



# ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB NEWSLETTER

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*This last month has been busy with the club picnic, and semi-annual hunter safety clinic. Without the help of our club members and outside volunteers, many of these programs, and functions would not be able to take place. We appreciate all the help we get whether it is for the day or for just a few hours.*

*The annual club picnic was a success! If you were there, I hope you had a great time. Board of director Rob Junker was our chairperson for this years event. Rob worked hard on this function but was it just Rob who made the picnic a success? No. we had members and volunteers that helped in the kitchen, members that helped cook, members who served lunch, members who helped clean up. Members, who helped run some of the games. All the members who sold tickets, all the people who bought tickets, Members and family who ran the raffle table, manned the silent auction table. Volunteers who ran the bar. Members who donated cakes. Yes, it took all these volunteers to make the picnic a success. Thanks to all of our members and their families who helped or who came out and supported our once a year picnic. Plans are already being discussed for next years picnic and a possible date change to a little cooler month. We hope that if you attended the picnic, you had a great time. See you next year!*

## **Club Work Day/Clean up—Saturday October 5th.**

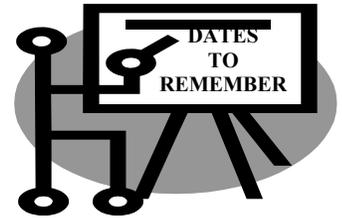
**8:00 am—12:00 noon and 1:00 pm—4:00 pm.**

Lunch is provided for all volunteers. Please put this on your calendar to come and give your time to get the club ready for the fall/winter months. Some items to be complete that day—landscaping, painting, cleaning bird houses, posting property signs, clubhouse cleanup, tree trimming, picnic table repairs, firepits, air conditioners, stain deck, recycling and more projects to come. We will need all hands on deck to get these projects accomplished. Mark Your Calendars!

**Remember that there is no fishing or camping that day IF you do not plan to help us with the workday. IF you don't plan on coming out to help us then don't plan on fishing or camping that day.**

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2013**



**October 5  
WORK DAY!  
8-12 noon  
1-4 pm**

**Free Lunch served  
for all workers**

## **October**

**175h**  
Club Meeting  
6:30 Board of Directors  
7:30 Memberships  
Light meal is served at  
7 pm for a donation

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**19th  
Fall Festival  
4-8 pm**

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ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB

**Fall Festival October 19**



Come out and join us for this years “Fall Fest”

Saturday Oct 19th from 4 to 8pm.

Fall activities for kids of all ages.

With a Bon fire to wrap the night up.

A light dinner will be served.

We are looking for volunteers to help run our trunk or treat. What is Trunk or Treat? That is where you set up your car/truck and decorate it for the kids to come by so you can “trick” or “treat” them. Or you can have a game set up so they can play. Give Rachel a call if you need ideas or more information. She would like to have at least 10 Trunk or Treat volunteers for the night. A

Please contact Rachel @ 309 -787 -4770 to register and sign up to help.

Hope to see you there!

**GOT USED MOTOR OIL? Jared: 787-4770**

Help save the environment and recycle your used motor oil. The club has a container located in front of the main pole barn. Please take your used motor oil out to the club and place it in the container. **Y MOTOR OIL ONLY! NO COOKING OILS! Or “anti-freeze” or ANY other kind of oil. JUST USED ENGINE OIL! PLEASE** take home your containers that you brought with you! **OR** take them to the dumpster in the parking lot. Help us keep the club looking nice and clean while still helping save the environment and properly discarding your used motor oil. This is a great way for the club to make extra money and a way for you to properly dispose of you motor oil.

Help save the environment and **RECYCLE!**

**Perennials Flowers Needed!**

The beautification committee would like to plant some flowers during the work day Saturday Oct 5th. If you have any perennial flowers that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the club before or on the morning of work day. Please label them so we know what kind they are.

## RICC Blood Drive Saturday December 7



7 am to 9:30 am. Please mark the dates for the December Blood Drive at the club. If you do go to a center between our dates, please let them know you are donating on behalf of the RICC #430. **Please call Don Peck to Sign up 309-787-3386. Please consider donating to save a life.**

## RICC Christmas Party date is Saturday December 7 .



We are in need of a committee to put on this special event. Your committee can decide how to run this event. Making gifts for family members, pot luck, Santa visit, crafts, games, etc. Your committee will have a budget to make this event a memorable one. We do have a file on past parties to utilize for planning purposes. If no one steps up to volunteer for the event, then we will have to cancel it. So please consider volunteering your time for the children of the families of the RICC.



## Rentals—Rachel Egan—309-787-4770

Rachel Egan has transitioned into the volunteer position of RICC Rental Chair. So for all your RICC rentals, please call the club to reserve your date. We are taking rentals for 2014, so I suggest that you check the calendars and get your date secured for your graduation party, wedding reception, baby shower, bridal shower, class reunion, family reunion, birthday parties, and much more! Our prices are

very competitive so check out the website [www.riccnews.com](http://www.riccnews.com) for more information and to look at available dates.

## CARETAKERS REPORT: 787-4770



Be sure to read the article in this newsletter about the upcoming workday the first Saturday in October. I will have a long list of items to get accomplished. Please make sure you clean up your camping area when you leave and use the proper waste/recycle containers. When you go in or out of the west lake area, please make sure you lock up the gate upon entering or leaving. The I-spy team has not seen any suspicious activities going on, and I have not received any reports so far so the program must be working. Hope to see a good turnout for the workday, and if you see me out on the grounds, make sure you stop and say hey. Enjoy the rest of the season and watch your speed when on club grounds.

**Big Island Update**—At our September 17, 2013 membership meeting a motion was presented and carried by our members present to support the Village of Milan and Big Island River Conservancy in their opposition to the proposed Jumer's crossing development by the City of Rock Island. A letter was presented to the RI City Council at their Monday September 23, 2013 with this decision. Our club could be jeopardy if this development was to move forward. One RI alderman stated "Mother Nature adapts". However, does this give RI the license to be environmentally destructive? The mission of the RICC is to protect and preserve the natural habitat of our wildlife. And to keep constant vigil of the conditions of all waters located in our area. Additional big box development on the Big Island lands is against our RICC mission which includes but not limited to: noise impacts, air quality, and possible water contamination. Our non speaking residents need our voice to be heard.

*New 2014 registration form coming next month!*

*2014 RJCC memberships make great Christmas presents.*

*Start making your Christmas list and consider a RJCC membership for a family member or friend.*