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Drive Less. Live More. At Least One Day Without a Car, May 11-15

Our annual meeting speaker, Chris Balish, author of *How to Live Well Without a Car*, got us pumped up about this year's "Bike, Bus, Walk to Work Week" challenge. A new motto expresses the point of the event and ties us to other groups who are also promoting current alternative transportation options in Springfield. Which comes first, infrastructure or public buy-in? They go hand in hand. So, that's why we need as many people as possible to join us this May 11-15, for our annual challenge to get to work or school at least one day that week without a car. Whether by bike, bus, on foot, carpooling, telecommuting or any combination—there's something for everyone. We'll even help you plan your commute route. Using a creative combination of on-street bike routes, the greenway trails, and the city bus, many Springfieldians can easily join us in this challenge. Won't you join us? Register at our website and spread the word at your place of employment or your school.

www.ozarkgreenways.org



Register your workplace or school online for the annual "Bike, Bus, Walk to Work Week" Challenge, May 11-15.

10th annual Ozark Greenways Adventure Race!

Don't wait to register for the 10th annual Ozark Greenways Adventure Race. Check out www.greenwayrace.org. The race will be Saturday, May 16, at Gasconade Hills outfitter near Lebanon, starting at 7AM. This is a unique event where coed teams of four compete in an 8-14 hour multi-sport endurance race including running, mountain biking, orienteering, canoeing and mystery tests. All the distances and itinerary is kept secret until the race morning! All proceeds go to Ozark Greenways to continue Springfield's growing public greenway trail network.

This event has become very popular among "weekend warriors" and has attracted team members from as far as California, Montana, New Hampshire and Florida! We've had racers from 25 states participate in this unique event in the Ozarks.

All of the race and volunteer information is available at the website.

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60/65 Interchange A Major Project Until 2012

As we spoke of in the last issue of this newsletter, the 60/65 highway interchange realignment and construction will be a large project—one of the largest MoDOT has ever taken on! Managing several contractors, creating the new fly-over design (including 10 bridges!) and hopefully treating the Galloway Creek Greenway with the utmost care... this is no small undertaking.

Evidence of work beginning: trail cuts, bulldozers, parts of a new trail. We hope everyone will use caution in travelling the south half of the trail, as daily work varies.

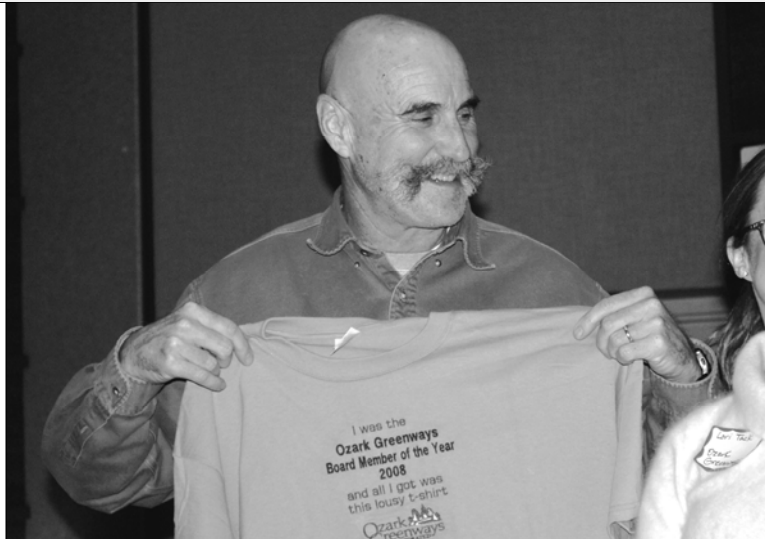
MoDOT assures us they will keep this trail section open as much as possible, realizing that thousands of people each week use the trail for recreation, exercise and transportation to work and school.

If you'd like to keep up on the latest info, contact Angela Eden or Bob Edwards at 895-7600, or www.modot.mo.gov/springfield.

REMINDER

Do not leave valuables
in your vehicle at
trailhead parking lots

...And always park at
designated trailheads



At the 18th Annual Meeting of Ozark Greenways in February, Richard Rice won the coveted "Board Member of the Year" award for his and his company Lamar Advertising's outstanding support of the trails.



Our 2009 OG board president, Kurt Larson (left), awarded Greg DeLong with the Gavel Award for his service as president in 2008.



Evidence of the ongoing 60/65 highway interchange construction will continue to be visible from Galloway Creek Greenway until 2012.



New & Renewed Members

JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 2009

New

Brian Edmond
Melvin Hale
Brad Kielhofner
Anne & Michael Kyle
Gerald Ludwig

Renewed

James Allen
John Bell
Richard Biagioni
Butler Rosenbury & Partners
Ray & Maggie Castrey
Mike & Mary Chiles
Gene Davison & Linda Halford
Ron & Pamela Dirickson
Doug & Linda Duncan
Russell Gaddie
Jacqueline Gerhart
Ted Hillmer
Dorothy Hilton
Sue Lasater
Saunny & Tom Lynch
John & Sally McAlear
Paul & Judy McCune
Carol Miller
Lona Miller
Cindy Million
Shirley & LeRoy Mitchell
Cathy Nations
Ted Netzer
Gary Rader
Les Reid
Elizabeth Roberts
Carol Morris Robinson
John & Elizabeth Steele
Jason Stout
Brian Todd

Renewing Corporate Member
Ozark Mountain Ridge Runners

Galloway Prairie Donors
Randy Dillon
Norman Youngsteadt

“The difficulty lies not in the new ideas, but in escaping from the old ones.”

— John Maynard Keynes, 1936

For the first time in 15 years,
Ozark Greenway membership dues are going up.
See the new levels below.



A benefit blues concert for Ozark Greenways was held April 9, at Springfield's oldest tavern, Lindberg's on Commercial Street. Blue Plate Special and Revolver played a fun evening, raising over \$800! (Above: Bruce Adib-Yazdi of Butler Rosenbury & Partners, with Susie Farbin and Diana Hicks of Mama Jean's Natural Market.)

Yes, *I want to help preserve greenspace and provide family-oriented recreation in the Springfield community.*

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone # _____

___ NEW MEMBER ___ Tell me about Endowment Fund Giving

___ RENEWAL *Planning your will? Consider a gift to Ozark Greenways.*

- Endowment Fund
- \$500-Corporate Member
- \$100-Trail Blazer
- \$50-Greenway Friend
- \$40-Family
- \$30-Individual

Checks payable to Ozark Greenways, P.O. Box 50733, Springfield 65805

Bass Pro Kicks Off Outdoor Fit Fest Countdown

OCT. 17– NOV. 1, 2009

Fitness Events

- Bass Pro Shops Conservation Marathon, Nov. 1
- Marathon Corporate Relay, Nov. 1
- Maynard Cohick Half Marathon, Nov. 1
- Ozark Greenways 10K/5K “Halloween Run”, Oct. 31
- Dogwood Canyon 50K/25K Trail Run, Oct. 25
- Kids & Youth Cross Country Fun Run, Oct. 24
- St. John’s Tour de Bass Cycling Events Oct. 24

Health & Wellness

- Cox Health Wellness Walk, Oct. 31
- Fitness & Health Fair, Oct. 30-Nov. 1
- Corporate Wellness Conference & Expo, Oct. 30

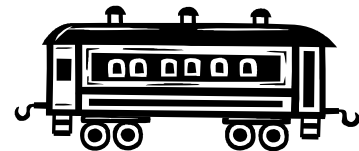
Great American Outdoor Days

- Great American Canoe/Kayak Races
- Canoe/Kayak Classes
- GPS Geo Caching Class & Competition
- Dutch Oven Cooking
- Cave Tours
- Outdoor Skills Classes & Activities

Training Programs

- Marathon/Half Marathon Training — Ozark Mountain Ridge Runners
- 10K/5K and Wellness Walk Training — CoxHealth
- Trail Run Training — Ozarks MultiSport Club
- Tour de Bass Bicycling Training — St. Johns and Springbike
- Kids/Youth Training — SPARC and MSU Cross Country

Details and registration at: basspro.com/fitness



BRIDGES OF POLK COUNTY

New naming plaques are being installed on the fifteen former railroad trestles along the north half of the Frisco Highline Trail. Each one has the name of the bridge and the donor that made renovation possible. Trailheads made possible by Harry Cooper Supply, Springfield Trust Company and The Kemper Foundation. Thank you to all contributors.

Syntex Agribusiness

Hobo Haven Bridge — Mile 18.5

OReilly Family Foundation

Eudora Bridge — Mile 19.5

US Bank (Firststar)

Venable Spring Bridge — Mile 21

Billings & Associates

Revis Bridge — Mile 21.5

Bass Pro Shops

Little Sac River Bridge — Mile 23

Rob & Sally Baird

Quarry Rock Bridge — Mile 23.5

Parnell Family Foundation

Dutton Bridge — Mile 24

John Mahaffey

Wishart Bridge — Mile 24.5

Loren Cook Company

Highline Bridge — Mile 25

Ash Grove Aggregates

Truman Bridge — Mile 25.5

Conco Companies

Siggle Creek Bridge — Mile 26

Edward Jones Investments

Morrisville Bridge — Mile 26.5

Premier Health Plans

Frisco Bridge — Mile 27.5

Tal & Rosalie Wooten

Whistle Stop Bridge — Mile 28.5

Therese Lachmund

Hickory Point Bridge — Mile 29.5



New plaques on the fifteen bridges along the north half of the Frisco Highline Trail show the bridge name and donor for each of these neat old former railroad trestles.



CALENDAR

**Bikefest on the Square
at First Friday ArtWalk**
Fri., May 1 (6—9PM)

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Bike, Bus, Walk to Work Week
May 11-15

Register your workplace or school
www.ozarkgreenways.org

**10th annual
Ozark Greenways Adventure Race**
Sat., May 16 (7AM-9PM)
www.greenwayrace.org

Monthly Volunteer Workday
Sat., June 20 (9AM-Noon)
Location TBA

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Retiring Board Members Won't Get Far!

Ozark Greenways has been so fortunate to have some of the best board members around. Our board has steered the organization through the successes and struggles that have gotten us to where we are today. The OG family is a wonderful bunch of dynamic, caring and generous folks. We could never thank these individuals enough for giving their time and talents to the work of Ozark Greenways. Trust us, we will do our best to keep them engaged through committees and other fun stuff. Our hope is that even though they're cycling off their term, they will still stay involved as long as possible. (Thank you, guys!)

Bruce Adib-Yazdi
Barbara Lucks
Monty Montgomery
Rodney Nichols
Rosalie Wooten

Bridge Charrett Yields Ideas for Lake Trail Connection

A friendly mixed-bag of local artists, engineers, architects, planners, Drury School of Architecture students and random (yet specifically chosen) folks gathered at the Lake Springfield boathouse on March 10, for a day of brain-storming on ideas for a potential bridge across the lake. A biking and pedestrian bridge across the lake could connect two significant sections of greenway and provide access to Galloway Creek Greenway and the James River Greenway.

Diana Allen, from the National Park Service's *Trails, Rivers and Conservation Assistance* program, traveled from St. Louis to facilitate the session as a visioning charrett. Participants broke into groups and sketched out ideas for a bridge concept that would compliment the beauty of the natural setting, be made of low or no maintenance materials and potentially becoming a landmark for Springfield.

While no funding is currently allotted for this project, it's design significance deserves much pondering for a long-range vision. The Ozark Greenways Technical Planning Committee will continue to review the concept ideas over the coming months, and possibly years. This project could be an important link in continuing Springfield's development into a more bicycle-friendly community. Once funds for design, construction and maintenance are secured, this project could become a reality.

We welcome creative input on this bridge concept. If you or someone you know has thoughts on a design, please contact the Ozark Greenways office at 864-2014.



Twenty-three people participated in a creative process to discover a variety of ideas for a potential future bridge to span Lake Springfield, to connect the trail at the lake to the Galloway Creek Greenway.



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10 Reasons to Try Alternative Commuting

1. Conserves resources
2. Non-polluting
3. Inexpensive
4. Healthy
5. Relieves traffic congestion
6. Gives attention to businesses & schools who participate
7. Saves time by combining exercise and commuting
8. Helps you arrive at work or school invigorated
9. Connects you with nature
10. Free breakfast at Panera Bread! (A well-deserved bagel and coffee...)

Join Ozark Greenways for a
Bikefest at
ARTWALK Friday, May 1
On the Downtown Square from 6-9pm

Leave your car behind

Arrive by bike, bus or on foot

Live Music

Free Andy's Custard for the first 100 people

Alternative Commuting Info

Bus Bike Rack Demos

Valet Bike Parking

Art Bikes