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INNINGS

Monday January 4, 2016 at 7:00 - 8:55 p.m.

STATUS OF THE MILL CREEK IN 2015

Dr. Michael C. Miller—Aquatic Ecologist

The Mill Creek runs for 28 miles from Butler County to the Ohio River, right down the center of the Cincinnati metro area. The stream has been abused from its earliest days until the passage of the Clean Water Act in 1972. For the last couple of decades, the Mill Creek has been targeted for cleanup and restoration by a number of different agencies and organizations, working on a number of issues, including reducing untreated

sewage; restoring the stream channel and riparian vegetation; and developing streamside bike/hike trails. Collectively they are trying to make the Mill Creek an asset to Greater Cincinnati and the 28 communities that it drains. Mike Miller has been intensively involved in Mill Creek issues and will update us on its status, focusing particularly on the biology and chemistry involved.



Dr. Michael C. Miller, Emeritus Professor Biological Sciences and Center for Environmental Studies at the University of Cincinnati, has participated in research on aquatic ecosystem structure and function for 40 years in the rivers and lakes in

S.W. Ohio, 29 years on lakes and rivers in the Alaskan Arctic, for 10 years on lakes in Ecuador and the Galapagos, with research expeditions to Eastern and Western Arctic Russia, Mexico, Kiratiba and Brazil.

He has trained 45 graduate students, written over 55 scientific articles and book chapters, and was continuously funded for 30 years. In the past 9 years he has turned his attention and effort to public service, receiving the award of Distinguished Professor for Public Service from the

University of Cincinnati in 2001 and the Fremont Lifetime Achievement Award from Rivers Unlimited in 2009. His research has examined the role of nutrients and primary production in lakes and rivers, the paleoecological reconstruction of climate and vegetation from cores of lake sediments, including recent investigations of el Niño events in the Galapagos and Kiritiba in the Pacific and sites across Ecuador and Brazil on the Equator. Many applied projects included cooling water impacts of coal-fired power plants,

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Monday February 1, 2016 at 7:00 - 8:55 p.m.

“THE 2015 TOXIC ALGAE BLOOM IN THE OHIO RIVER: POSSIBLE CAUSES”

Dr. Miriam Steinitz-Kannan

Professor Mirriam Kannan will talk about Algae Issues in the Ohio River Basin with a focus on toxic algae. She will start with a general overview of what are algae and their taxonomic diversity, showing

photographs of the most common taxa found around here. Dr. Kannan will focus on the recent toxic algae blooms on the Ohio River and what the causes are.

Dr. Miriam Steinitz-Kannan, is Regents Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at Northern Kentucky University. She is a native of Quito, Ecuador. She obtained her Ph.D. at The Ohio State University (OSU)

in 1979, working on a comparative study of Ecuadorian lakes. Her M.S. degree is also from OSU and B.A.(Biology) from Rider University in Lawrenceville, N.J.. She was trained by two world renowned phycologists in

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About Innings

Innings is our general membership meeting, held on the first Monday of the month (Except Monday holiday)
 Meeting Location: Scouting Achievement Center: 10078 Reading Rd. Cinti., OH 45241 - in Evendale
 Meeting Schedule: miamigroup.org/sierra-club-meetings/
 Information: Alvin Denenberg 513-508-7731; alvingden@gmail.com
 Inclement weather cancellation message: Scouting Achievement Center 513-577-7700

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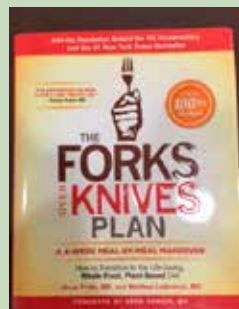
Uranium concentration in fish below Fernald Nuclear facility, macroinvertebrate response to Prudhoe crude oil spills in ponds, a lake, and streams, including under ice. He and 4 other investigators (Marshall U, NKU, Thomas More C.) have undertaken Ohio River Runs of 981 miles of the river in a snapshot of river chemistry and biology in early August from 2001-2007.

As an Emeritus Professor, he has been active in numerous nonprofit organizations in outreach, education and assessment of water quality in S.W. Ohio, including helping to establish a water quality monitoring network by volunteers at the UC Center for Field Studies.

Dr. Miriam Steinitz-Kannan continued from Page 1.

algae identification and ecology: trained in diatom taxonomy at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia by Dr. Ruth Patrick, and in soft algae and cyanobacteria by the late Dr. Clarence Taft at OSU. She has been at Northern Kentucky University since 1979 where she teaches a variety of classes including Limnology (study of inland aquatic ecosystems) and General Microbiology. She offers yearly workshops on Algae taxonomy for the community. She is the faculty advisor for the Biology Honor Society (Beta Beta Beta). Her research interests focus on algae as water quality indicators, diatom taxonomy, paleolimnology (using fossil diatoms to reconstruct climatic histories), and tropical limnology. Her research

involves undergraduate students and is done in lakes and rivers of her native country of Ecuador and the Ohio River Basin. Since 2001, in close cooperation with ORSANCO and the EPA, she has been monitoring algae in the Ohio River Basin for taste and odor and toxin producing species. Her outreach activities are in large part directed to the Latino Community in the Greater Cincinnati Area. She is also very active in environmental issues, and works closely with the Foundation for Ohio River Education, the Ohio River Foundation and the Ohio River Basin Consortium for Research and Education to educate K-12 students about water quality and the importance of conserving water resources.



December's Inning: Forks Over Knives

by Doug Jose

The subject of the December 2015 Innings Meeting was the revolutionary film *Forks Over Knives*.

Capsule summary of the film: *Forks Over Knives* examines the **profound claim that most, if not all, of the degenerative diseases that afflict us can be controlled, or even reversed, by rejecting our present menu of animal-based and processed foods.** The major storyline in the film traces the personal journeys of a pair of pioneering yet under-appreciated researchers, Dr. T. Colin Campbell and Dr. Caldwell Esselstyn.

Following the film, **Marilyn Wall led a lively discussion session** with the 30 or so attendees. Interestingly, the meeting took place during the **Climate Talks in Paris**. It's too bad that the discussion there likely fails to consider the **huge favorable impacts that moving the world toward a plant-based diet could have!**

The accompanying photos show some of the books that were available for members to peruse. Mike Fremont received another one a day later, entitled *How Not to Die*, by Michael Greger.



November's Inning: Member Slide Show

by Alvin Denenberg

The Annual Member Slide Show was held on Nov. 2, 2015 at the Boy Scouts Achievement Center. Seven members shared their stories and photos from recent trips.

Shown from left to right with presentation topics are:

Doug Jose: Big Bend N.P.

Gwen Marshall: Mill Creek Canoe Trips.

Evan Denenberg: Machu Picchu and Sacred Valleys of Peru.

Carolyn Denenberg: Niagara Falls, N.H., Wash. D.C., Virginia, and Outer Banks.

Marci Taylor: Yosemite N.P.

Carol Cohn: Outer Banks and New Orleans.

Matthew Stonecash: Grand Teton, Yellowstone N.P., Seattle and Vancouver.

Dayton Connection

Fellow MG Sierra Club members,

Winter is close behind a really nice Indian Summer in SW Ohio. I really enjoy looking at the pretty colors of Autumn where leaves glow from green to red and orange.

The Autumn season has been a busy one with the Sierra Club's participation in the Midwest Outdoor Experience in early October. The event was a wet one with showers all weekend, bringing out the caveman in us! I spoke to people from Hillsboro who deer hunt frequently and lots of college students who are just developing interest in environmental actions.

Soon after that event, Matt Trokan rode his bicycle from Indiana to a screening

of "Bag It" at the Neon Movies on October 18. We participated with the Dayton International Peace Museum and the public. As many as twenty new members gained perspective on plastic pollution. Matt stayed with me in Dayton before bicycling to Cincinnati the day after.

I attended the Miami Group "Innings" meeting in Evendale in November and the MG ExCom, along with the Ohio Chapter Conservation Committee and Executive Committee soon after. Our Riverside Bikepath Cleanup Day and letter writing meeting with new volunteer Chris Hess have been wildly successful. Over 150 pounds of garbage was removed from the Linden Bikepath

in Dayton. Our letter writing meeting was greeted by Rachel Carr, Centerville High School Environmental Club leader who opened the door to future collaborations between Centerville High School and the Sierra Club.

Have a Happy Holiday season!

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Announcements

Non-Sierra Club Event

Citizens Climate Lobby - monthly meeting
"Creating the Political Will For a Livable World"
Thursday, January 14th at 6:30
1016 Urbancrest Dr., Cincinnati (near Lunken Airport)
For more info contact: cincinnati@citizensclimatelobby.org
Or www.citizensclimatelobby.org

Thursday Morning Hikes

by Alvin Denenberg

Every other Thursday, our Miami Group has a Thursday morning event, including breakfast at a local Frisch's, followed by a 1-2 hour hike/walk at a local park. The hikes are led by either Wolf Roder, Donna Loughry, Alvin Denenberg, or Elizabeth Durrell.



Today we went to Winton Woods trails. Our group included Alvin and Carolyn Denenberg, Elizabeth Durrell, Judy Squire, Carol Cohn, Jean Swartley, Gwen Marshall, and Wolf Roder. For more information and schedules, please check "miamigroup.org" and go to "newsletters".

A Day at Cowan Lake

by Lynn Frock



It was a sunny, warm afternoon. The sea kayak class had just launched for its "around the lake" trip. Down lake the sail craft were prepping for their races, a helpful breeze filling sails.

We passed large groups of American Lotus, still with some blooms. We practiced rescues. And set up a pod so as to safely cross the sail craft channel.

Upcoming Thursday Morning Hikes

Thurs. Jan. 7, 2016

Thurs. Jan. 21, 2016

Thurs. Feb. 4, 2016

Thurs. Feb. 18, 2016

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Sierra Club Opposes the Removal of Cowan Lake's 10 Horsepower Restriction

To: Michael Miller Acting Chief, Division of Watercraft; Brock Miskimen, Division of Watercraft; Deborah Green, Division of Watercraft

From: The Executive Committee of the Miami Group, Ohio Chapter of the Sierra Club

Date: December 16, 2015

On behalf of the more than 4000 members in Southwest Ohio, the Miami Group of the Sierra Club opposes the removal of Cowan Lake's 10 Horsepower Restriction. Another dangerous lake in this area is not needed. Nor is the higher horsepower generated damage to shoreline. Or the unwelcome & intruding noise of motors.

The Sierra Club has long used Cowan Lake as a flat water venue for our paddle sports program which includes Canoeing, Sea Kayak, Recreational Kayak and Stand Up Paddle

Board. The near absence of an upset risk from waves is much appreciated by students with little or no paddling experience. We instructors also appreciate this lower risk.

The Sierra Club leads trips on the lake. Safety is highly important, as is the experience of paddling in a lovely setting. Why badly damage this unique place? Why destroy the charm, the gentle sounds of water lapping, the movement of birds and the quiet sounds of the large number of people who are using non-powered water craft free from roaring boats?

Contrast this with the dangers found on Caesar Creek Lake and East Fork Lake - large waves and high potential of collision with fast motor boats. There are plenty of lakes in Ohio that have high horsepower limits.

Please preserve this treasure.

Marilyn Wall
Chair, Miami Group Sierra Club

ICO (Inspiring Connections Outdoors)

Creek Hiking, First Aid & Naturalist

by Roberta Shawhan & Lara Guttadauro

In October and November the members of Sierra Club ICO enjoyed hiking and exploring two beautiful parks in Cincinnati: French Park and Caldwell Nature Preserve. The hike in October was at French Park where the children spent time exploring the stream, finding salamanders and fossils. A handful of our recent program graduates have returned as junior leaders. As part of their training, they attended a basic first aid class with the adult leaders the morning before the November outing. At Caldwell the naturalist led the group on a guided hike and taught us about the unique and interesting aspects of the park.



Upcoming ICO Outings

Saturday, January 9th, FAMILY FRIENDLY!

ICO (Inspiring Connections Outdoors) invites your family to join us for snow tubing at Perfect North Slopes. Meet at Dater Montessori (2840 Boudinot Ave, 45238) at 12:30 p.m. and return at 4:30 p.m. We will be tubing from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Snacks will be provided after tubing. Call, text or email Roberta Shawhan at 812-204-7921 (C) or RLSHAWHAN@hotmail.com to RSVP by Jan 4th, ask questions, get the needed Sierra Club & PNS waivers.

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NOTICE: Each day we will be at different locations (see below) – NOT Grailville.

Visit with old friends & make new ones. Learn a lot & have fun. Enjoy a great winter get-away.

Saturday, Jan. 23: The Schott Pavilion at Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford

- 8:00 Breakfast & Registration
- 9:00 Housekeeping & Ice Breaker
- 9:30 – 10:45 Effects of Climate change on migration from Central America – Rebekah Kartal & Don Sherman
- 11:00 – 12:00 A visit with Cincinnati Council Woman Amy Murray
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:00 Free time: Walk along the Little Miami River, visit, Shop in Old Milford . . .
- 2:00 – 3:15 Local Bike Trails: What's here? What's Planned? With Wade Johnston, Regional Trails coordinator, Green Umbrella
- 3:30 - 4:45 Conservation Paleobiology: A deep time perspective to modern conservation issues. Dr. Brenda Hunda with the Museum Center
- 5:00 – 7:00 Happy Hour & Dinner
- 7:30 – 8:30 Exploring the Olmec and Mayan Ruins of Southern Mexico with Jan & Randy Johnson

Sunday, Jan. 24: Miami Group Office 2330 Victory Parkway 4th floor

- 8 – 8:30 Continental Breakfast & Registration
- 8:30 – 10:30 ExCom / Leadership Orientation
- 10:30 – 10:45 Break and Snacks
- 10:45 – 12:30 Goal setting: How can we reach out and engage with diverse communities?
- 12:30 Lunch
- 9 – 9:30 Late Continental Breakfast
- 9:30 – 10:30 Problem Solving: How do we attract more folks to our innings?

Information and directions will be sent after registration.

If you have questions, please contact: Karen Nagel (nagelkm817@yahoo.com) 513-542-5259, or Jean Kantor (njeank@fuse.net) 513-522-5941.

We need meal numbers before January 15!

Please fill out and return the form below

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Home phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____ or Fax: (_____) _____

Saturday all day (Lunch & Dinner included) \$30 X _____ people = \$ _____

Half day Saturday-Please indicate Lunch OR Dinner here _____ \$15 X _____ people = \$ _____

Please place an X here if you want all vegetarian meals _____

Will you be attending on Sunday (no charge) Circle Yes or No

Send full payment (payable to Miami Group Sierra Club) and registration to: David W. Renslow,
99 East Ridgeway Dr., Centerville, OH 45459-4666, Cell 937-671-2698, drenslow@earthlink.net

IT WAS A WONDERFUL MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION DINNER

By Karen Nagel

About 60 Miami Group Members and friends gathered at Garden Park Unity Church on Galbraith Rd. for our annual Member Appreciation Dinner. One of our classic potluck dinners was followed by a brief update from each committee and the presentation of special awards. Guests were also invited to participate in a first ever silent auction.

The Super Cup was awarded to Bob Park for his years of service in conservation -- Blue Green Alliance, work with the Metropolitan Sewer District sewer/stormwater system, participation in our Wild & Scenic Transportation committee, and his years as a member of our executive committee.

Chris Curran received the first ever Guardian of the Little Miami Award for the years she's spent working to protect the Little Miami River. The Wild & Scenic Committee, chaired by Chris, was named Committee of the Year for their successful struggle to stop the proposed highway in our Eastern Corridor. AND Nathan Alley, a staff person working tirelessly with Chris and the committee received an Above and Beyond award.



Joe Bowman was honored with an Above & Beyond award for producing educational videos on the problems with the Metropolitan Sewer District and his years of service as he retires from the Executive Committee.



For her years of guidance and advice for many committees in the Miami Group, Pat Frock was given the first ever Oracle Award.

The Outings Committee presented an Above and Beyond award to Sandy Wood for her work with the committee especially in the area of paddling. Sandy is also a member of our Executive Committee.



Alvin Denenberg received an Old Faithful award for his work with the Outings Committee, especially the Thursday morning breakfast/walks. Alvin is also the person who finds speakers/topics and manages our Innings (monthly programs).



Doug Jose, Communications Chair, was presented with an Above & Beyond award for his continuous work with our website and on-line communication. Doug, also an outings member, leads many of our bike trips. Leesa Scudder received an Old Faithful Award for publishing our newsletter -- usually on-line, but also the paper copy sent out with the ex-com ballot. Leesa and Doug are continuously working on other ways to communicate with members of the Miami Group.



New Activist Awards were presented to two students at UC working with our Miami Group. Gabrielle Russell works on Water issues with Matt Trokan. Emily Cigolle works as a liaison between UC and our Miami Group. Both Gabrielle and Emily have chosen for their capstone projects to work on reducing the use of plastic at UC.

Finally a BIG thank you to the many folks who came early to set up and those who stayed late to help clean up. We hope you'll all join us again next November for this annual dinner.



photos: Carolyn Denenberg

Miami Group Holiday Party

A record 42 folks attended the Dec. 12 Holiday Party at Avon Woods Preserve. We enjoyed the appetizer / dessert potluck, visited, played games and puzzles and enjoyed a sing along.



photos and video:
Doug Jose (see our Facebook page for more photos and to see video).



January 2016 Outings

Outings Information

Chair:

Jay Freeman 513-631-7642

Sub-chairs:

- Backpacking
Barry Randall 513-607-4515
- Bicycling
Doug Jose 513-470-5473
- Day hikes
Elizabeth Durrell 513-481-1926
- Canoe/Kayaking
Lynn Frock 513-321-3187
- Cross-country skiing
Elizabeth Durrell 513-481-1926
- Base camping
Bob Mentzer 513-821-2567
- Service outings
David Gaines 513-522-6696

Who may join us:

Outings are for Sierra Club members, and interested others on a space-available basis, subject to acceptance by the outing leader. Please be considerate of the leaders and call before 9:30 p.m. except in a dire emergency. If you make a reservation, you are obligated to arrive promptly or to advise the leader in advance if you are unable to attend. Don't leave others waiting for you!

Ratings:

(1-easy to 4-strenuous) Indicate, roughly, how difficult an outing is likely to be. If in doubt about your skills or endurance, explore plans with the leader first.

Last Minute Outings Information:

Following is the outing list at the time the Happenings was put together. Please check the Miami Group website at <http://www.MiamiGroup.org> for any additions since this was published.

INCLEMENT WEATHER may cancel an Outing. Be sure to check with a leader before heading out to an Outing if you question the weather.

Meetup Group

The Outing Committee has worked to find better ways to reach out to interested people regarding scheduled Outings or last-minute ones.

We now have a Meetup Group site. To join, first register with <http://Meetup.com> and then join our Group (<http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>) to get the latest info on Outings and other events. The Miami Group website (<http://www.miamigroup.org/outings-list/>) also has more up-to-date outings info than the Happenings newsletter.

Fri. Jan. 1, Hike the trails at Ault Park 2. A moderate-fitness hike of about four miles; some steep (but short) climbs; muddy at times. Meet at 10 a.m.; park on the circle drive behind the pavilion. Dress for the weather; wear decent hiking boots and socks; bring plenty of water and snacks; poles recommended. RSVP to Doug Jose at 513-470-5473.

Thurs. Jan. 7, 2016, Day Hike 1-2. Meet at a Frisch's at 9 a.m. for an optional breakfast followed by a one - two hour hike at a near-by park or hiking area at 10 a.m. We are usually off the trail by about Noon. We decide where to hike usually Tuesday afternoon before the hike depending on the weather then send around an e-mail with the details. If you want to be put on this e-mail list, send an e-mail to Alvin Denenberg at alvingden@gmail.com.

Fri. Jan. 8, Hike the trails at Ault Park 2. A moderate-fitness hike of about four miles; some steep (but short) climbs; muddy at times. Meet at 10 a.m.; park on the circle drive behind the pavilion. Dress for the weather; wear decent hiking boots and socks; bring plenty of water and snacks; poles recommended. RSVP to Doug Jose at 513-470-5473.

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Sierra Club Important Announcement

In order to participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please see http://miamigroup.org/?attachment_id=5351 or call 415-977-5630.

In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

Miami Group Outings

Mon. Jan. 11, Service Outing on the Little Miami Bike Path 2. We will meet at Avoca Park at 3:30 p.m. and work for a couple of hours maintaining the right of way of the bike path. Bring loppers (if you like), gloves, water, and wear sturdy shoes or boots. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) for details or sign up on the Meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>.

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Thurs. Jan. 21, 2016, Day Hike 1-2. Meet at a Frisch's at 9 a.m. for an optional breakfast followed by a one - two hour hike at a near-by park or hiking area at 10 a.m. We are usually off the trail by about Noon. We decide where to hike usually Tuesday afternoon before the hike depending on the weather then send around an e-mail with the details. If you want to be put on this e-mail list, send an e-mail to Alvin Denenberg at alvingden@gmail.com.

Fri. Jan. 22, Hike the trails at Ault Park 2. A moderate-fitness hike of about four miles; some steep (but short) climbs; muddy at times. Meet at 10 a.m.; park on the circle drive behind the pavilion. Dress for the weather; wear decent hiking boots and socks; bring plenty of water and snacks; poles recommended. RSVP to Doug Jose at 513-470-5473.

Mon. Jan. 25, Service Outing on the Little Miami Bike Path 2. We will meet at Avoca Park at 3:30 p.m. and work for a couple of hours maintaining the right of way of the bike path. Bring loppers (if you like), gloves, water, and wear sturdy shoes or boots. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) for details or sign up on the Meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>.

Fri. Jan. 29, Hike the trails at Ault Park 2. A moderate-fitness hike of about four miles; some steep (but short) climbs; muddy at times. Meet at 10 a.m.; park on the circle drive behind the pavilion. Dress for the weather; wear decent hiking boots and socks; bring plenty of water and snacks; poles recommended. RSVP to Doug Jose at 513-470-5473.

February 2016 Outings

Wed. Feb. 3, Service Outing on the Little Miami Bike Path 2. We will meet at Avoca Park at 3:30 p.m. and work for a couple of hours maintaining the right of way of the bike path. Bring loppers (if you like), gloves, water, and wear sturdy shoes or boots. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) for details or sign up on the Meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>.

Thurs. Feb. 4, 2016, Day Hike 1-2. Meet at a Frisch's at 9 a.m. for an optional breakfast followed by a one - two hour hike at a near-by park or hiking area at 10 a.m. We are usually off the trail by about Noon. We decide where to hike usually Tuesday afternoon before the hike depending on the weather then send around an e-mail with the details. If you want to be put on this e-mail list, send an e-mail to Alvin Denenberg at alvingden@gmail.com.

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Thurs. Feb. 18, 2016, Day Hike 1-2. Meet at a Frisch's at 9 a.m. for an optional breakfast followed by a one - two hour hike at a near-by park or hiking area at 10 a.m. We are usually off the trail by about Noon. We decide where to hike usually Tuesday afternoon before the hike depending on the weather then send around an e-mail with the details. If you want to be put on this e-mail list, send an e-mail to Alvin Denenberg at alvingden@gmail.com.

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INNINGS (general membership meeting):
First Monday of the Month

7:00 p.m. to 8:55 p.m.

Scouting Achievement Center
10078 Reading Rd.,
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