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### TEAR DOWN RODMAN DAM

# Let the Ocklawaha Flow Freely Again

BY DWIGHT ADAMS

**H**arold Sansing, retired Army Corps of Engineers scientist, will present the January 7 program discussing the case for restoring the free-flowing Ocklawaha River.

Mr. Sansing wrote about this in a November 22, 2009 guest editorial in the Gainesville Sun, "The Case for Removing Rodman Dam."

Mr. Sansing lends his authoritative voice to the chorus of others who have called for removal of the dam, almost from the day it was completed.

On the other side are bass fishermen and others who want the dam and reservoir

preserved for its fishing and recreation value. Many North Florida politicians have lent their efforts and sometimes names to

dam preservation. One of these led to naming the dam the George Kirkpatrick Dam after good ole boy, fishing buddy Senator Kirkpatrick.

Most recently, naming a recreation area after recently deceased legislator Jim King has been proposed. There will be an attempt to push this through the 2010 legislature.

Mr. Sansing gives many logical reasons why the dam should come down. He points out that, "A dam placed on a large river changes everything—physically, chemically, and, as a consequence, biologically, for both



aquatic (fish, frogs, turtles, insects, plants, etc.) and terrestrial (birds, mammals, insects, plants, etc.) species that formerly were adapted to and depended upon a free-flowing stream

for their survival."

Mr. Sansing has pointed out that loss of dissolved oxygen through the decay of or-

ganic matter has caused the shallow man-made lake to become an anaerobic septic environment with problems of methane production, solution of heavy metals, such as mercury, lead and others.

Mr. Sansing will discuss his ideas for how the river could be restored to free flowing, which will cost lots of money. Frequently, the public is hit by the concept of "communitizing costs while privatizing profit." Mr. Sansing is pursuing the concept of communitizing the profits to finance the whole plan for corridor restoration. Perhaps a wealthy donor will step forward to have the Ocklawaha River Restoration named after her.

Mr. Sansing served as the Chief of Water Quality in the Corps' Nashville, TN office before retiring to Dunnellon.

**GENERAL MEETING**

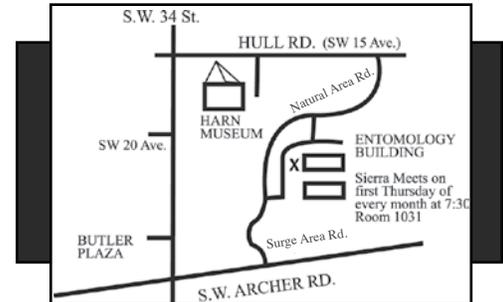
Thursday, Jan. 7, 7:30 p.m.

Entomology/Nematology Building on the UF campus,  
\*\* room 3118 \*\*

(Just east of the Performing Arts Center. Turn south off  
Hull Road on to Natural Areas Road.)

**TEAR DOWN  
RODMAN DAM**

HAROLD SANSING



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# SSJSC Election Results

## BY ROB BRINKMAN

**H**appy New Year! First, I want to thank retiring SSJ excom members Art Stockwell and Stephen Williams for their service over the last two years.

We welcome two new members to ExComm, Melanie Martin and N'kwandah Jah. Ms. Martin is a realtor and has been involved with our friends in the Coalition for Responsible Growth, and Ms. Jah is a long time community organizer and executive director of the Cultural Arts Coalition. Their willingness to serve is appreciated.

In other Board member news, Chuck Hawkins takes over as newsletter editor from Kathy Cantwell, who will become our legislative liaison while she continues as SSJ Public Lands Issue Chair. James Barker, or Brack as he prefers to be called, is taking over as Conservation Chair from Chuck

Hawkins, Knox Bagwell replaces Robert Fisher as Outings Chair; Robert will be the Social Chair for 2010. Melanie Martin has agreed to be Secretary, and will also share program responsibilities with Dwight Adams. N'kwandah Jah will take over as Publicity Chair. I look forward to working with the new ExComm in 2010, and am thankful to everyone for volunteering their services.

Our bylaws require that we have more candidates on the ballot than positions available, so there are always some who do not get elected. We appreciate all of our ExComm candidates, so those not elected will be invited to take on support roles. Should a vacancy on ExComm occur, we traditionally seek to appoint the candidate who received the next highest number of votes.

In my last column where I encouraged SSJ members to vote, I said I would be

shocked if we had more than 100 ballots cast. I am elated to say I am duly shocked; we received 104 valid ballots! I am raising the bar for next year: if more than 150 members vote, we will exceed 10% turnout.

In the meantime, if anyone has suggestions for improving our election process, please don't be shy. We appreciate suggestions. Sierra Club National Board of Directors elections allow electronic voting, and I hope this option will become available to local groups.

## SIERRA CLUB, FHD, AND UPCOMING ELECTIONS

2010 is an election year, and SSJ plans to screen local candidates for potential endorsement. If you know of a candidate in your area that you feel should be consid-

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## ICO OUTINGS:

# Where Are We going?

BY MARYVONNE DEVENSKY

**G**ood news: we held our first planning meeting for the ICO program on December 8. Seven of us met at the Cultural Arts Coalition, and shared good food and great ideas.

We are planning two outings a month for January and February 2010. The first one will be on January 13, Wednesday afternoon—a group of 2nd and 3rd graders from Lake Forest Elementary will go to Morning-side for a guided walk through the woods. The Friends of Nature Park are funding the event.

Thanks to that organization and its members, we may have more guided walks in that beautiful park in the spring.

Then January 23, Saturday morning, a group of middle-school girls from the Girls Power program will hike Paynes Prairie on the La Chua Trail to see the sand hill cranes, plants, bugs, baby gators, and whatever wildlife will be present that day. Dan Roundtree will be our guide.

On February 10, Wednesday afternoon, we will return to the La Chua Trail with the Lake Forest 2nd and 3rd graders.

On February 27, Saturday, we will take the middle school Girl Power group to the

## Walking Tour of Prairie Creek Preserve on Saturday, January 23rd, 2010

Meeting time and duration: 8:45 am; approximately 2 hours (9 to 11 am)

Meeting location: Witness Tree Junction trailhead located at the intersection of the Gainesville Hawthorne Trail and CR 234.

Ivor Kincaide, the land manager for Alachua Conservation Trust, will lead a casual but highly informative walking tour of Prairie Creek Preserve. The tour will include a survey of the different ecosystem contained within the preserve with an emphasis placed on the wetland and pine flatwoods restoration areas.

Directions: From Gainesville, travel east on Hawthorne Road/CR20. Shortly after passing Newnans Lake, turn right onto CR 2082. A convenient parking lot is located at the intersection of CR 2082 and CR 234. Please consider car pooling.

This outing is limited to 15 participants. Please RSVP by contacting Robert Fisher at [rbertisher@gmail.com](mailto:rbertisher@gmail.com) or (352) 514-7674. This walking tour is open to the general public.

## 11th Annual Great Air Potato Roundup, Saturday, January 30 2010

Meeting Time and duration: 8:45am

from 9 to 11am.

Please consider joining in with other volunteers to remove air potato and other invasive exotic plants from the numerous natural areas found throughout Gainesville. All volunteers are invited to a post-roundup, celebratory festival with food and live music.

The SSJ Group has registered for the roundup and is currently recruiting a team to participate in this worthwhile event. Help make a difference. To join the SSJ Group team, please contact Robert Fisher at [rbertisher@gmail.com](mailto:rbertisher@gmail.com) or (352) 514-7674. Additional details including the volunteer site will be sent to all participants. This volunteer event is open to the general public.

## Outings on the Horizon

River cleanup associated with “Rally for the Rivers”

Date: Sunday, February 14th, 2010

Location: Rodman Dam Area

Interested individuals should contact Robert Fisher at [rbertisher@gmail.com](mailto:rbertisher@gmail.com) or (352) 514-7674. This volunteer event is open to the general public. Additional details will be listed in the February newsletter and posted on the SSJ Group website.



“Green Park” where the Witness Tree Junction is near Rochelle. More details later. If you want to be involved, it is not too late.... Please contact me at [marydeven@yahoo.com](mailto:marydeven@yahoo.com). If you are already a volunteer, thank

you all for your help. And have a Happy New Year!!!

*Maryvonne Devensky is the Chair of the Gainesville Sierra Club Inner City Outings Program.*

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ered, please contact Bill Gilbert, our political chair.

The Sierra Club seeks to interview and consider all candidates in any electoral race in which we may make an endorsement. Sierra Club Florida has endorsed Amendment Four, known to most as Florida Hometown Democracy (FHD).

Although the election is less than a year away, some effects of this citizen's constitutional amendment initiative are already being felt. Many large-scale development proposals are anxious to complete the comp plan amendment process before this amendment appears on the ballot. FHD is effective immediately upon passage and some developers would rather not have their projects put to a referendum vote.

In fact, the recent Butler Plaza expansion hearings were conducted expeditiously at the request of the applicant, who was clearly anxious to get into the current cycle of

comp plan amendments. Another potential impact could come from the legislature this spring. This year could bring some nasty surprises in further erosion of our growth management laws, which will make the active involvement of Sierra Club volunteers even more important.

You can help by signing up for the Tallahassee Report (<http://www.sierraclub.org/insider/>) that is sent out by our lobbyist Dave Cullens, and contacting our legislative liaison, Kathy Cantwell.

**STOPPING THE COAL RUSH**

I'd like to close with some good news! For several years, the SSJ group has opposed the Seminole Electric Co-op proposal to build a third coal-fired power plant in Palatka. Although Seminole was able to obtain state permits, the US EPA has, under the Obama Administration, taken the view that CO2 emissions threaten the health and safety of Americans and are thereby subject to regula-

tion under the Clean Air Act. Even if Congress does not pass some form of regulation on carbon emissions, the President now has that authority.

This means that anyone seeking to build a coal plant must consider the impact such regulations could have on the economics of coal power. While I do not know the exact reasons, I am pleased to report that Seminole Electric has informed the Sierra Club that it is abandoning plans for the third coal plant.

About six years ago, a so-called "coal rush" started in this country as many utilities, concerned with the price volatility of natural gas, announced plans for coal power plants. The Sierra Club, working with other allies, has successfully opposed well over 100 coal plants nationwide.

Here in Florida, none of the coal plants proposed in recent years has been built. While this is all good cause for celebration, we must still figure out how to close the coal plants that are already operating.

**book of the month**

# Chilly Future

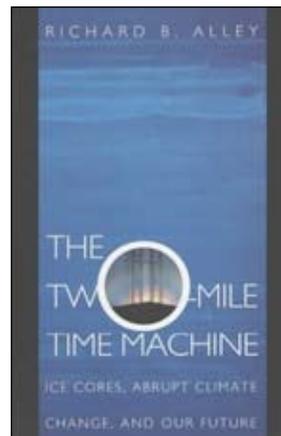
*The Two-Mile Time Machine: Ice Cores, Abrupt Climate Change, and Our Future*

By Richard Alley

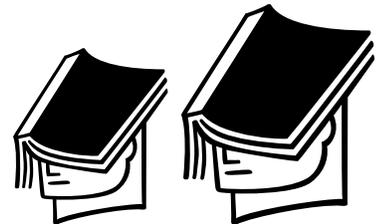
Princeton University Press

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Richard Alley describes the incredible polar ice core measurements that gave us temperature, CO2, methane, and particle pollution concentration over the past 750k years. We see the clear 100k year Ice Age cycles and the corresponding gas concentrations as scientists drilled ice cores nearly 2 miles deep. The ice core material reads like complicated tree rings, and what information.



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**AIRBOAT CURFEW:**

# Begin Phase 2

**BY WHITEY MARKLE**

After 13 years of negotiating with the 5-member Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, we lost the first (latest attempt) phase of the airboat curfew ordinance by a vote of 3 to 2. Florida statute requires a 4 of 5 (2/3 super majority). Commissioners Lee Pinkoson and Rodney Long were the No votes.

Although Pinkoson agreed, privately and in front of the audience, to a compromise curfew, he refused to uphold his promise in the final vote. Long copped out,

agreeing with the County attorneys (David Schwartz and David Wagner) that “it might be illegal” to pass such a curfew, referring to a recent change to Florida Boating law regarding “Boating Restricted Areas”. (The County attorneys went against the State Attorney General’s opinion) and Long agreed with them.

Mike Byerly, who kept the curfew issue in front of the BOCC over the many years, tried every conceivable avenue to get a curfew in the November 24th hearing. We ended up with NO curfew.

We have organized a formal Political Committee, called Quiet Lakes that was formed for the purpose of solving this nuisance. We discussed four approaches:

1. A charter amendment, which appears improbable.
2. A lawsuit for relief.
3. Unseat Pinkoson and Long from the BOCC in the 2010 election and elect sympathetic candidates.
4. A referendum initiative to place the curfew on the ballot in Alachua County in the 2010 election.

Unfortunately, these approaches are difficult and time-consuming. The most realistic approach may be the referendum. We believe the citizens of Alachua County will vote for the curfew if we can muster the nearly 12,000 petitions required to place the issue on the ballot in 2010.

We believe the statewide Airboat organization will throw lots of money and propaganda into the mix, attempting to discourage voters from supporting our effort. It was amazing to watch the air boater’s tactics as we negotiated the past years. Their greatest ally is the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission that pushed most of the statues through the legislature protecting airboats. So we anticipate an uphill battle.

If we are going to win this battle, we need every person to help us, especially in gathering the signatures. If you want to help, or if you know someone who would help us,

Signed petitions, volunteers, and emails should go to: Quiet Lakes of Alachua County, PO Box 333, Evinston, Fla 32663, or QuietLakes@gru.net

# Save Florida’s Springs

Are you saddened that Florida’s springs are becoming polluted and losing their flow? You can do something meaningful to help save them. You can make a difference. Legislation to protect Florida’s springs failed in the last five legislative sessions, due partly to inadequate public support for meaningful protection.

A special event will be held at the Capitol during a Legislative committee week Tuesday, February 16, 2010 to demonstrate public concern for the health of Florida’s springs and support for significant

regulatory protection. The event will begin with a Run for Wakulla Spring. Local youth will collect a bottle of water from Wakulla Spring and deliver the water by relay runners from the spring 16 miles to the Capitol. Their message will be: “Save Wakulla Spring for the Next Generation.”

Citizens from the major springs and cities in north and central Florida will attend the Florida Springs Rally, and invite their legislators to the rally and meet with them at their Capitol offices. Their message will be, “Real Legislative Protection in 2010.” Write your legislator to demand strong springs protection NOW (See table below). Present a bottle of water from your local spring at the rally, and have the press there at that time.

—From the Florida Springs Working Group

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## Proposed Initiative Ordinance Petition Form

I petition Alachua County, under the provisions of the County Charter, to adopt this ordinance:

### NIGHT-TIME AIRBOAT CURFEW

The most appropriate solution to the disturbance of sleep, peace, and welfare of residents caused by the excessive noise generated by airboats is to impose a nighttime curfew on airboats.

Therefore:

1. No person shall operate an airboat in Alachua County between 7p.m. and 7a.m., with exceptions for government airboats operated in the line of duty by authorized personnel, and private airboats authorized by law enforcement personnel during specific emergency incidents.
2. *Airboat* means a vessel that is powered by an internal combustion engine with an airplane-type propeller mounted above the stern, used to push air across a set of rudders. *Operate* means to be in command of, or in physical control of, an airboat.
3. This ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2011, and shall be enforced by the Sheriff of Alachua County by any enforcement mechanism authorized in the Alachua County Code.
4. A first violation shall result in a \$250 fine; subsequent violations shall result in a \$500 fine.
5. This question shall be placed on the General Election ballot of November, 2010:

***Shall an ordinance be adopted prohibiting the operation of airboats in Alachua County between the hours of 7pm and 7am, with exceptions for government airboats operated in the line of duty by authorized personnel, and private airboats authorized by law enforcement personnel during specific rescue incidents?***

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

OPTIONAL: I'd like to help; contact me: Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## news&notes

### RALLY FOR THE RIVERS

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH:** All-day workshop focusing on bringing citizens up-to-date on local and statewide water policies, the science behind the issues, the 2010 Legislative Session, and ideas for activists to make a difference. Location: Quality Inn on St. Johns River in Palatka. Cost (sliding scale): \$10-\$25.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH:** St. Johns River Fest with day and evening events of folk music, storytelling, conservation workshops and displays, free rides on the river, book signings, great food, and a fundraising dinner and concert (tickets will be \$50). Location: Palatka's Riverfront Park.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH:** Ocklawaha River Fest: Paddling workshops, cultural and historic displays, free river rides, food, music, and more!

Additional details can be found at the SSJ Group website.

### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

**S**top using plastic. Plastic has only been around 50 to 60 years, but now is found everywhere in the environment and does not go away.

There is a huge confluence of plastic detritus now floating in an area of the Pacific Ocean, and it is called the "Great Pacific Garbage Patch." It is twice the size of Texas and almost exclusively made of plastic. Plastic commonly kills sea turtles who mistake it for jelly fish. It strangles sea birds and causes obstructions in their intestines.

There is evidence that plastics may re-

lease toxic chemicals to food and water, especially when heated. They do not dissolve in landfills and will last forever.

Some ideas:

- Bring your own containers for leftovers when going to a restaurant.
- Recycle all your plastic.
- Recycle plastic bags from the supermarket.

Better yet, bring your own reusable bag to the grocery store and everywhere else you shop. I try to keep one in my vehicle at all times.

Consider banding together and stopping plastic bag use completely at all grocery stores. (China recently banned thin plastic bags in its stores and reduced plastic bag use by 66%)

To make more New Years' resolutions and FMI, go to [www.Sierraclub.org](http://www.Sierraclub.org) and sign up for "Your Daily Green Tip."

*By Kathy Cantwell*

# Water, Water Everywhere?

**BY BRACK BARKER**

SSJ Sierra Conservation Chair

**T**he Senate Select Committee on Inland Waters, chaired by Sen. Lee Constantine (Altamonte Springs with members Sen. Steve Oelrich (Cross Creek) and Sen. Charlie Dean (Inverness), held a public hearing on water resources Dec 16, 2009 in central Florida. Sen. Evelyn Lynn from the Volusia/Putnam county area also attended.

Sen. Constantine introduced the panel, and said the goal of the evening was to "listen and learn" and "frankly, we don't know what we are going to do yet."

Approximately 150-200 people attended but only 28 citizens spoke. The majority were against piping water from the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers to fuel further growth to the south. They were also concerned about water quality and quantity, bottling plants, septic tanks, and the de-

clining health of Silver Springs and other regional spring sheds.

Three persons represented industry and agriculture. One harped on needing "more science" before requiring the need for advanced home treatment units (septic systems).

Another said Best Management Practices (BMPs) should be enough to keep him exempt from having to comply with water quality standards.

BMPs are not codified into law, and rely on voluntary compliance. They are more of a "feel good measure" and were written by the farming industry.

The Senators were told that waiting on further science to determine what to do was not feasible. Something needs to be done now and cannot wait for all the 'studies'.

I was disappointed by the low attendance of elected officials from both Alachua and Levy counties.

Karen Ahlers of Putnam County Environmental Council and Dr. Bob Knight favored protecting our limited sources of

fresh water.

Knight spoke about his scientific findings on the impacts of nitrates and phosphorus on the Silver Springs water shed.

Jerry Brooks from DEP spoke of septic tank impacts and regulations not being applied properly (equally) for the size of developments. Spray fields were mentioned as a source of nitrate impact.

The audience implored the panel to ban fertilizer especially during the wet months when it just runs off and is not used properly. Sen. Dean, represented the agricultural interests on the panel and said he "hated to see farmers left out of the process" when they are using (those bad initials) BMPs.

Only Constantine and Oelrich assured the crowd saying "I don't think there is any attempt by these Senators to have pipelines, we're not here to send water south."

Dean was silent on that.

My recommendation: Get educated and attend every public meeting you can. The water we have, is the water we have... don't let it turn into the water we used to have.

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## JANUARY 2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**JAN 7**—SSJ Sierra Club Group general meeting, 7:30 pm., in the Entomology/Nematology Building on the UF campus, room 3118. See page 1 for details.

**JAN 14**—SSJ Sierra Club Executive Committee meeting, 7 pm., at the Santa Fe Community College Downtown Gainesville campus Board meeting room.

**JAN 23**—Saturday, 8:45 am.; approximately 2 hours (9 to 11 am). Walking Tour of Prairie Creek Preserve meeting at Witness Tree Junction trailhead at the intersection of the Gainesville-Hawthorne Trail and CR-234. See page 3 for more details.

**JAN 29**—Friday, Folding party for the February newsletter, 7 pm., at the home of Scott Camil and Sherry Steiner. Call 375-2563 for info.

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