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Moshannon Group of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Sierra Club

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STATE COLLEGE, APRIL 10:

BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL WORLD TOUR 2005

By Gary Thornbloom

The Moshannon Group is pleased to bring the best in films that capture the spirit of mountain culture and recreation to State College on Sunday April 10 at 7PM at Eisenhower Auditorium on the main campus of Penn State University where we, along with Penn State ECO-Action, will be hosting the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour. The World Tour is an event with international stature and



Carlos Buhler on Mt. Edith Cavell. Photo © Crista-Lee Mitchell. Courtesy Banff Mountain Festivals.

10 at 7PM at Eisenhower Auditorium the films that will be shown locally on the main campus of Penn State have been selected to encompass a University where we, along with

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EVENTS CALENDAR

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Public Presentations are held at the Interpretive Center of the Centre County Solid Waste Authority—253 Transfer Road—just north of the Nittany Mall off Route 26, and are open to both members and non-members. Presentations begin at 7PM.

Tuesday, April 26: Come and see the film **BEING CARIBOU**. This is a beautiful film of the wildlife, the land, and the adventure of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. This film accepts President Bush's invitation to "go and see how beautiful that land really is." See the article on page 2.

BANFF FILM FESTIVAL

Sunday, April 10: The Moshannon Group and Penn State ECO-Action will host the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour at 7PM in Eisenhower Auditorium on the Penn State Campus. See the article on p. 1; details for ticket sales on p. 6.

OUTINGS

See the directory at the end of the newsletter for contact information.

Saturday, March 26: Hike of 5-6 miles at Quehanna Wild Area, Elk and Cameron Counties, taking in Beaver Run Lake and some unique ecosystems on the Allegheny Plateau. Contact Ben Cramer.

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FROM THE CHAIR

Gary Thornbloom

In the ongoing effort to work towards a future of energy freedom the Moshannon Group participated in hosting an *Oil on Ice* House Party. We planned a local get together and as this came up between newsletters we used our website to get the word out.

We each need to join the fight to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and to reduce America's dangerous dependence on oil.

President Bush and his allies in Congress have renewed their call to open up the pristine ANWR to oil drilling. The Senate is expected to vote on this as soon as the first week of April. This will be a close vote, with a handful of Senators deciding the fate of this spectacular wilderness.

By joining with thousands of people in house parties all over the country to watch the film *Oil on Ice*, a new documentary presented by Sierra Club Productions we can see the human face of this political fight. The film introduces us to the people, wildlife, and natural wilderness that will suffer if Congress votes to open up the Arctic Refuge to oil and gas drilling.

We need to write letters to our Senators to let them know where we stand on this important issue. There are ways that we can help make America energy independent by investing in cleaner, cheaper and safer energy solutions like energy-saving hybrid cars and renewable energy sources like wind and solar power.

The effort to protect ANWR has been ongoing for decades. **It may be now or never.** The Bush administration has decided to drill for oil in ANWR as a defiant gesture to Conservationists. They are determined to pursue this oil despite public opinion.

Add your voice to this call for a future where our national treasures are protected and America is free of its dependence on oil. Contact Senators Santorum and Specter.

(This includes material from the national Sierra Club)

APRIL 26 PUBLIC PRESENTATION:

BEING CARIBOU

Environmentalist Leanne Allison and wildlife biologist Karsten Heuer follow a herd of 120,000 caribou on foot, across 1,500 kilometers of rugged Arctic tundra. The husband-and-wife team want to raise awareness of threats to the caribou's survival.

President George W. Bush may not know it, but he took his own advice of 2001 when he challenged people to visit the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to "go and see how beautiful that land really is."

In 2003, beginning April 8 and ending September 8, Leanne Allison and Karsten Heuer migrated on foot with the 120,000-member Porcupine Caribou Herd from Old Crow, Yukon, Canada, to the caribou calving grounds in Alaska, and back.

They took along a 15-inch George Bush replica doll.

They let the caribou guide them through a wild and remote landscape, from the central Yukon to coastal Alaska and back. During the five-month journey, they ski and hike across mountains, swim icy rivers, brave Arctic weather and endure hordes of mosquitoes. They survive an encounter with a hungry grizzly bear that forces them to reconcile what it means to be a part of true wilderness. Hunger, fatigue and pain become routine, but the sacrifice is worth it when they witness the miracle of birth just meters from their tent.

The migrating caribou guide Heuer, Allison and George Bush across three mountain ranges, icy rivers, and past wolves and hungry grizzlies emerging from their dens. Surrounded by skittish caribou waiting to birth in their sacred calving grounds, the threesome become hostages in their tent for the 10-day calving season, crawling on their bellies for water, peeing in cups inside the tent, and never speaking over a whisper for fear of disturbing the caribou.

This is the exact place oil companies want to develop.

The team leaves the calving grounds and travels another 2.5 months with the mothers, bulls and newborns — witnessing the drama of separations, drownings, eagle attacks and the height of the insect season that drives the caribou into massive groups and stampedes to escape madness.

Spectacular footage and intimate video diaries give a glimpse into a landscape and a way of 'being human' that create a journey never before undertaken. The experience transforms the team leaving them to try and convey their story to Senators on Capitol Hill one short week after returning with the caribou to their winter range in the Central Yukon.

As for the 15-inch President, he refused to return home at all.

See **Being Caribou** on Tuesday April 26th, 7PM. Details in our Events Calendar on page 1.



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ANWR: THREE BOOKS

Reviewed by Gary Thornbloom

MIDNIGHT WILDERNESS JOURNEYS IN ALASKA'S ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE by Debbie S. Miller is an account of her journeys through this wonderful land. This book will give you a close up view of roaming through the landscape and a sense of this awesome place. The descriptions of the land, of the wildlife, and of the relationship between the land and its people make the case for preserving all of this.

While living in Arctic Village...Hunting caribou meant far more than just meat on the table. The animal has represented a way of life for this rugged group for thousands of years.

The infinite view of valleys, mountains, and rivers, in such intense silence, would linger in my mind for days...Even if others had walked our exact route, there was still that exhilarating sensation that we may have walked in places where perhaps no human had ever set foot. It is this spirit of pure wildness, in such an awesome, land that lingers on in our hearts and minds.

CARIBOU RISING DEFENDING THE PORCUPINE HERD, GWICH-IN CULTURE, AND THE ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE by Rick Bass takes a first hand look at the people who call

this place home, at their close ties to the Porcupine caribou herd, and at the landscape that has been called America's Serengeti.

It is a place where great caribou herds gather, calve, and migrate as they did in the Pleistocene, and where the ancient bond between animals and human hunters still informs daily life.

ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SEASONS OF LIFE AND LAND is a photographic journey by Subhankar Banerjee that includes a forward by Jimmy Carter and pairs Banerjee's photos with essays by Peter Matthiessen, Fran Mauer, William H. Meadows, Debbie S. Miller, George B. Schaller, and David Allen Sibley. An exhibit in the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History of the photos in this book was at the center of controversy when what many perceived as censorship by the Bush Administration caused first the captions on the photos to be removed, and then the exhibit to be moved to an out of the way location.

I experienced the "confusion" first hand when I tried to find the exhibit. It was listed as a current exhibit, was not at the listed location, and after being assured at the Information desk that it was at a new location, I finally got a staff person to take me to the exhibit—well it was no where to be found. That is all the endorsement I needed for this book!

REP. GEORGE SEEKS 3-YEAR FREEZE ON LANDFILL/INCINERATOR PERMITS

HARRISBURG, March 2, 2005 – The Democratic chairman of the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee today called for swift adoption of his legislation that would freeze new landfill and incinerator permits to end Pennsylvania's reign as America's Dumping Ground.

Rep. George's House Bill 326 would:

- Halt permitting for three years of all new landfills and incinerators, and their expansions, unless a need for additional capacity is proven.
- Rescind average or maximum daily trash volumes that already have given Pennsylvania enough landfill capacity for the next 11 years.
- Provide local control, enabling communities to deny permits unless the need for disposal capacity is proven.
- Advertise proposed host-community agreements and make them available to the public at least 60 days before adoption.
- Prohibit landfills within 2,500 feet of a state park.
- Make landfills presumed liable for pollution or reduction of water supplies.
- Provide \$5 million a year in grants to communities significantly increasing their recycling efforts.

"If Pennsylvania's communities are sick of playing the patsy to landfill developers, House Bill 326 is the cure," Rep. George said. "It's time to hold our elected leaders feet to the fire and end Pennsylvania's open-door policy toward the waste industry."

Rep. George said citizens have to stop being bamboozled by lawmakers who claim Pennsylvania is powerless to slow the 10 million tons of out-of-state trash being sent to the Commonwealth because federal interstate commerce laws forbid restrictions on imported garbage.

"All states are governed by the same federal laws, yet Pennsylvania accepts almost twice as much trash as any other state,"

"We may not be able to restrict trash imports, but we don't have to keep rolling out the red carpet every year and invite more waste companies to trash Pennsylvania," said Rep. Camille "Bud" George, D-74 of Clearfield County. "We must stop the siege on our Commonwealth by a waste industry that sees communities only as garbage gateways to huge corporate profits."

Rep. George said. "State policies – not federal – make Pennsylvania the land of landfills and incinerators, and House Bill 326 will put the brakes on the waste industry."

Rep. George said communities facing new landfills and incinerators, or their expansions, include:

- Boggs Township, Clearfield County, where approval of a host-community agreement for 5,000-ton-a-day municipal waste landfill was not made public knowledge until almost four months after it was signed.
- Rush Township, Centre County, where a 5,000-ton-a-day landfill has been proposed for less than 20 miles away from a similar-sized, municipal waste landfill.

Rep. George said at least 15 landfills in 13 counties have been approved for expansions in size or capacity in the last five years, and proposals for new landfills are flooding the Commonwealth, where about 25 million tons of trash are dumped or burned in Pennsylvania each year.

Rep. George credited the Rendell administration for holding landfills to tougher criteria, resulting in more permit denials and trash imports falling for two consecutive years. However, he said Pennsylvania's permissive waste policies and landfill capacities are still to blame for the obscene amount of trash entering the state.

"Landfills and incinerators are huge money-makers for a select few and colos-

sal headaches for the tens of thousands of Pennsylvanians who are their reluctant neighbors," Rep. George said. "We have a responsibility to dispose of trash responsibly, but no mandate to be the trash capital of America."

"Pennsylvania is too precious to go to waste," Rep. George said, urging citizens to make sure their local state representatives and senators support HB 326.

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PEOPLE PROTECTING COMMUNITIES

By Ed Walsh

We welcome this opportunity to update our recent landfill opposition efforts as well as plans for the next month or so. "We" are a loosely structured coalition of local residents, business owners and students attempting to bring people together within and across communities to challenge outside predators trying to transform Central Pennsylvania into a wasteland. A few weeks ago we settled on a name: **People Protecting Communities (PPC)**, and now we also have a website under construction — www.stoplandfill.com—thanks to **PPC** activist Sonia Lomax and her sister, Linda Seprish.

Resource Recovery Limited Liability Corporation (RRLLC) has deep pockets, hidden partners, and shady political connections -- but **PPC** is getting increasing support from a variety of powerful organizations and resourceful individuals. In early January, for example, two Penn State student organizations -- EcoAction and the College Democrats -- agreed to work with us against the Rush Township dump project. Later that same month, the Centre County Council of Governments (COG) -- representing approximately 80,000 residents -- voted unanimously to send a letter to Governor Rendell opposing state funds for the landfill because they are concerned about its safety, environmental, and economic consequences. VIP information packets opposing the project, mailed out months before to all elected officials in Centre County by JoAnn Gillette and others, precipitated this important COG decision.

February was even more intense for

PPC. Voices published a supportive article prompting talented new recruits to join in the struggle, and we had an important meeting at the Gamble Mill in Bellefonte where veteran Snow Shoe activists formed networks with PSU undergrads leading to cooperative ventures. The Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture collected petition signatures against the landfill at their annual convention, and more than half of the attendees at the February 8th meeting of the Centre County Democrats also signed our anti-landfill petition. One of our activists, Linda Padisak, received very favorable coverage on Public Television (2/11), while two other **PPC** leaders -- JoAnn Gillette and Tina Moore --

worked behind the scene interviewing public officials and collecting critical information about the I-80 interchange RRLLC is proposing to build.

The Rush Township supervisors' agreement with RRLLC appears even more outrageous and dictatorial in view of the fact that more than 50% of the 100 or so Rush Township households Ginger Kendrick and other **PPC** activists approached on two Saturday afternoons (Feb 12 and 19) signed our petition opposing the landfill. On February 21, we picketed outside the Ferguson Township Municipal Building where TV cameras filmed Gov Ed Rendell assuring us that he intended to do everything in his power to block this project. On Feb 23, **PPC** activists were again on local TV prodding Centre County Commissioners Exarchos, Dershem, and Conklin to imitate their Clearfield County counterparts by sending Gov. Rendell a letter opposing the dump.

Major upcoming events for **PPC** include the Sportsmen Show in Clearfield County on the weekend of March 18 – 20 which Terri Burbridge is coordinating, and a four-day speaking tour (Mar 23 – 26) by world renowned environmentalist, Dr. Paul Connett. All 3 Centre County commissioners publicly agreed to attend Dr. Connett's Wednesday, March 23rd, lecture against the landfill on the Penn State campus (100 Life Sciences Bldg @ 7 PM). Try to make the Wednesday or Thursday presentations listed below because we're offering a money-back guarantee that you'll never forget them if you do!

**SPEAKING SCHEDULE
FOR DR. PAUL CONNETT**

Wednesday, March 23
7 PM in 100 Life Sciences Building
(Penn State University)

Thursday, March 24
7 PM in Snow Shoe Township's
Moshannon Community Center

Friday, March 25
2:30 PM in 111 Forum (PSU)
7 PM in State College Municipal
Building

Saturday, March 26
4 PM in State College Municipal
Building

LETTER TO THE EDITOR THAT THE CDT DID NOT PUBLISH: GROWING GREENER II NEEDS PUBLIC SUPPORT!

The Moshannon Group of the Sierra Club, a local environmental organization with more than 900 members in the State College region and Central Pennsylvania, strongly supports Growing Greener II. We view this initiative as a comprehensive approach to correcting the Commonwealth's long-term environmental problems while addressing the loss of land to development, providing support for farmers, and enhancing watershed protection.

Growing Greener II funding will provide much-needed support for Pennsylvania's two largest industries, agriculture and tourism. There is a backlog of more than 2,000 farmers seeking to enroll acreage in our state's farm-preservation program. When surveyed, 88% of Pennsylvanians favor the preservation of farmland. Agriculture generates \$45 billion yearly in our state. Tourism also is big business in Pennsylvania, and eco-tourism, or wildlife watching, annually brings billions of dollars into the Commonwealth's economy. As a matter of fact, eco-tourism is the fastest-growing portion of the tourist industry across the United States! Hunting and fishing generate almost \$10 billion annually in Pennsylvania. Hiking, mountain biking, kayaking, and canoeing are big business, too. These non-consumptive outdoor activities are profit-makers for thousands of small businesses across the Keystone State. All these would benefit from Growing Greener II.

The Moshannon Group of the Sierra Club views Growing Greener II as a much-needed economic stimulus package for Pennsylvania. Encouraging investment in green businesses will spur job creation in a wide variety of energy-related projects. Policies focusing on renewable energy improve our overall health and our environment, as well as boost the economy by spurring a developing industry. 90% of Pennsylvanians surveyed believe that there is a strong link between environmental and human health. The Keystone State has more than 6,000 environmental companies generating close to \$10 billion annually in revenues and providing almost 70,000 jobs here in our state. There are already many examples throughout the country proving that a higher level of efficiency in the use of energy, combined with an aggressive pursuit of cleaner and

more-sustainable energy technologies provide a brighter future for America's workforce. Here in Pennsylvania, it would mean new jobs in entirely new industries, greater productivity, and higher profits for our businesses.

Governor Tom Ridge's 21st Century Environment Commission identified sprawl as the number one issue facing Pennsylvania. However, our Commonwealth continues to lose almost 400 acres of open space to development every day while our urban areas languish for lack of development. In addition, nearly 12,000 brownfield sites statewide are waiting to be cleaned up and reused. Surveys repeatedly have shown that the majority of American homebuyers want "smart growth" communities rather than sprawling communities. The 2004 American Community Survey conducted by the National Association of Realtors and Smart Growth America shows that Americans strongly prefer that their state governments work toward improving existing communities rather than continuing to create incentives to build in the countryside.

You can voice your support by contacting your State Representative and asking them to support Growing Greener II.

Our legislators need to act quickly to put the Growing Greener II bond proposal on the spring ballot. Whenever Pennsylvanians are asked if they're willing to pay for such things as saving open space, cleaning up our rivers, preserving farmland, or supporting parks, they vote "yes."

Sincerely,

Gary Thornbloom

Chair Moshannon Group
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See the box on page 4 to find your state legislator, and then let them know that the *Green PA* bill is *not* as strong as the *Growing Greener II* bill and that they should support *Growing Greener II*!

BANFF FILM FESTIVAL WORLD TOUR LOCAL DETAILS

Eisenhower Auditorium, Sunday April 10, 7PM (Doors open at 6PM)

Tickets \$12 Advance \$15 At the Door

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Ticket Outlets

The Arts Ticket Center at Eisenhower Auditorium 8am-5pm Monday through Friday

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FILM FESTIVAL

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broad range of interests.

The festival began in 1976 and is held annually on the first weekend in November in Banff, Alberta, Canada. The World Tour, which was initiated 18 years ago, hits the road in late November and on the North American leg of the tour visits 185 cities for over 285 screenings. State College for the past two years has been one of those screenings. With a great turnout in Eisenhower Auditorium this could be the largest audience on the entire tour!

Eisenhower Auditorium is a premiere venue that will maximize the audio and visual presentation of the films. This venue presents us with an excellent opportunity to put the Moshannon Group Sierra Club in front of a large audience. Tables with our information, as well as tables with other local groups information, will be set up to present local issues. This is an evening that while being fun can also be informative and educational. The lobby will open at 6PM, the auditorium at 6:30PM, and the films will start at 7PM. By arriving early you will have a chance to visit with members of the groups with information tables in the lobby.

The films we plan to show at this years event are:

Psicobloc, On the island of Mallorca, Klem Loskot and his friends establish spectacular routes on overhanging limestone up to 60 feet or 20 meters high. With no ropes and with the ocean as a crash pad, the climbing is unencumbered and the falls magnificent.

AWARD WINNER – Best Short Mountain Film

Hike, Hike, Hike, Clean and crisp as the Arctic it depicts, this animated film is simultaneously lush and lean, relying only on the sound of the dogs and of the runners on the sled that the dogs pull across the snow.

AWARD WINNER – People’s Choice & Best Film on Mountain Environment

Alone across Australia, In 2001, one of the world's most accomplished climbers and adventurers, Jon Muir, began a 2500-kilometre odyssey to cross Australia from the south coast to the north coast on foot. For 128 days, Jon and his dog, Seraphine, survived entirely off the land, hunting and gathering along the way. Jon was taxed to the limit physically and emotionally. Often close to despair, he drew on his instinct for survival, his deep understanding of the land and his remarkable inner strength.

AWARD WINNER

Special Jury Mention

Soul Purpose, Shot entirely on 16mm film, *Soul Purpose* takes the viewer deep into the minds and abilities of the athletes. With trips to the far-off reaches of the planet including Italy, Alaska and Canada, this film captures the best of big mountain skiing and snowboarding.

The Collective, The Collective is a group of filmmakers, photographers and mountain bikers. By drawing on the experience, expertise and creative energy of every member of the team, the Collective has created a film that portrays the newest cutting-edge images of the freeride mountain-biking progression.

Out of Ophirica, In February of 2004, a classic San Juan snow cycle set loose a series of avalanches which reminds us why property values in Ophir, Colorado have always been a little behind those in Telluride, and why kids from that valley don't make it to school everyday in the winter.

A Russian Wave, Two professional kayakers, Becky Bristow and Dunbar Hardy, hired by the Russian government to assess whitewater rivers and tourism potential in northeastern Russia, arrive expecting an incredible adventure. They soon realize that the Russian idea of whitewater is very different from theirs. “A Russian Wave” is a humorous look at dashed expectations, adventure and cultural differences.

Yukon Quest, A journey following the toughest race in the world – the 1600 km Yukon Quest dog sled race from Fairbanks, Alaska to Whitehorse, Yukon. In the coldest depths of the sub-arctic winter, over several mountain ranges, along rivers overflowing their frigid waters, through wilderness where hundreds of kilometers separate remote enclaves of humanity, dogs and humans form teams which combine determination, stamina

and love to fulfill their Yukon Quest.

One World, The latest paddling film from the team that made “Nurpu” and “Wehyakin”, “One World” steps up the adventure as well as the production quality (filmed in HD). The film presents kayak action, athletes, and lifestyles on rivers around the globe. Edited specifically for the World Tour, this special version of “One World” features huge whitewater in China and Uganda.

Join us for an evening of fun and of bringing the Moshannon Group Sierra Club and the issues we care about to a broader public awareness.

Join us in welcoming the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour back to State College.

Whether you are an armchair adventurer, or someone who needs to get their hands on rock, boots in the dust, edge to the snow, or paddle in the water, April 10th will be an evening that will enchant, enthrall and engage you!

EVENTS CALENDAR (Continued from page 1)

Late March/Early April: **(tentative)** A canoe/kayak outing on Red Moshannon Creek, Centre and Clearfield Counties. In addition to exploring sites along the river, this outing will also include a trip through areas that will be impacted by the proposed Snow Shoe Landfill. River experience is necessary. We will attempt to arrange partners and boats for those going solo. Contact Ron Johnson.

Saturday, April 16: Multiple short hikes adding up to about 6 miles at Parker Dam State Park, Clearfield County, utilizing the Quehanna Trail and the park's nature trails. Contact Ben Cramer.

Sunday, April 17: Biking through the area of the proposed Snow Shoe Landfill. More details to come. Contact Ron Johnson

Saturday, May 14: Hike of 5 miles at Clear Creek State Park, Jefferson Co. This hike has the option to be increased to 11 miles based on participant interest. Contact Ben Cramer.

Sunday, May 15: Canoe the West Branch of the Susquehanna—Rolling Stone Bridge to Karthus including the Moshannon Falls.

Contact Gary Thornbloom.

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Sunday April 10, 2005!

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EVENTS CALENDAR *(Continued from page 7)*

Sunday, **June 5:** Bike ride of 2-3 hours on Pine Creek Rail/Trail, near Waterville in Lycoming County. Contact Ben Cramer.

Sunday, **June 26:** Hike of about 8 miles (which can be cut in half with a car shuttle, based on participant interest, at Alan Seeger Natural Area and Penn Roosevelt State Park, Centre County. Contact Ben Cramer.

Saturday, **July 16:** Bike ride of 2-3 hours on Clarion-Little Toby Rail/Trail, Jefferson and Elk Counties. Contact Ben Cramer.

Sunday, **July 31:** Hike of about 6 miles at Canoe Creek State Park, Blair County. Contact Ben Cramer.

Saturday-Sunday, **August 13-14:** Annual overnight backpacking trip, in the Quehanna elk-viewing region of Clearfield and Elk Counties, exact location to be determined based on participant interest. Contact Ben Cramer.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Held on the **first Tuesday** of the month; open to all members. Call an Executive Committee Member for the next meeting location.

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR CHANGES AND UPDATES ON OUTINGS
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