellectual curiosity, and, though he never completed a formal degree (he attended the University of Wisconsin for a few years), he grew to be a self-taught scholar.

In 1869, Muir arrived in California, which

would be his final resting place. That summer, he worked as a shepherd in the Sierra Nevada Mountains and ascended Cathedral Peak in what would later be Yosemite National Park. His account of this experience is captured in his book *My First Summer in the Sierra*, which is available in its entirety through the online Muir exhibit. My personal reading list is miles long, as I'm sure yours is too; nevertheless, *My First Summer in the Sierra* should be added to it. Through this book, you can enter the mind of the man who started this great organization. You can tap into the heart of what it means to explore, enjoy, and protect the planet.

In his lifetime, Muir climbed numerous peaks, including Mount Rainier, Mount Ritter, Mount Whitney and Mount Shasta. Often traveling alone, he explored glaciers in Alaska and other previously unseen places in America. Muir went on to co-found the Sierra Club in 1892 and served as the club's first president until his death in 1914.

Experiencing nature first hand and considering one's relationship to the natural world was extremely important to Muir. His writings emphasize the human

need to find harmony with nature, to slow down, to observe and to appreciate the beauty housed in every bit of our environment. As Sierra Club members, we have opportunities to do so throughout the year in our Outdoors Program. In a few weeks, I'll be attending an outdoor leaders training workshop in Florida and hope to contribute soon to this program as well.

So, check out the online Muir exhibit. Read some of his captivating work. No doubt it will inspire you to shut down your computer and step outside to see what beauty nature holds for you today. You can find that exhibit at: [www.sierraclub.org/john\\_muir\\_exhibit/](http://www.sierraclub.org/john_muir_exhibit/)

**“We are now in the mountains and they are in us, kindling enthusiasm, making every nerve quiver, filling every pore and cell of us. Our flesh-and-bone tabernacle seems transparent as glass to the beauty about us, as if truly an inseparable part of it, thrilling with the air and trees, streams and rocks, in the waves of the sun—a part of all nature, neither old nor young, sick nor well, but immortal.”** – John Muir, June 6, 1869 (from *My First Summer in the Sierra*)

### *A Note from the Fundraising Committee*

We're in the final stretch of the 2010 calendar year, and donations to the chapter's finances have begun to fall off as they sometimes do around this time of year. The chapter is gearing up for 2011, preparing its approach to the environmental issues that affect our state. Along with the funding necessary to fight effectively those pressing battles, we have other administrative needs—office supplies, printing costs, and other infrastructure require a steady income to keep the chapter effective and able to meet the challenges our state faces. Please consider making a contribution today. You can even donate electronically by using Paypal, just direct your browser to the chapter's website and click on the Paypal button.



A view of Lake Elizabeth from Wilson Boulevard, Columbia

Group Update Page

*John Bachman Group Update*

The John Bachman Group meets on the third Monday of every month at the University of South Carolina Green (West) Quad Learning Center for Sustainable Futures (LCSF) at 7 pm. The LCSF is located between Sumter Street and Main Street near the intersection with Wheat Street. Prior to each meeting, there is a light dinner at 6 pm for a nominal donation.



**If you are not receiving emails about the group’s activities, please send your email address to [jeremygrant@hotmail.com](mailto:jeremygrant@hotmail.com) and you’ll be added to our email distribution list.**

Are you interested in becoming more involved with the John Bachman Group? We are currently looking for people who are interested in running for the John Bachman Group Executive Committee (ExCom). No experience is necessary, just a willingness to get involved and commit some of your time. ExCom elections are coming up in November and ExCom members are announced in December at the potluck dinner. ExCom members serve a two-year term and can be re-elected as many times as they desire. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Jeremy Grant at the email address above or at (803)422-2910.

Potential upcoming speaker topics include offshore wind energy in South Carolina and Electric Cars. The December meeting is our annual potluck dinner. The potluck dinner gives members the opportunity to socialize, interact, and discuss current issues.

The John Bachman Group also sponsors Green Drinks Columbia in concert with Keep the Midlands Beautiful, and Natural Awakenings magazine on the first Tuesday of every month from 5:30 pm to 7 pm. Green Drinks is an opportunity for environmentally minded midlands people to socialize and network at a different local bar/restaurant every month. To find out where we will be each month, become a friend of Green Drinks Columbia on Facebook or look for the announcement in **the John Bachman Group Constant Contact™ emails.**

If you are not an active member, you may wonder what the John Bachman Group has been / is involved with. Every three months, we clean up a two-mile stretch of roadway at the entrance to Congaree Swamp National Park. Every March, volunteers from the Sierra Club and other local organizations **help recycle at the St. Pat’s in Five Points festival as well as Rosewood Crawfish Festival and Viva la Vista.** John Bachman Group members went to the State House to lobby for environmental legislation during two Sierra Club lobby days. Recently, we challenged the permit renewal for Alpine Utilities. Alpine Utilities has had a history of discharges of untreated sewage to the Saluda River. Contact Jeremy Grant to become involved in any of these activities.

*Western Carolina Group Update*

In the last several months, the new Sierra Club group in central western South Carolina has been busy establishing itself. The group named itself the Western Carolina Group. The Savannah River Group was already taken by our sister group across the river in Georgia. The bylaws of the group were written, **approved by the group’s executive committee and sent to the chapter for approval.**

We now have a permanent mailing address:  
 The Western Carolina Group of the Sierra Club  
 Post Office Box 5122  
 Aiken, South Carolina 29804-5122

The group meets every second Tuesday of the month at the Aiken Unitarian Universalist Church, which is located at 115

Gregg Avenue, Aiken, South Carolina 29801-2797.

Our first speaker for our first meeting, appropriately enough, was Dr. Frank Carl from the Savannah River Group of the Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club. He gave a very informative and well-received talk entitled "Mercury Toxicity and Exposure."



Our next meeting will be on October 11, 2010.

We have a very eager active group of people involved and hope you will join us. We are planning several projects in the coming months, including a possible yard sale to raise funds for the group.

*Henry’s Knob Group Update*

The group is proud to announce that Jimmy Bruce has accepted a position as the new Conservation Chair. Mr. Bruce comes to the group fresh from his efforts to stave off a proposed trash incinerator in



Chester County. He brings a welcome enthusiasm and energy to our group.

**The Henry’s Knob Group is also looking to find an Outings Chair.** If you have an interest in the great outdoors and want to volunteer, please contact Joe Zdenek via email at [jzdenek@comporium.net](mailto:jzdenek@comporium.net).

The group meets every second Thursday at 7:30 pm at the Wesley Foundation, 406 Stewart Avenue, Rock Hill, South Carolina, 29730.

*Sierra Club Outings*  
(October through December)  
Compiled by Starr Hazard  
Chapter Outings Chair

Weekend of October 2 and 3:

Joyce Kilmer Forest Hike

Walk with the giants in the home of the trees. Dance the night at River Falls Lodge, camp overnight and drive home. Call Starr Hazard (843)881-8902 or send him an email at [hazardes@bellsouth.net](mailto:hazardes@bellsouth.net).

Weekend of October 8-10

Bioblitz at Cheraw State Park

(Dr. Julia Krebs passed this along to me). The state parks in South Carolina are working on an inventory of all organisms in each state park. This is not a small task that can be done in a year or even five years but a long-term project. As a part of this All Taxa Biological Inventory there is going to be a Bioblitz at Cheraw State Park on October 8-10. If you have expertise in a particular group of organisms or just an interest in the natural world, you are invited to participate.

Call Brian Scholtens at (843)953-8081 or send an email to [scholtensb@cofc.edu](mailto:scholtensb@cofc.edu).

Saturday, October 9

Lake Jocassee Kayak Trip

We will paddle for about five hours, round trip, up to Wright Creek Falls. Bring your own kayak or canoe, life jackets, lunch and water. You should have some experience on the water for this outing.

Call Mark Williams for meeting place and additional info at (864)882-6511.

Saturday, October 16

Butterfly Watching & More

Doug DeNeve will lead us on a tour through Lee County State Park. This is a very popular outing and a very special park. Emphasis will be on identifying butterflies. We will meet at the Visitors Center at 10 am. Directions can be found at [www.southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/891.aspx](http://www.southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/891.aspx).

Call David Wach at (843)229-9000 or send an email to [dwach@sc.rr.com](mailto:dwach@sc.rr.com).

Saturday, October 23

Winding Stairs Trail

This is an easy walk through a forest filled with rhododendron and mountain laurel. The trail passes through Miuka Falls, one of the state's most impressive cascades. Three-and-a-half miles. Dogs are welcome on this hike.

Call Kathy Clark at (864)646-2841.

Weekend of October 29-31:

Outings Leader Training

National is sponsoring an Outings Leader Training retreat in North Florida at Gold Head Branch State Park Keystone, Florida (between Jacksonville and Gainesville). [www.sierraclub.org/outings/training/brochures/2010-florida.asp](http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/training/brochures/2010-florida.asp). This training will qualify you to lead overnight outings. The cost is \$45.

Weekend of October 29-31:

Fall Color Base-Camp Backpacking Trip in Pisgah Forest, North Carolina

After a relatively short five to seven mile **hike into the Appalachian woods**, we'll set up camp and day hike out from there. A good trip for beginning backpackers and for people who think that carrying a thirty-five-pound pack around all day, every day is an unnecessary price to pay for enjoying the wilderness.

Call Bill Turner at (843)571-3503.

Saturday, November 6

Outdoor Education Trail

**Hosted by Dr. Jim Frederick. We'll meet at the Clemson Extension Service at 9 am. The address is 2200 Pocket Road, Florence, SC.** We will tour the trail and find out what has changed since our last visit in 2006. There is a nice picnic area for lunch. Jim has suggested, for those that would like to bring canoes or kayaks, that they might want to explore the **tupelo tree swamp part of Dargan's Pond after lunch**. This area is usually off limits to the public. For a map of the extensive trail system direct your browser to [agroecology.clemson.edu/education\\_trail/guide/index.htm](http://agroecology.clemson.edu/education_trail/guide/index.htm).

Saturday, November 6

Table Rock Mountain

Highly strenuous, with spectacular views

from the top of the dramatic cliffs. Three-and-six-tenth miles one way, total Seven-and-two-tenths, approximately six to seven hours. Dogs are welcome on this hike. Call Kathy Clark at (864)646-2841.

Saturday, November 13

(subject to change):

Bicycling the Wateree Passage of the Palmetto Trail

**We'll cycle about fourteen miles in two sections of the Palmetto Trail between Poinsett State Park and north to the Wateree River. We'll also go into Manchester State Forest and Wateree Swamp toward the river.** The morning trip will be up to seven miles on elevated, flat, converted railroad bed through the swamp toward Wateree River. **We'll then move to Poinsett State Park, where we'll do a more path-sized "mountain bike" section of the Palmetto Trail** before heading onto the dirt roads **of Manchester State Forest. You don't** need to take the whole thing on, either the easy morning half may be done, or the more moderate afternoon half.

Send an email to David Hutchens at [Lebri@aol.com](mailto:Lebri@aol.com).

Saturday, November 13

Rabun Bald Trail

This will be a moderate hike of four to five miles in Northwest Georgia. Bring your lunch and water. Your dog is welcome on this hike.

Call Mark Williams at (864)882-6511.

TBD

Bird Watch Outing

Led by Dr. Julia Krebs. Julia, as we all know, is a locally renowned expert on identifying birds. This trip is a must whether you are just starting or have been a long time birder. Some binoculars will be provided, but please bring your own if possible. Tentative destination is Huntington Beach State Park near Brookgreen Gardens. Details will be posted when they are available.



Visit us on the web at: [www.southcarolina.sierraclub.org](http://www.southcarolina.sierraclub.org)  
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Do you have an idea for a program or an article you would like to see in the Congaree Chronicle?  
 Email it to [kurt.henning@sierraclub.org](mailto:kurt.henning@sierraclub.org).

## Trivia Questions

Marjorie Palmer

Test your knowledge of several Sierra Club concerns, your reading of past newsletters, and other pertinent matters.

- 1) A self-described “poetico-trampo-geologist-botanist and ornithologist-naturalist etc. etc.!!!”
  - A. Aldo Leopold
  - B. Cary Chamblee
  - C. John Muir
  - D. Ken Salazar
- 2) Coal accounts for \_\_\_\_\_ % of the **United States’ carbon dioxide** pollution.
- 3) Transportation accounts for \_\_\_\_\_ of **the United States’ carbon dioxide** pollution.
- 4) According to a recent report by the Clean Air Task Force, \_\_\_\_\_ deaths each year are attributable to fine particulate pollution from U.S. power plants.
  - A. Under 5,000
  - B. Approximately 7,000
  - C. Over 10,000
  - D. Over 15,000
- 5) According to the same report, pollution from power plants was estimated to have caused \_\_\_\_\_ deaths in South Carolina this past year.
  - A. 62
  - B. 116
  - C. 201
  - D. 283
- 6) This National Sierra Club project seeks to give every child in America an outdoor experience.
  - A. No Child Left Inside
  - B. Building Bridges to the Great Outdoors
  - C. Leave No Trace
  - D. Connecting Youth with **America’s Great Outdoors**
- 7) President Obama named this month national wilderness month.
  - A. May
  - B. June
  - C. August
  - D. September
- 8) How many tons of recyclables has **the St. Patrick’s Day recycling program kept out of Columbia’s** landfills?
  - A. Over 5.5 tons
  - B. 4 tons
  - C. 3 tons
  - D. 2.75 tons
- 9) **Rock Hill, South Carolina’s Cool Cities Coalition** slogan is:
  - A. Famously Cooler than Columbia
  - B. Green City, Clean City
  - C. Clean City, Green City
  - D. Cool in the Upstate
- 10) True or False: Global oil production is expected to drop to forty-three million barrels per day by 2030; demand is expected to top one-hundred-million barrels per day.

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|-----|------|---|
| 1.  | C    | Sierra Club website   |
| 2.  | 40   | Sierra Club website   |
| 3.  | 1/3  | Sierra Club website   |
| 4.  | C    | Clean Air Task Force, The Toll from Coal, available at ( <a href="http://www.caftr.us/resources/publications/view/138">www.caftr.us/resources/publications/view/138</a> ) |
| 5.  | D    | Clean Air Task Force, The Toll from Coal, available at ( <a href="http://www.caftr.us/resources/publications/view/138">www.caftr.us/resources/publications/view/138</a> ) |
| 6.  | B    | Sierra Club website   |
| 7.  | D    | Sierra Club website   |
| 8.  | A    | Jeremy Grant’s article in Summer Newsletter   |
| 9.  | B    | Joe Zdenek’s article in Summer Newsletter   |
| 10. | True | Susan Corbett’s article in Summer Newsletter  |

## Answers to Trivia



Pelicans roosting at a sandbar bird sanctuary in Charleston Bay

*In Appreciation*  
*Contributions from Sierra Club members like you make our*  
*conservation work possible. Thank you!*  
*Donations received from June 1, 2010 to September 15, 2010*

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 Harry & Rebecca Dalton

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 Carolyn Ogren  
 Gary Conrad  
 R. Brent Barron

## *Join Us at the State Fair*

For the first time in several years, the South Carolina Sierra Club is going to host a booth at the South Carolina State Fair this year. We are looking for volunteers to help run the booth.

The fair runs from October 13 through October 24

- Opening Day: 3 pm – 10 pm
- Weekdays: 10 am – 10 pm
- Saturdays: 10 am – 10 pm
- First Sunday: 12 pm – 10 pm
- Last Sunday: 12 pm – 8 pm

*We need volunteers for:*

*Weekdays: 6 pm – 10 pm*

*Weekends: 10 am – 10 pm*

(especially on October 16 during the chapter ExCom meeting)

*Please consider supporting this Club activity!*

The chapter will provide admission tickets for all volunteers. We want to make a great presence at the Fair, please come down and support the chapter and your Sierra Club. You can volunteer by calling the office or by accessing the Club's State Fair Calendar on the chapter's website.

*Susan Corbett, continued from page 2*

components of our organization. We get virtually no money from national Sierra Club, and, unlike other environmental groups, we don't take money from corporations. We rely on individuals to send in their donations. This is what a true grass roots organization is all about. With a membership of over 5,000, if everyone would just send in \$20, it would make a huge difference. And if every member would get engaged on one level or another that, too, would make a difference. Many folks don't realize how meaningful a letter to a legislator can be, or a letter to the editor, or an op-ed . . . or showing up at a hearing with your Sierra Club button and your sign. All these things add

up to raise consciousness about the many environmental issues that plague our state: like the pollution in our water and air, toxic ash ponds, nuclear waste and the mountains of garbage piling up around our state.

If I don't accomplish anything else during my tenure as chair, I want to be remembered as the person who delivered a giant shot in the arm to our Chapter . . . a shot that inspired more folks to get involved, give money, get outside and, in some way, give back to the organization they joined, hoping it would work on their behalf to protect the beautiful, natural heritage of our state.

*Susan*

## Chapter Awards Nominees Sought for 2010

The Awards Committee of the South Carolina Chapter of the Sierra Club is seeking nominations for meritorious service during 2010. Nominations must be submitted by November 12, 2010.

**Conservationist of the Year**  
Given to a Sierra member who has made a major and extraordinary contribution to a statewide or to a national conservation campaign.

**Palmetto Pathfinder**  
Given to a Sierra member who has exhibited outstanding effort and influence in organizing, leading, and recruiting for exciting outings in South Carolina.

**Distinguished Service Award**  
Given to a member who has contributed long-term, outstanding service and accomplishments to the chapter.

environmental awareness, and/or enhancement of the organizational well-being of the Sierra Club in South Carolina.

**Carolina Sierran**  
Given to a Sierra leader who has administered a position or office in the chapter with unusual skill and success.

**Elected Official of the Year**  
Given to an elected official in recognition of current or past environmental efforts and achievements, with preference given to legislators and other officials serving at the state level.

**Group Achievement Award**  
Given to groups for outstanding activity in any area of club activity. Groups may be self nominated.

Nominations must be written and should include:

- 1) full contact information for the nominee,
- 2) award category,
- 3) full contact information for the nominator, and
- 4) sufficient details for the Awards Committee to evaluate the nomination.

**Silent Footprinter**  
Given to a Sierra member who has gone above and beyond expected performance in an unobtrusive club role. The recipient need not have a formal title or position.

**Media Person of the Year**  
Given to an individual in recognition of outstanding, positive contribution to the environment in South Carolina through journalism.

**Student Environmental Excellence Award**  
Given to a Sierra Student Coalition member or other member of the Sierra Club attending a school, college or university in South Carolina who has exhibited high achievement in the areas of environmental projects,

To make a nomination, please contact Joe Zdenek at 752 Harrell Street, Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730, or at [jzdenek@comporium.net](mailto:jzdenek@comporium.net).

### 2010 SIERRA CLUB CHAPTER AWARD NOMINATION

To make a nomination, please mail this form to Joe Zdenek, 752 Harrell Street, Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730 or email it to [jzdenek@comporium.net](mailto:jzdenek@comporium.net). Please describe the accomplishments this person or group has made in 2010 to be eligible for the award suggested. Provide sufficient detail in order to allow the Awards Committee to evaluate the nominee. Remember, the Awards Committee may not be familiar with the nominee. If more space is needed, use additional pages. If appropriate, include additional materials such as newspaper clippings. **NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 12, 2010.**

Name of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Award category: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Details of reason for nomination (*Use attachments if needed*):

2010 Official Sierra Club Ballot:  
At-Large Candidates to Chapter Executive Committee

Voting Instructions: Please place checks by your top three (3) candidates and then mail the completed ballot in a sealed envelope to our office postmarked by December 1, 2010. *In order for your ballot to be counted, your name and member number must be written on the OUTSIDE of the envelope.* You can find your member number on the mailing label below or on your membership card.

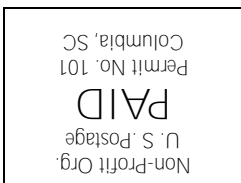
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Allyn W. Schneider		
Emily Jackson Miller		
Bob Guild		
Jimmy Bruce		
Mark Hall		

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Sierra Club of South Carolina  
Post Office Box 2388  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

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