

Groovin'

August was a nice month for kickin' back, touring breweries and getting out on the water. MOC members took full advantage of beautiful sunny days to get out and enjoy.

Sailing and Dinner in Annapolis

Organizers: K.C. Yi and Shelley Sanner

It was a trip back in time and through the Annapolis harbor for this motley MOC crew. The group set out on their 18th century schooner Sultana and even had to work for their passage, hoisting sails and steering through the other envious watercraft. Their tour of the belowdecks showed them the original wood-burning stove and authentic cramped, dark, narrow bunks. After a two-hour tour of the harbor, the crew was understandably hungry and headed to Buddy's Crab House to feast. Though the sailing proved highly enjoyable, as Shelley says, "there's nothing as good as dinner with friends, followed by huge ice cream cones for dessert. All on land, of course."



Brewery Tour and Camping

Organizers: Steve Ehrman, Lonnie Goad, Alvin Liem

If you didn't know Steve's sense of humor, you might think that this was not a highly successful event given his writeup. But it's his humble nature that he couldn't brag about the huge success of the organizers' planning. Besides learning the secrets of "instant" Yuengling brewing and sampling the results both at the brewery and later at the campground, MOC members bonded around the campfire and during hiking the second day. One only has to take a gander at the photos to see what a fabulous time everyone had.

Whitewater Tubing

Organizers: Colin Babb

Though no photos of the river ride exist, the smiles on the faces of the group testify that their leisurely drift down the Potomac on rented personal flotation devices was spectacular. Beautiful weather cleared the way for lay conversation among a crop of relative newcomers to the club, many of whom stuck around to continue the afternoon with another of MOC's favorite activities - eating!



Counterclockwise from top left: MOC sailors pose with their ship, the envy of many a skipper; "Yes, the end of the brewery tour includes samples"; Tubers await the commencement of the MOC's unofficial favorite pastime.

News You Can Use

Inside this Issue:

Our Member Spotlight (p.2) features recent organizer Carrie Graff, who brings her dog along for the ride on most of her events. Learn about some local endangered species on page 2 also. And some MOC members get romantic notions - see the last page.

Welcome our New Officer:

Jeff Schneider is our new Web Developer. With Jeff's help, we're hoping to offer great new features on the MOC web site, so keep your eyes peeled for some upcoming changes. Watch your email for important announcements about keeping your membership current as well. Mark Zawodny is moving to an advisor role, cutting back on his main duties significantly as he continues to work full time while going to school.

MOC reaches 2000 members

Yup, we passed the MM mark in August with new signups. We're looking forward to seeing your new faces on events; remember, you don't even have to register for Social Hour.

Openings Within the MOC For Officers

Contact us if you are interested in taking on one of these positions or helping out in any way with the club. These positions are ultimately given to the candidate with the best fit, and are appointed by the current officers of the club. All of these positions are volunteer-based and are what you make of them. Most positions can be handled on your own schedule.

Controller - This is a time intensive position. Need someone that is good with QuickBooks, accounting, taxes, etc. Will record intake and outtake of club funds as a whole.

Event Accountant - Need someone good with Excel, accounting. Will track intake and outtake of events.

Social Coordinator - Primarily will be in charge of our monthly Social Hour event.

Safety & Equipment Rental Coordinator - Will manage club equipment allocation.

Legal Coordinator - Must be a member of the Maryland Bar. Will help us with legal documentation, etc.

Upcoming Events



Tue, Sept. @ 7 PM
Social Hour, Red Robin Restaurant
Columbia, MD

Fri-Sun, Sept. 17-19 @ 5:00 PM
Rafting and Rappelling Weekend
Fayetteville, WV

Sun, Sept. 19 @ 9:30 AM
Difficult Hike - Maryland Heights
Harper's Ferry, WV

Fri-Sun, Sept. 24-26 @ 5:30 PM
Wilderness Survival Course Wknd.
Geo Washington National Forest, VA

Fri, Sept. 24 @ 8:30 PM
A Night in Spain - Tapas and Dinner
Annapolis, MD

Sat, Sept. 25 @ 1:00 PM
City Hike in DC
Washington, DC

Fri, Oct. 1 @ 9:30 PM
Bar Hop at Power Plant Live
Baltimore, MD

Fri-Sun, Oct. 1-3 @ 6 PM
Camping
Green Ridge State Forest, VA

Sat, Oct. 2 @ 10 AM
City Hike/History Walk
Annapolis, MD

Sun, Oct.10 @ 10 AM
Difficult Hike - Big Schloss
Geo Washington National Forest, VA

Fri-Sun, Oct. 15-17 @ 5:30 PM
Trail Maintenance and Camping Wkd.
Blackburn Trail Center, VA

Fri-Sun, Nov. 5-7 @ 5:30 PM
Haunted Overnight Prison Tour /
Adventure Wknd
WV and Laurel Highlands, PA

For more info on upcoming events,
please visit the "Events" section of
our web site.

MOC Member Spotlight

Carrie Graff, (Often Dog-friendly)
Organizer



Currently resides in: Annapolis, MD

Originally from: Ontario, NY

Favorite TV show/book/movies/music:
TV:Daily Show with John Stewart, anything
on Discovery channel;Books: Seabiscut,
Cry of the Kalahari, Dialogues of Plato (no
joke); Movies: Out of Africa, End of the
Affair, Full Monty;Music:Marroon 5, Howie
Day... Actually, I like bits of everything!

Favorite sports team: Buffalo Bills (sorry,
but I have no choice)

Favorite local "getaway": Shenandoah
National Park, Dolly Sods Wilderness
Area

Pets: My dog, Shadow

Job: Research Associate/Soil Scientist
with the United States Department of
Agriculture

Other fun info about you: I've lived in many
cities including Syracuse, Cincinnati, and
Minneapolis. I once went winter hiking in
the Boundary Waters in Minnesota when
it was -16F without the windchill....brrrr (did
it once, don't need to do it again!). I love
to travel overseas; I lived in Australia for a
short time, spent two weeks in New
Zealand hiking and kayaking, been to
France, Germany, Spain, England. I
LOVE food and love to eat, the only reason
I exercise is so I can eat more. When I
hike with Shadow she carries her own food
and water in a backpack, and she has
booties for when her feet get sore.

Best part about organizing for MOC: Dog
friendly events! (As you can tell, I love my
dog!)

Did You Know?

That we have endangered species
here in Maryland? Often people
think of exotic species as threat-
ened, and certainly some receive
much more media attention than
others. But even here in our own
backyards are species threatened
by human activity among other fac-
tors.

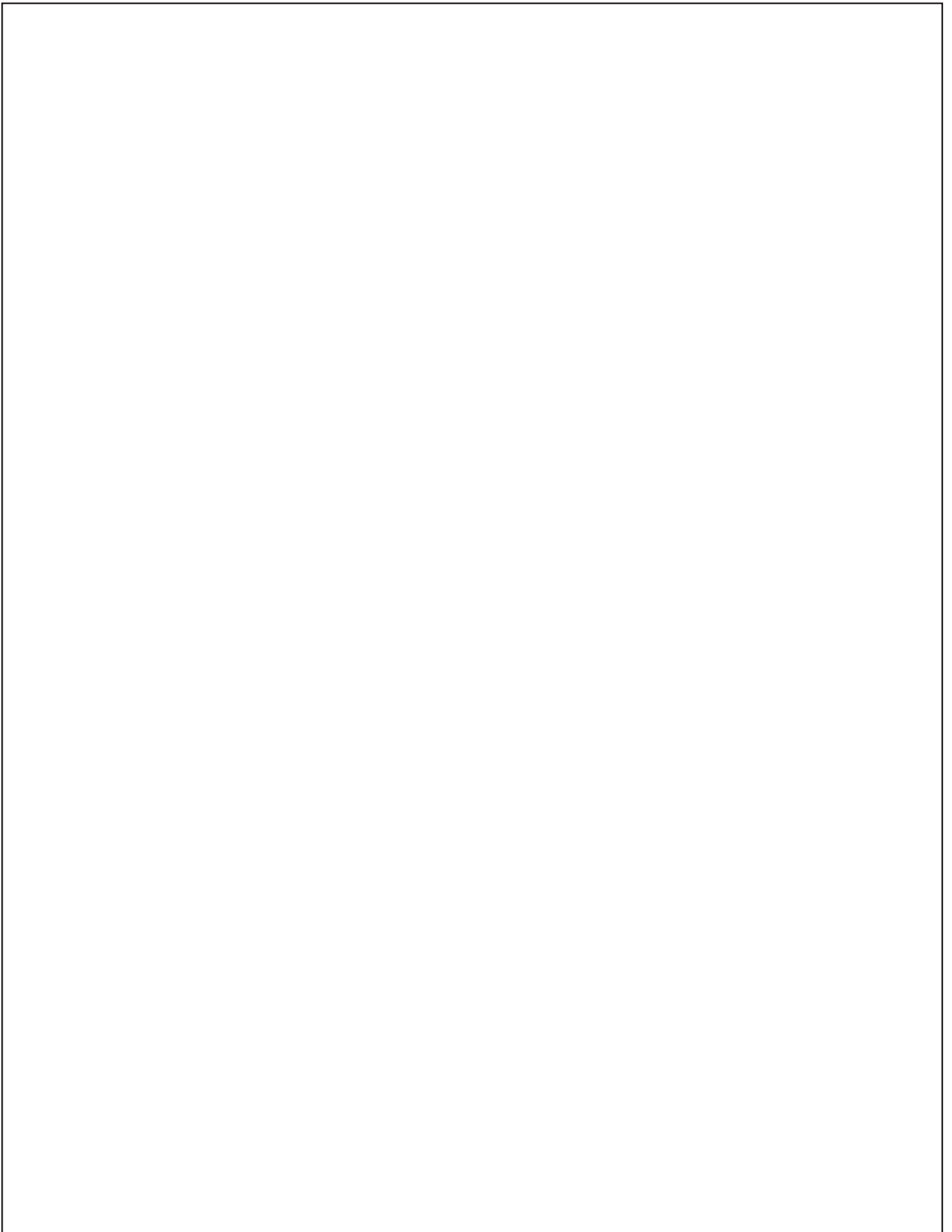
Since the time of European coloni-
zation in the 1600's, more than 500
species and subspecies of native
animals and plants have become
extinct in North America. Some of
these had been abundant in the
Chesapeake Bay region. Passenger
pigeons blackened the sky during
migration, Carolina parakeets
roosted in coastal swamp forests,
and heath hens boomed on rolling
grassland hilltops.

Although Maryland harbors a rich
variety of plant and animal life, the
populations of many species have
declined since colonization and
many have been extirpated, includ-
ing small-whorled pogonia,
chaffseed, gray wolf, and American
bison.

The Wildlife and Heritage Service
Natural Heritage Program tracks the
status of over 1,100 native plants
and animals that are among the rar-
est in Maryland and most in need of
conservation efforts as elements of
our State's natural diversity. Of these
species, the Maryland Department
of Natural Resources officially rec-
ognizes 659 species and subspe-
cies as endangered, threatened, in
need of conservation, or endangered
extirpated. Only 37, or 3% of the to-
tal tracked species, are listed by the
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as na-
tionally endangered or threatened.

Take a look at your local area infor-
mation and be on the lookout for
these rare local creatures.

Adapted from:
[http://www.dnr.state.md.us/wildlife/
espaa.html](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/wildlife/espaa.html)



Monthly Statistics

As of September 12th

2044 - Total Members To Date
3.1 - August New Members per day
60% - Female Members
40% - Male Members
32.5 - Average Member Age

Organize an Event

It's simple, fun to do, and gives you great leadership experience that you can use on your resume. If it sounds like something for you, please let us know.

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Member Bulletin Board

Nothing has actually been submitted this month by members, so I'm going to take this space to let everyone know of not just one, but two engagements among MOC members this month!

First, Laura Riedmuller accepted Brian Loughery's proposal this month. The engagement is the first we know of for a couple who met on an MOC event.

Also, Rebecca Schubert and Aaron Firoved became engaged. The two did not meet through the MOC, but have been active members over the past year and a half, attending many events together.

Congratulations and best of luck to both couples!

Save a Tree

If you are done with this issue, please consider throwing it in your paper recycle bin instead of into a trash can.

And Now For Something Completely Different

This cartoon comes courtesy <http://www.frikoutdoors.com>



As soon as it becomes a rental,
it gains ten pounds

Remember, if you're a budding artist, photographer, writer, cartoonist, poet, we'll be glad to consider your submission!

Join the MOC - It's Free!

The Maryland Outdoor Club conducts all administrative tasks through our web site to cut down on processing time & costs. If you are interested in signing up for membership, you need to go to marylandoutdoorclub.org and click on any of the "Join Now" buttons you'll find throughout the site. Signing up is a relatively short process and will save you time later on when you sign up for events and don't need to re-enter all of your information.

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Your business can reach hundreds of potential customers each month with an ad in exchange for bartered items/goods. Contact the editor for details. MOC members can sell single used items or place notices. Classifieds are \$5.00 per 25 words or less.

Editor's Corner

Yes, this is skimpy this month. Why? I haven't heard from YOU telling me what you'd like to see. Maybe it's those end-of-summer blues as everyone winds down, but even I don't have anything to say this month. I'm happy to accept inspiration for articles, not just completed thoughts. Give me an idea to work with and I'll give you an article! (Is this thing on?). The stats are different this month (did you even notice) due to Amy's absence and my lack of foresight. Coming next month? Part two of Jeff Schneider's Appalachian Trail series, meet the Patuxent Wildlife Center, and more!

-Katie Stofer

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