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GENERAL MEETINGS:
We hold our meetings at the Mary Jacobs Library in Rocky Hill the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month at 7:30 pm. We welcome everyone to attend our meetings and help in some way. We are working on several critical issues: Reducing gridlock and sprawl in Central Jersey, Alternatives to the NJDOT routing of the Millstone Bypass, Water Quality, Access to public spaces, Stopping Delaware Dredging, plus much more.

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS: From Princeton: North on Route 206 to just beyond Princeton Airport. Turn right (or east) at traffic light which is the intersection with Route 518. [From the north: South on 206 to just past the traffic light for the Montgomery Cinema, turn left (or east) at the next traffic light which is Route 518.] Travel east on 518 to downtown Rocky Hill. Library will be on left (setback off road). Park in lot and come to the second floor community room.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:
Jan 9, 2002: We will be inspired in our first program of the New Year by Carolyn Foote Edelmann, Poet/Writer/Editor who will present slides and poetry of natural places in the area. You may have seen her very popular nature series with US 1 (Business) Newspaper and West Windsor Plainsboro News, covering nearby restorative outdoor places for harried executives. Carolyn is also one of the seven-woman critique group of "Cool Wome" who present themed poetry readings in the area. Carolyn's talents and awards are too numerous to mention in this brief write-up, so please attend the presentation. Her prose and poetry will soothe your soul!

Feb 13: Thelon River Sanctuary: Join us as we canoe the Thelon River Sanctuary in Canada's Northwest Territories. Sierra Club member Kevin McCarthy will lead us on an armchair slide show exploration of this vast wilderness. Enjoy the adventure, wildlife, geography and historical sites of this remote Arctic River.

Mar 13: An exploration of state and national forestry policies will be discussed by longtime biologists and forestry experts. People close to the forestry issues are extremely worried about our continuing programs of timber cutting and logging. All hope is not lost, but reform is critical if we are to save our state and national forests. The Sierra Club brings creative strategies and behind the scenes insight to help address the problems.

Energetic Persons Needed! We would like to sign on two more outings leaders to coordinate and lead hikes, camping and canoe trips in Central Jersey. Bring your love for natural places and the outdoors to share with other kindred spirits new to the area and state. Professional Training provided! Please e-mail: pennney4thoughts@aol.com

Volunteers Needed for Earth Day Committee! Help coordinate activities like tree-planting and trail maintenance in our region. Contact Mary at 609-688-0282 or email at pennney4thoughts@aol.com

Raritan Valley Group
(Middlesex and Somerset Counties, approximately)

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ACTIVITIES: Investigating the environmental impact of the proposed Rte. 18 which will cut into 8 acres of the Rutgers Ecological Preserve, and working with residents of Hillsboro Township to address the issues surrounding the Defense National Stockpile Center's mercury storage (the largest stockpile of mercury in the country).

OPENINGS: The newly re-organized Raritan Valley Group is looking to welcome new members and leaders. Currently, the positions of Group Chair, Treasurer and Secretary are open. If you are interested in participating in the group's activities or filling any of the open positions, please contact Steve Ember, the Acting Group Chair.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Held at 7pm on the SECOND TUESDAY of the month. Currently meetings are being held at the Bound Brook Presbyterian Church at 409 Mountain Avenue in Bound Brook. Take the Mountain Avenue exit off Rte. 22 towards Bound Brook. The church is on the right hand side at the first stop light (Union Avenue - Rte.28)

Jan 8, 2002: Have you ever considered going on one of the many National Outings that the Sierra Club offers each year? Or are you an armchair traveler who enjoys seeing photographs that someone else has taken? Whichever you may be, come out for a scenic and informative slide presentation that Peter Weckesser has compiled over the years from his 12+ National Sierra Club Backback and Service Outings.

Feb 12: Local environmental issues will be discussed at this meeting. If you have any concerns you would like to voice, please feel free to join us.

Mar 12: There are many "hidden treasures" in New Jersey. Gary Szelc, avid outdoorsperson and excellent photographer, will present a slide show called "The Treasures of New Jersey". Gary has been on a mission to visit scenic areas in every state. This particular program will be dedicated to New Jersey.

Jersey Shore Group
(Monmouth and Ocean Counties, approximately)

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GENERAL MEETINGS:
Held at 8pm on the FOURTH MONDAY of each month (except July, August, and December) at the Old Wharf House, Old Wharf Park, Main Street and Oceanport Avenue, Oceanport, NJ. Come early to socialize and enjoy refreshments. For directions and information, please call Regina Maurer at 732-335-1183, or visit our web site.

January 28: "Sea Breezes". New Jersey, the 3rd largest user of electricity in the Northeast, has excess generation capacity. Fission provides most of this energy. Coal, petroleum and natural gas provide most of the rest. To what extent can renewable means of generation replace these and their associated environmental and social problems? Is NJ a place where renewables can have a significant impact? This talk will provide realistic answers to these questions. Emphasis will be on wind generation because that is where the power currently can be found. Our speaker will be Ken Bardall, a group member who is very active in the field of renewable energy.

February 25: "Nuclear Power Plants" How safe are nuclear power plants from terrorist attack? Are meltdown and spent fuel disposal our only worries? Willie deCamp, one

of the founders of Jersey Shore (formerly Oyster Creek) Nuclear Watch, will present the history of and dangers associated with the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station, in the post September 11 context.

March 25: "Indoor Air Safe to Breathe?" Toxic mold has become a growing concern to homeowners in New Jersey, especially in light of the health problems associated with it. Our speaker is Joseph Ponessa, Associate Extension Specialist in Housing & Energy at Rutgers University, who specializes in indoor air quality issues, particularly moisture and mold. Learn what you can do to protect your home and your family's health. For information prior to the meeting, check out the resources at this website: <<http://www.montana.edu/wwwcxair>> , click on Educator Resources and read the module on "Bugs, Mold and Rot".

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:
The Group's Executive and Conservation Committees meet monthly at members' homes. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please call Steve Knowlton at 732-747-7011.

Ocean County Section:
Conservation/Business Meeting held the SECOND THURSDAY of each month in the Toms River area. For more information, please call Michelle Dillon at 732-341-7699.

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Inner City Outings:

GENERAL MEETINGS: are held at 7:30 pm on the SECOND TUESDAY of each month, at the Unitarian Church, 401 N. Kings Highway (Rte. 41), Cherry Hill (located between Rte. 70 and the convergence of Rtes. 38 and 73, just north of a traffic light at Chapel Avenue). Handicap accessible parking and entrance in rear of building.

Jan 8, 2002: John Holtz, Public Affairs Director of Green Mountain Energy.

Feb 12: Isabel Pilling, from the Sierra Club's Phila. ICO. Topic: Inner City Outings Program - an outreach program.

Mar 12: Kim Whitman, Curator of Large Mammals at the Phila. zoo. Topic: Conservation of the Rodrigues Fruit Bat

ACTIVITIES:
The West Group is working to prevent the environmentally dangerous Delaware Deepening. We are also working on developing an Inner City Outings program and are looking for volunteers. Contact Diane Gruszewski at ski1@snip.net to help.

South Jersey Group
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