Kansas Chapter Creates New Group Boundaries

By Craig Wolfe, Chapter Chair

Some of you may be receiving communications for the first time from one of our Kansas Chapter Groups. This is because we have reconfigured our Group boundaries, which have expanded to include areas that are further outside the metro areas where the Groups are centered.

But first, let’s take a small step back. When we refer to the Chapter, we mean the statewide Kansas Chapter. We we refer to Groups, we mean the local entity of the Kansas Chapter.

The first two groups of Kansas Chapter were the Wakarusa Group (Lawrence-based) and the Southwind Group (Wichita-See Groups (and Big Maps) on page 6

Kansas Sierra Club Endorsements for the 2012 Elections

By Bob Sommer, Political Chair, Kansas Chapter

The most important votes Kansans will cast in this year’s elections won’t be for the President or Congress. They’ll be for the Kansas State Legislature.

Far-right groups like Americans for Prosperity and the Kansas Chamber of Commerce, supported by large contributions from Koch Industries and others, have targeted moderate and progressive legislators throughout the state. Their objective is

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Confessions of an Oil Addict

By Paul Post

Global Warming’s Terrifying New Math is an article by Bill McKibben in the August 2 edition of Rolling Stone Magazine. McKibben posits that if all of the oil in proven reserves is pumped out in the next 30 years, 2,795 gigatons of carbon will be put into the atmosphere. Climate scientists believe that 565 gigatons of carbon will raise the Earth’s temperature by 2 degrees Celsius or 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit, which is the upper limit beyond which calamity will result. McKibben argues that at current rates, we will “blow through” the 565 gigaton limit in about 16 years, thus putting us on a course to calamity unless something is done.

According to McKibben: “Much of [oil company] profit stems from a single historical accident: Alone among businesses, the fossil-fuel industry is allowed to dump its main waste, carbon dioxide, for free. Nobody else gets that break – if you own a restaurant, you have to pay someone to cart away your trash, since piling it in the street would breed rats. But the fossil-fuel industry is different, and for sound historical reasons: Until a quarter-century ago, almost no one knew that CO2 was dangerous. But now that we understand that carbon is heating the planet and acidifying the oceans, its price becomes the central issue.”

McKibben goes on to state that putting a price on carbon, through a direct tax or other methods, would enlist markets in the fight against global warming. “Once Exxon has to pay for the damage its carbon is doing to the atmosphere, the price of its products would rise. Consumers would get a strong signal to use less fossil fuel – every time they stopped at the pump, they’d be reminded that you don’t need a semi-military vehicle to go to the grocery store. The economic playing field would now be a level one for nonpolluting energy sources.”

Bill McKibben is thoughtful author and I generally agree with what he writes. And I agree with what he says in this piece, with one exception: his conclusion that “We have met the enemy and they is Shell.”

No, it isn’t Shell or BP or Exxon Mobil. The quote paraphrases Pogo, who got it right when he said, “We have met the enemy and he is us.”

And so now, instead of “tut-tutting” when I am passed by a Hummer, I think to myself, “Why am I driving 10 miles to work every day?” But do I sell my office and buy something closer to my home? No. Of course, there is a less draconian measure than selling my office and moving – the bus stop is one block from my house. The bus goes right by my office. The ride is 25 minutes instead of 15 by car. But do I take the bus to work? No, because I like to go over to the gym after work to exercise, and the bus doesn’t go by the gym. My car is more “convenient.” A while back I did try taking the bus to work and enjoyed it. What surprised me was when two colleagues approached me on separate occasions and mentioned that they had seen me going to work by bus. The implied is that there must be something wrong with my business acumen if I am now “forced” to ride the bus. I had

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to give Gov. Sam Brownback an echo chamber for his policies and to roll back environmental and health protections.

The Holy Grail of their effort is to give the governor a two-thirds majority in the State Senate, which will then allow him to rewrite the state constitution. Their immediate purposes are to remove the state’s obligation to fund public education and to require any proposed increase in funding for education to be voted on by the public. The proper slogan for the governor’s education plan is “Race to the Bottom.”

Imagine what it would mean to air, water, soil, and wildlife protections in Kansas if Koch Industries and other fossil fuel companies gained control of both houses of the legislature through the incumbents and candidates they’ve purchased with hefty contributions to conservative PACs like the Kansas Chamber of Commerce. Charles and David Koch are just a few Senate seats away from becoming the ghost writers of the Kansas State Constitution. This is not hyperbole—it’s real, and it’s happening in Kansas in this election cycle.

Fortunately, there is something you can do to prevent this disaster—and it’s not just vote. A healthy cocktail of redistricting, moderate and progressive sanity about the environmental jeopardy we face, and viable candidates means not only that we can protect the Senate, but we have the prospect of gaining seats in both houses—if we do the hard work of helping candidates in close races to win their elections.

Tight Races on the Senate side:

Juanita Roy (Dist. 21),
Kyle Russell (our preferred of the two endorsed candidates in Dist. 7),
Laura Kelly (Dist. 18),
Tom Holland (Dist. 2),
Kelly Kultala (Dist. 5), and
Diana Cubbage (Dist. 27).

Tight Races on the House side:

Julie Menghini (Dist. 3),
Milack Talia (Dist. 18),
David J. Pack (Dist. 23),
Megan England (Dist. 25),
Sean Gatewood (Dist. 50),
Annie Tietze (Dist. 53),
Ann Mah (Dist. 54),
Aaron Estabrook (Dist. 67),
Carolyn Bridges (Dist. 83),
Nile Dillmore (Dist. 92),
Brandon Whipple (Dist. 96), and
Geraldine Flaharty (Dist. 98).

These candidates need our support on the ground. A quick Web search will provide the contact information to reach them so you can volunteer. If you want to volunteer but need more information, please contact me or one of the members of the Political Committee.

It’s important to remember that you don’t

have to live in a candidate’s district to walk a neighborhood, deliver yards signs, or make phone calls. The candidates listed above have close races, and they also have targets painted on them by the Kansas Chamber of Commerce and others. But we can undo all of the Koch money that’s been poured into this election by making sure voters are informed and involved. Not everyone knows what’s at stake. Thank goodness you do!

Here’s the complete list of Kansas Sierra Club endorsements:

**President of the United States:**
Barack Obama  D

**Kansas State Senate: Party** | **District** | **Home Town**
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Marci Francisco  D | KS Sen 2 | Lawrence
Tom Holland  D | KS Sen 3 | Baldwin City
Kelly Kultala  D | KS Sen 5 | Kansas City
Kyle Russell  D | KS Sen 7 | Roeland Park
Kay Wolf  R | KS Sen 7 | Fairway
Laura Kelly  D | KS Sen 18 | Topeka
Anthony Hensley  D | KS Sen 19 | Topeka
Vicki Schmidt  R | KS Sen 20 | Topeka
Juanita Roy  D | KS Sen 21 | Lenexa
Steve Wright  D | KS Sen 23 | Olathe
Janice Norlin  D | KS Sen 24 | Salina
Diana Cubbage  D | KS Sen 27 | Wichita
Oletha Faust-Goudeau  D | KS Sen 29 | Wichita
Patrick K. Cantwell  D | KS Sen 30 | Wichita
Carolyn McGinn  R | KS Sen 31 | Witchita
Johnny Dunlap II  D | KS Sen 38 | Spearville

**Kansas State House: Party** | **District** | **Home Town**
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Julie Menghini  D | KS Hs 3 | Pittsburg
John Wilson  D | KS Hs 10 | Lawrence
Milack Talia  D | KS Hs 18 | Shawnee
Nancy Lusk  D | KS Hs 22 | Overland Park
Dave Pack  D | KS Hs 23 | Lenexa
Megan England  D | KS Hs 25 | Roeland Park
Liz Dickinson  D | KS Hs 30 | Lenexa
Tom Burroughs  D | KS Hs 33 | Kansas City
Valdenia C. Winn  D | KS Hs 34 | Kansas City
Stan Frownfelter  D | KS Hs 37 | Kansas City
Pete Henderson  D | KS Hs 38 | Basehor
Linda Johnson  D | KS Hs 40 | Leavenworth
Melanie Meier  D | KS Hs 41 | Leavenworth
Barbara Ballard  D | KS Hs 44 | Lawrence
Paul Davis  D | KS Hs 46 | Lawrence
Sean Gatewood  D | KS Hs 50 | Topeka
Annie Tietze  D | KS Hs 53 | Topeka
Ann Mah  D | KS Hs 54 | Topeka
Annie Kuether  D | KS Hs 55 | Topeka
Harold Lane  D | KS Hs 58 | Topeka
Melody J. Saxton  D | KS Hs 65 | Junction City
Sydney Carlin  D | KS Hs 66 | Manhattan
Aaron Estabrook  D | KS Hs 67 | Manhattan

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In Memory of Dr. Dewey Ziegler

By Elaine Giessel

Sierra Club supporter, passionate birder, avid gardener and dedicated conservationist Dewey Ziegler, M.D. passed away September 13, 2012 at the age of 92. According to his obituary in the Kansas City Star, “his colleagues, friends and family will remember him as a lifelong learner and extraordinary teacher.” Long-time members of the Kanza Group will most certainly remember him.

Being a relatively recent immigrant to the KC Metro area, my impressions of Dr. Ziegler are limited to the occasions we chatted at Sierra Club events after 1999. Our shared passions for gardening and birding were immediately evident.

At one of our long-past Winter Festival pot luck suppers, he proudly delivered a large homegrown hibiscus plant to donate to the mini-auction fundraiser. Its broad, green, glossy leaves were gorgeous, especially in the gloom of one my first Kansas winters. Missing the beautiful hibiscus shrubs that grow in south Texas, I examined the plant. It was healthy, but clearly had outgrown its container. Dewey must have decided he'd rather donate than re-pot. Been there.

I happily hauled the hibiscus home in our old van. The following spring, it was replanted and set outdoors. Soon, its big, yellow double-blossoms brought joy along with a twinge of homesickness. When I next saw Dewey, he beamed with pride, having successfully delivered the plant to my patio.

While the good doctor is no longer with us, the hibiscus lives on, overwintering each year in my basement near the walk-out door. On cold, dreary days, I anticipate sharing its bright sunny blooms with the hummingbirds. The seasons roll on and the hibiscus needs re-potting again, Dewey.

Next summer, each yellow flower will recall the passions and efforts of Dr. Ziegler...and those twinkling eyes.

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Carolyn Bridges  D  KS Hs 83  Wichita  
Gail Finney   D  KS Hs 84  Wichita  
Jim Ward      D  KS Hs 86  Wichita  
Nile Dillmore D  KS Hs 92  Wichita  
Brandon Whipple D  KS Hs 96  Wichita  
Dale Swenson  D  KS Hs 97  Wichita  
Geraldine Flaharty D  KS Hs 98  Wichita  
Ponka-we Victors D  KS Hs 103  Wichita  
Liz Hicks     D  KS Hs 105  Wichita  

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to explain to these folks that it was an experiment to see if the bus “worked” for me to get to work without commuting. But the key here is that I was asked a silly question that I thought deserved some sort of answer.

I had my house upgraded with new siding, insulation and an energy efficient heat pump that saves me about 20% each month on electricity, and probably more on gas. But guess what - I still am powering all this with fossil fuels. I even own stock in Westar. Do I sell it and buy stock in a solar or wind company? No, because I did buy stock in such a company several years ago that shortly thereafter went bankrupt. Is that unfortunate circumstance reasonable justification to own stock in a coal-fired energy company? No, but I do it anyway. And all this from a Sierra Club life member!! Why should I expect more of the Kochs and their minions?

But the McKibben article and my reaction to it got me to thinking a bit more about my role in climate change. Despite the heat of this past summer, I found myself out riding my bike more. My partner, Kay Kelly, works three blocks from my office. For some time now, we have been commuting together when we can. We are trying to redouble that effort. A few times, when our work days ended at different times, I have put my bike on the rack and have ridden my bike home. I need to do that more often.

I watched a video the other day on the Topeka Transit web site about the bike racks that are available on city buses and how to use them. I have bus tickets on the refrigerator door that have gone unused - I am going to use them, my colleagues and their opinions be damned! In my retirement plan, I have been checking out whether to buy a nuclear operating company, Excelon, whose price has been beaten down by a recent court ruling that nixed EPA cross-state air standards and gave a green light to coal companies to continue to pollute. I know that nuclear is not as “green” as wind or solar and has a host of other problems, but it has to be better than coal-fired generating plants.

I wish I could say that there is a “Twelve Step” program for all of us oil addicts, but there isn’t. There is only a “One Step” program, and it was designed by Pogo. I have to wake up every morning and look in the mirror at the “enemy” of Planet Earth as we know it – and have known it for at least 10,000 years. I am not going to blame Shell or that Hummer driver or the Koch brothers. We hear a lot about “personal responsibility” – well, I am going to accept the challenge and hold myself personally responsible for climate change. And then I am going to try, in small ways every day, to kick my oil addiction. “I have met the enemy and he is I.” And also remember one of my favorite quotations from Wendell Berry: “Whether we and our politicians know it or not, Nature is party to all our deals and decisions, and she has more votes, a longer memory, and a sterner sense of justice than we do.”
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Groups are established based on their set of zip codes. When you look at the historical Group map, you see that these two groups were flung far and wide. The Chapter has been discussing the reconfiguration these groups for some time, and finally completed the task this year.

We have had times when Groups were created that have fallen away... namely the McPherson Valley Group and the Prairie Oaks Group. The Topeka Group is one that almost fell away, but has had a great resurgence in recent years.

So, now some of you are members for the first time in one of our Groups. For those of you who are still outside our Group boundaries, we on the ExCom, or Executive Committee, affectionately say that you are one of our “Outlanders.” Should you have any questions on any of this or on your Group, feel free to contact me or your Group Chair. You can find your Group leaders and their contact information on page 16.

Note: Due to the below images being in black and white, some Group boundaries are hard to see. Go to the website version of the Planet Kansas to see these color images: www.Kansas.SierraClub.org/PlanetKansas.htm
Why Does the Kansas Attorney General Want That Coal Plant?

By Bob Sommer

Topeka, August 31, 2012 – One of the most troubling aspects of the recent Kansas Supreme Court hearing in the case of Sierra Club versus Robert Moser, et al was underscored by the appearance of Assistant Attorney General Steve R. Fabert before the panel of seven justices on behalf of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Fabert represented the defendant, Dr. Robert Moser, Gov. Sam Brownback’s 2011 appointee to head KDHE. Fabert’s portion of the hearing raises an important question: Why is the state of Kansas – in the form of KDHE and the AG’s office – aligned with utility companies, one of them from out-of-state, rather than advocating for the health and environmental concerns of the people of Kansas?

This hearing represents the endgame of a long and tortuous effort by Sunflower Electric to build an 895 megawatt coal plant, known as Holcomb II, in western Kansas. Most of the electricity from the proposed plant will be sold to Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, a Colorado cooperative, while the toxic damage from the plant’s carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide, mercury, sulfur dioxide, and particulate matter emissions will drift across the Kansas plains, contributing millions of tons of greenhouse gases to the atmosphere annually. Not only is there no current need for the additional electricity in Colorado or Kansas, but the financing for the project appears shaky.

Fabert was one of three attorneys to speak in favor of the plant’s construction. The other two represented Tri-State and Sunflower Electric. His argument highlighted the most curious and without doubt contentious elements of this case – how the permit to build a new coal plant in Kansas came to be issued and the political pressure to build the plant.

The points of law in question in the hearing regarded the legitimacy of the permit issued by KDHE for the plant’s construction and the standing of the Sierra Club to bring suit. Amanda Goodin, a Senior Associate Attorney for Earthjustice, described these issues in her argument on behalf of the Sierra Club. The permit issued by KDHE, she said, failed to comply with specific requirements of the Clean Air Act and the Kansas Air Quality Act in limiting air pollutants, testing for noxious chemicals like nitrous oxide and sulfur dioxide, and using the best available technology to control emissions. Her oral argument made no mention of the political gamesmanship of Brownback’s predecessor, Gov. Mark Parkinson, in late 2010 to approve the permit.

Yet Fabert tackled straight into those choppy waters.

Describing what he called “allegations of improper political influence” in the Sierra Club’s petition, he told the Court, “It is not clear to me that the issue has been abandoned.”

He was referring to sections of the petition that laid out the sequence of events leading up to the construction permit’s issuance. The permit was first denied by then-KDHE Secretary Roderick Bremby in October 2007 and later approved in a compromise plan reached behind closed doors between Gov. Parkinson and representatives from Sunflower and the Kansas Legislature. No one with scientific expertise on the dangers of coal-plant emissions was present in that room. The meeting, announced abruptly and conducted quickly, took place while a legislative vote loomed that likely would have ended for good Sunflower’s bid to build the plant.

Still, a required public comment period on the plant lay ahead.

According to the Sierra Club’s petition, “On September 13, 2010, Sunflower directly contacted state legislators and executive officials via email to request that KDHE be urged to limit the public’s opportunity to comment on the permit and to expedite the permitting process.”

Three days later, a spokesman for KDHE announced that the public comment period would be limited to thirty days. But despite the shortened comment period, nearly 5,900 public comments were submitted to KDHE.

Just over a month later, on Nov. 2, 2010, Secretary Bremby was fired.

Describing the hurried approval process at a public forum at Kansas City Kansas Community College on Feb. 10, 2011, Bremby said, “The process was not a benign, routine, pristine, pure process. Unfortunately, there were abuses.”

“Look at the influence of lobbying dollars in this process,” he added. “It’s staggering.”

The reason for the hurried comment period in late 2010 was clear. Federal regulations for large-scale construction projects like the Holcomb II coal plant were about to change. Further environmental study would be needed if the permit were delayed until new, more stringent guidelines became law. Conservatives in the Kansas state legislature had no interest in seeing the EPA delay this plant, which they were promoting to the public as an economic boon. The state went so far as to join a 21-state lawsuit to block the imposition of EPA regulations in Kansas. Climate change deniers and conservative interests throughout Kansas, funded by Koch Industries, Peabody Energy, and other sources, have conducted an on-going assault on science and public health since Holcomb II was first proposed over five years ago.

Steve Fabert’s mission in the Kansas Supreme Court was to limit any potential damage the written petition might cause as the seven justices reviewed the case. The background and sequence of events leading up to this hearing were laid out in the petition, which, although it had little discussion in the hearing itself, nonetheless formed part of the case the justices would review.

On the face of it, Fabert was there on behalf of his boss, Attorney General Derek Schmidt, to defend the impugned reputation of the
Kanza Day/Kanza Night: A Family Fall Adventure!

Saturday, October 27, 2-9 pm (rain or shine)

By Elaine Giessel

Join us October 27 for an informative family “fun-raising” experience at TimberRidge Adventure Center. And, that’s not a typo in “fun-raising” – this is a FREE outing, hosted by the Kanza Group. There will be hiking, fishing, archery, boating, a potluck cookout, and some special seasonal activities for kids. If the weather allows, we will close the evening with a variety of campfire activities. Plan to come for the entire event or join us for just your favorite activities described below.

The motto of the Sierra Club is to “explore, enjoy, and protect the planet.” Kansas Sierrans put a lot of effort into protecting the environment. Now the Kanza Group invites its members and their family and friends to spend some quality time on an autumn day (and night!) exploring and enjoying the natural world with other Sierrans!

In appreciation for the ongoing support and dedication of its members, the Kanza Group has reserved the Whispering Pines Shelter at TimberRidge Adventure Center for an exciting Sierra Club celebration. The lighted shelter is handicapped-accessible and has picnic tables, a limestone fireplace, a charcoal grill, electrical outlets and attached modern restrooms. For everyone’s safety and enjoyment, children and pets (on leash only) must be under adult-supervision at all times.

TimberRidge, part of Johnson County Park & Recreation District, is available by reservation only. Located approximately five miles south of DeSoto and K-10, TimberRidge encompasses over 200 acres of diverse landscapes divided by a series of ponds. The rugged southern half includes a box canyon and provides opportunities for exploration and discovery among the limestone outcrops and heavily wooded slopes. Upland prairie and scattered woodlands, ideal for birding and botanizing, dominate the more open northern half which is connected by a trail to Kill Creek Park. Maps, descriptions and photos of TimberRidge, are available at http://jcprd.com/parks_facilities/timberridge.cfm.

There will be experienced TimberRidge staff and Sierra Club leaders to help expand your outdoor skills. Overland Park outdoor gear and apparel store Backwoods will display the latest camping and hiking equipment and is donating items for door prizes and awards.

Staff-supervised activities, like boating and archery, will be available on a first-come basis. In addition, Kanza volunteers will offer a kids’ catch & release fishing clinic (tackle/bait provided; no licenses for kids under 16), a dog hike, and a guided sunset nature walk. There are also plenty of opportunities for self-directed activities at the site, including hiking, birding, and fishing. The younger crowd will be challenged with a variety of nature-based fun and games available throughout the afternoon.

Kanza Night will begin with a potluck supper at Whispering Pines Shelter. Grilled buffalo burgers and franks from New Grass Bison with all the fixings will be provided, along with...
coffee, iced tea and lemonade. Veggie burgers will be available upon request. Participants are asked to bring a favorite picnic dish to share (desserts, chips/dips, beans, salads, mac & cheese, vegetarian/vegan/ gluten-free specialties, etc.) and any preferred non-alcoholic drinks. Iced-down coolers will be available. We'll provide tableware, but bringing your own re-usable is always encouraged.

Weather permitting, we'll make S'mores around the campfire after supper, tell stories, listen to nocturnal wildlife (think owls and coyotes!), and view the dark night sky away from the big city lights.

The weather at the end of October can be spectacular, but unpredictable. Wear layered clothing; bring something warm for the evening. Appropriate footwear for hiking and/or boating is encouraged; not so much open-toed shoes and sandals. Bring sunscreen and bug spray, hat, rain gear (if needed), reusable water bottle, snacks, folding chairs/blankets for seating around the campfire and flashlights/headlamps.

Optional: Consider bringing binoculars for wildlife viewing and your camera to capture forever that “first fish.” Personal gear is fine for catch and release fishing, but adults (16 years and over) will need a State license, which is not available at the site. If you are musically inclined, bring your instrument (acoustical only) for fireside entertainment. In keeping with the season, children are encouraged to create a costume for the campfire activities. Come as your favorite wild animal!

Kanza Day Scheduled Activities (weather-dependent and subject to change):

- **2:00** TimberRidge gate open
- **2:30 – 4:30** Archery range available on a first-come basis (ages 8+ only)
- **2:30 – 3:30** Kids’ Fishing Clinic (ages < 16; catch and release only)
- **3:30 – 5:30** Canoes, kayaks, paddleboats available at Catfish Lake on a first-come basis
- **3:30 – 4:30** Dog Hike (on-leash at all times)
- **4:30 – 5:30** Sunset Nature Walk with special kids’ activities
- **5:30 – 6:00** Pumpkin bowling and ring toss near Whispering Pines Shelter
- **6:00** Convene at Whispering Pines Shelter; door prizes awarded
- **6:30** **Potluck supper** at Whispering Pines Shelter
- **7:30 – 9:00** Campfire activities

To facilitate planning the evening meal and activities, please RSVP if you wish to participate. Provide your name, the number of individuals planning to come, a way to reach you, the type of dish you might bring to share and any special needs of which we should be aware.

To RSVP (or if you have any questions): contact Elaine Giessel, Kanza Day Coordinator, at sealaine@yahoo.com or call 913-888-8517 (leave a message with info requested above).

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Go South on Kill Creek Road 2.8 miles
Turn right and go west on W 115th Street 0.5 miles
Turn left and go south on Homestead Lane 1.1 miles
Turn right a 123rd Street into TimberRidge Adventure Center

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**Olathe**

[Map]
Brownback and Parkinson administrations. He even—in what can only be characterized as a “Hail Mary” pass—suggested that the state’s treasury would be threatened due to potential litigation over the alleged lack of due process in issuing the permit. So, the justices should infer, financial jeopardy may result if the state has to answer for not following the law. A strange way of justifying why the Kansas Supreme Court should rule in favor of the state—to protect the state against possible liabilities from its own prior alleged illegal action.

Perhaps most troubling and even surreal was to see Schmidt exercise his power as Kansas AG in service of building a coal-fired plant that is not needed for any other reason than to burn more fossil fuel and thus ensure the profitable down line cycle of digging up and selling and transporting coal. It is not irrelevant to mention that as of this writing Schmidt has aligned himself with Secretary of State Kris Kobach in an effort to remove President Barack Obama’s name from the ballot in Kansas because of alleged doubts, they claim, about the authenticity of his birth certificate. Such is the political culture in which the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (!) and the Attorney General’s office have now been turned into proxies for fossil-fuel interests.

If there were ever a doubt that the Brownback and Parkinson administrations had aligned themselves with the fossil-fuel industry and against the people they’re supposed to represent and protect in Kansas, this was surely the proof.

Bob Sommer serves as Chair of the Political Committee and as Chair of the Kanza Group. His new novel, A Great Fullness, is slated for publication in 2013 by Aqueous Books. He is currently writing a memoir about his late son and his family’s experience of ten years of American war.

Note: A version of this article was first posted at Uncommon Hours (www.uncommon-hours.blogspot.com).

Let’s Go Wild for Wilderness

Eating As Though The Earth Matters

By Judy Carman

Years ago in the 70’s, when I volunteered for Save the Tallgrass Prairie, we made t-shirts for one of our conferences with the saying on it—“Wild Kansas—It’s Big Medicine.” The idea behind it, of course, was that we must keep the wild places wild and protect those who live there, because without them we would “die from a great loneliness of spirit” as Chief Seattle is often quoted. And also because it is simply and obviously our responsibility not to destroy them.

Wendell Berry, in his famous poem “The Peace of Wild Things,” longs to “lie down where the wood drake rests in his beauty on the water…” For many environmentalists, our love for the outdoors and the animals who live there was the main impetus that got us involved in the movement in the first place? And for those of us who were actually alive in the ’70s, we’ve accomplished a lot, but we have also mourned many losses and experienced firsthand that “loneliness of spirit” that comes from learning of another oil spill or another animal who has been killed or whose entire species has been lost.

Polar bears and whales

The fragile and pristine Chukchi Sea area in Alaska is under attack by Shell Alaska, now that the federal government has granted Shell a permit. In recent news they had to stop drilling for oil due to huge chunks of ice moving in their direction, but they intend to return and their actions, if they are not stopped by legal means, will cause unimaginable destruction to the land, air, and water there and suffering and death to the many threatened and endangered wild creatures whose habitat is being invaded—polar bears, walruses, bowhead whales, and many others. In addition to the drilling permit, Shell received a waiver for clean-air standards.

Wolves

In Washington State, a rancher lost two animals, allegedly to wolves. The Department of Fish and Wildlife there now plans to kill four of the wolves in the Wedge pack (also known as a family) causing devastating trauma to the rest of the pack. There are only eight packs in the state barely hanging on after they were exterminated decades ago. Wyoming, on the other hand, plans to kill wolves statewide as their protection as an endangered species has been lifted.

Turtles and sharks

The National Marine Fisheries Service is allowing California to continue fishing with mile-long gillnets. Endangered sea turtles, whales, and many other marine mammals and thousands of fish and sharks, considered trash by the fishermen,
are killed by these nets, not to mention the millions who are sold and eaten.

**Wild horses**

Wild horses are being driven from their last remaining homes by terrifyingly noisy helicopters into holding facilities where their lives become completely disrupted. How tragic to think of that icon of wildness and unbridled freedom being captured and left without any semblance of the life that they love. The reason for this, of course, is once again to allow ranchers to maximize their range.

And let’s not forget prairie dogs and the many other innocent animals who are losing ground (literally) to make room for more livestock or tossed away as trash into the sea. Not only are they being killed to get them out of the way, but also their water and ours, their air and ours, and their land and ours are being horribly contaminated by livestock raising and cruel, wasteful fishing practices, particularly when it is intensive factory farming (for both fish and land animals).

The earth matters to us, and the earth matters to all these animals. What can we do to save them and their habitats? Of course, there are many things we can do from letter writing to active protests, but there is one thing we can do that takes no extra time or money. Every day we eat. And how we eat directly affects the earth. Eating animals and their products, as you can see from the sampling above, causes wild animals to lose their habitats and their lives.

There are many programs aimed at getting ranchers to peacefully coexist with wildlife, but progress is too slow. We must do more. Reducing and eventually eliminating the buying of meat, milk, and eggs would end the arrogant practice of killing wildlife to protect animals that are also going to be killed. If you’re wondering why I included drilling for oil as relevant to what we eat, such activities are also deeply entrenched in the raising of livestock. A November/December *Sierra Club Magazine* article (p. 21) reported that if everyone in the U.S. eliminated meat and cheese just one day per week, that would be the equivalent of “taking 7.6 million cars off the road.” To expand that out to eliminating meat and cheese altogether, 7 days per week, that would be equivalent to reducing the need for fuel for 53.2 million cars.

If it sounds like a wild idea, well, I guess it is. Let’s go wild for the wilderness and all those who live there too. It’s “Big Medicine” for all of us.

Here’s a great salad recipe for tonight or the next Sierra Club potluck!

**Quinoa Salpicon** ([http://www.veganconnection.com](http://www.veganconnection.com))

**Ingredients:**
- 4 cups cooked quinoa -- fluffed and cooled slightly
- 1 cup cucumber -- peeled, seeded, and diced
- 1 cup tomatoes -- finely chopped
- 1 jalapeno pepper -- seeded and diced
- 1/4 cup scallions -- thinly sliced
- 2/3 cup parsley – minced
- 1/3 cup fresh mint – minced
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice (NOT lemon)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, or to taste
- 1/8 teaspoon ground pepper
- 8 large radicchio or lettuce leaves
- 1 ripe avocado -- peeled, pitted, and sliced

**Preparation:**
In a large bowl, combine the quinoa, cucumber, tomatoes, jalapeno, scallions, parsley, and mint. In a blender, food processor, or small jar, blend together the oil, lime juice, salt, and pepper. Pour the dressing over the quinoa mixture and toss to coat the grains and vegetables thoroughly. Taste and add more lime juice or salt as needed. (The salad should be assertively seasoned.) Serve on individual platters mounded into radicchio cups and garnished with avocado slices. Variation: Instead of using the avocado for garnish, dice it and toss it into the salpicon.

Submitted by Judy Carman, M.A., Author of *Peace to All Beings: Veggie Soup for the Chicken’s Soul*, Co-author of *The Missing Peace: The Hidden Power of our Kinship with Animals*, and owner of a truck and a car powered by used veggie oil. [circleofcompassion.org](http://circleofcompassion.org), [peacetoallbeings.com](http://peacetoallbeings.com).
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Oct - Nov 2012
Kanza Group (Kansas City)
October 2, 7:00 pm
Mother Ocean: The Heartland Connection
7:00 pm - We will meet at the beautiful Discovery Center this month with our neighboring Thomas Hart Benton Group on the Missouri side of KC. Marine ecologist Elaine Giessel of the national Marine Action Team will present excerpts from the new documentary Ocean Frontiers, which chronicles a “new era in ocean stewardship.”
We will focus on the nation's premier seafood nursery in the Mississippi River delta and on the fragile coral reefs in the Florida Keys. Following the film clips, Giessel will lead a brief discussion on the critical need to address the many environmental issues linking the Midwest to our World Ocean.
Where - The Discovery Center, 4750 Troost, Kansas City, MO.
Map - www.kansas.sierraclub.org/Map-DiscoveryCenter.pdf
Contact - Craig Wolfe, (913) 299-4443, info@kansas.sierraclub.org

Kanza Day Group (Kansas City)
October 27, 2:00-9:00 pm
Kanza Day Family Outing at Timber Ridge Adventure Center
Kanza Day (and Night!) 2-9 pm at TimberRidge Adventure Center in Olathe is for all Sierra families and their guests. Everyone is invited to “explore and enjoy” the diverse environs and amenities at TRAC, just south of Kill Creek Park. Supervised scheduled activities will include:
• children's seasonal games,
• kids' fishing clinic,
• dog hike,
• nature walk,
• canoeing/kayaking and archery.
We'll socialize at a bison cookout/potluck supper and around the campfire. Experienced TRAC staff, Sierra volunteers and a Backwoods outdoor gear store representative will help participants hone their outdoor skills.
FREE event and there will be door prizes! RSVP and side dish for potluck requested. See the latest Planet Kansas for details.
RSVP - to Elaine Giessel; 913-888-8517, sealaine@yahoo.com.

Kanza Group (Kansas City)
November 13, 6:30 pm
The Future of Our Kansas Transmission System
6:30 pm - Come early, and we will have goodies, along with good conversation followed by our program.
7:00 pm - Carl Huslig is President of ITC Great Plains. ITC, along with the parent company and other subsidiaries, is building billions of dollars of new, high voltage transmission lines crucial to the development of wind projects in the Great Plains states, including the V-Plan in Kansas. ITC is a key piece of the solution to climate change. Come learn about the amazing work being done by ITC that holds the key to our environmental and economic future. The question is whether the Kansas Transmission System is adequate to accommodate a non-carbon future. If not, what are the steps necessary to ensure an adequate transmission system in the future? A robust transmission grid is a pre-cursor and a must for the energy industry of the future.
Where - Overland Park Lutheran Church, 7810 W. 79th St. 8 blocks west of Metcalf at Lowell. Park on north side.
Contact - Craig Wolfe, (913) 299-4443, info@kansas.sierraclub.org

Southwind Group (Wichita)
October 12, 6:30 pm.
Peregrine Falcon - The Fighter Jets of Nature
6:30 pm - Social Hour when announcements are made.
7:30 pm - Eagle Valley Raptor Center is our presenter. Come see, learn and be amazed on the History of the world's fastest member of the Animal kingdom. See how man through the study of the Peregrine Falcon's world famous dives of 240 MPH helped designed the F-18 & F-22 Fighter jets & the engines for our modern day passenger planes. Also appearing with “Kili” our Peregrine Falcon, will be “Hanna Montana” our Harris Hawk and “Turnpike” our American Kestrel to show how hunting in family Units and the use of eyesight helps them survive, in our ever changing environment. For more information on Eagle Valley Raptor Center, or if you would like to schedule a tour or have them come to your special event, go to www.eaglevalleyraptortcenter.org or call (316) 393-0710.
Where - Great Plains Nature Center, 29th St. N. & Woodlawn, Wichita.
Contact - Stuart Bolt, (316) 682-4722, stuart.bolt@kansas.sierraclub.org

Southwind Group (Wichita)
November 9, 6:30 pm.
Music and the Environment
6:30 pm - Social Hour when announcements are made.
7:30 pm - Our Chapter Chair Craig Wolfe has rekindled his past career as a musician. Craig will share with us a set of original music that addresses some of our environmental issues along with some challenges and solutions for what we are facing. Craig's music is just another means for the expression of his goal: To create the lever of communication to move the rock that stands in the way of a clean, safe, renewable energy future.
Where - Great Plains Nature Center, 29th St. N. & Woodlawn, Wichita.
Contact - Stuart Bolt, (316) 682-4722, stuart.bolt@kansas.sierraclub.org

Topeka Group
Topeka. October 23. 7:00 pm.
Candidates Forum
Meet candidates for Shawnee County and surrounding areas plus Congressional offices. An important election so come and ask your questions and challenge the candidates.
Where - Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Topeka, 4775 SW 21st St., Topeka.
Contact - Gary Anderson, (785) 256-3229; gjanderson1963@gmail.com

Wakarusa Group (Lawrence)
Carbon Fee and Dividend Meeting
Oct 6. 11:45 am.
We'll listen to a national conference call, then plan what to do locally.
Contact - Lynate Pettengill (785) 331-0625, LynatePettengill@yahoo.com
Sierra Club Outings

General public is welcome to participate

Below is the combined list of all outings by the Kansas Chapter and Groups. The number in [brackets] indicates the area of the outing as shown on the map. Please contact the outing leader listed after the description by phone or e-mail before attending any of these activities. For trips requiring physical exertion, leaders need to know your ability and condition. Sierra Club policy also requires participants to sign a liability waiver or acknowledgement of risk prior to departing the trailhead.

Become an MPA member and take part in behind the scenes field trips, receptions and meals.  . Kanza. Eileen McManus, (816) 523-7823, eileen4250@sbcglobal.net

Make the most of Fall by spending the month of Walktober moving! By participating, you are helping your family start a regular, healthy habit. Daily walking helps people: Maintain a healthy body weight, Reduce their risks of stroke and diabetes & Decrease feelings of depression. Ready to sign up your family? This is not a Sierra Club Event. Southwind. Stuart Bolt, (316) 682-4722, stuart.bolt@kansas.sierraclub.org

[2] Oct 6. 9:00 – 11:00 am. 2nd Annual Take a hike!
Join nature center staff and volunteers from the Sierra Club for our 2nd annual “Take a Hike” event! It’s a “come ‘n go” event beginning at 9 a.m., with goodies from the American Hiking Society given away at 11 a.m. (need not be present to win). Spend time walking, running, or hiking the accessible trails of Chisholm Creek Park, enjoying the cool weather and fall colors. For all ages, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. FREE, Registration not required. For more information contact: Stuart Bolt, stuart.bolt@kansas.sierraclub.org, 316-682-4722. Southwind. Stuart Bolt, (316) 682-4722, stuart.bolt@kansas.sierraclub.org

Class size is limited to 25. Participation in both classes ensures a place on the backpacking trip.  . Kanza. Paul Gross, (816) 228-6563, wildwoodp@hotmail.com

[2] Oct 6. 9:00 – 11:00 am. 2nd Annual Take a Hike!
Join Southwind volunteers and the Great Plains Nature staff for a “come and go” event! Spend time walking, running or hiking the accessible trails of Chisholm Creek Park (6232 E 29th St N, Wichita). Enjoy the cool weather and fall colors. For all ages, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. FREE, Registration not required. For more information contact: Ellie Skokan, (316) 744-0033, ellie_skokan@yahoo.com

Fall hike of forested hillsides covered with oak, walnut and redbud trees.  . Kanza. Eileen McManus, (816) 523-7823, eileen4250@sbcglobal.net

Kanza. Paul Gross, (816) 228-6563, wildwoodp@hotmail.com


[1] Oct 26. 7:00 pm. Fundraiser and Music by Craig Wolfe and Soular at Great Day Café
Come to the Great Day Café in Historic Overland Park, 7921 Santa Fe Drive, and hear the Music of Chapter Chair Craig Wolfe with Randy Deutch and their music duo Soular… Thought for the Mind, Love for the Heart, Truth for the Soul. This will be a fundraiser for this year’s election candidates. This will be lots of fun and will help our cause!! Kanza. Craig Wolfe, (913) 299-4443, info@kansas.sierraclub.org

The Hike is at the Kirkbride Ranch southwest of Medicine Lodge. We will gather at the ranch house at 10:30 a.m. on the 27th. After transporting our camping gear to the campsite, we will have lunch at the ranch house prior to starting the hike. Individuals who RSVP for the hike will receive detailed directions to the ranch. A $5.00 donation will be requested. RSVP required. Southwind. Dave Kirkbride, (316) 945-0728, david.kirkbride@kansas.sierraclub.org

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Committee Meetings

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(Kansas City)

Oct 25, Dec 6 - 7:00 pm,
Bob Sommer, (913) 681-5211, rsommer@kc.rr.com

Joint Action Committee
Oct 25, Dec 6 - 7:00 pm,
Conservation, legislative, and political
Craig Lubow, (913) 299-6620,
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Southwind Group
(Wichita)

Executive Committee - 6:00 pm
Nov 4, Dec 2
Location TBA
Stuart Bolt, (316) 682-4722,
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Conservation Committee
TBA - 6:30 pm
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Wakarusa Group
(Lawrence)

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Conservation Committee
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Topeka Group, TBA. Topeka Shawnee County Public Library
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Kansas Chapter: (State), Executive Committee, Nov 10, In Person
Craig Wolfe, (913) 299-4474, info@kansas.sierraclub.org

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Hike a variety of natural communities - lake, bottomland forest, and mature woodland. Kanza. Eileen McManus, (816) 523-7823, eileen4250@sbcglobal.net

Join us as we celebrate our 21st year of keeping the Perry Lake Trail clear for hikers and backpackers! Bring a lunch, water, and bow saws or loppers if you have them (we do have extra). Kanza. Steve Hassler, (913) 707-3296, hassler@planetkc.com

A casual walk through a variety of habitats. About 3 miles. Kanza. Michael Reed, mereed@runbox.com

We'll spend 3 nights in a remote, rugged, and scenic part of Arkansas. Kanza. Michael Reed, mereed@runbox.com

[1] Nov 23. Black Friday Day Hike at Clinton Lake:
Skip the shopping madness and walk off your turkey dinner on the George Latham Trail. Dogs welcome! Kanza. Renee Andriani, (913) 488-4445, randri@kc.rr.com
## Calendar of Events

**Summary of all Kansas Chapter Events**

Below is a listing of all General Meetings (GM), Outings (Out), and Committee Meetings (CM) for the Kansas Chapter and Groups. For specific information, see General Meetings page 13. Outings page 14, and Committee Meetings page 15. For the latest update on events, go to www.kansas.sierraclub.org/EventsSearch.htm.

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<td>Out Oct 26. 7:00 pm. Fundraiser and Music by Craig Wolfe and Soular at Great Day Café. Kanza. Craig Wolfe, (913) 299-4443, <a href="mailto:info@kansas.sierraclub.org">info@kansas.sierraclub.org</a></td>
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<td>GM Oct 27. 2-9 pm. Kanza Day Family Outing at Timber Ridge Adventure Center. Kanza. Craig Wolfe, (913) 299-4443, <a href="mailto:info@kansas.sierraclub.org">info@kansas.sierraclub.org</a></td>
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<td>Out Oct 27–28. 10:30 am. Annual Southwind Gyp Hills Hike.. Southwind. Dave Kirkbride, (316) 945-0728, <a href="mailto:david.kirkbride@kansas.sierraclub.org">david.kirkbride@kansas.sierraclub.org</a></td>
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<td>Out Nov 2-4. Backpacking 101 Trip, Part 3 of 3.. Kanza. Paul Gross, (816) 228-6563, <a href="mailto:wildwoodp@hotmail.com">wildwoodp@hotmail.com</a></td>
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<td>CM Nov 4. 6:00 pm. Executive Committee. Southwind. Stuart Bolt, (316) 682-4722, <a href="mailto:stuart.bolt@kansas.sierraclub.org">stuart.bolt@kansas.sierraclub.org</a></td>
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<td>GM Nov 9. 6:30 pm. Music and the Environment. Southwind. Stuart Bolt, (316) 682-4722, <a href="mailto:stuart.bolt@kansas.sierraclub.org">stuart.bolt@kansas.sierraclub.org</a></td>
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<td>CM Nov 10. 6:30 pm. Chapter ExCom Meeting. Chapter. Craig Wolfe, (913) 299-4443, <a href="mailto:info@kansas.sierraclub.org">info@kansas.sierraclub.org</a></td>
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<td>Out Nov 10. Perry Lake Hiking Trail Maintenance, Perry KS. Kanza. Steve Hassler, (913) 707-3296, <a href="mailto:hassler@planetkc.com">hassler@planetkc.com</a></td>
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<td>Out Nov 15-18. Backpack Ozark Highland Trail, north central AR. Kanza. Michael Reed, <a href="mailto:mered@runbox.com">mered@runbox.com</a></td>
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<td>Out Nov 23. Black Friday Day Hike at Clinton Lake. Kanza. Renee Andriani, (913) 488-4445, <a href="mailto:randri@kc.rr.com">randri@kc.rr.com</a></td>
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