

Chapter Challenge within Reach

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Applause for *Tour des Trees* Team Wisconsin riders **Dick Rideout** and **Doug Drysdale** for raising more than \$9,310 towards our platinum-level chapter challenge goal of \$13,120! AND thanks to the many WAA members and friends for donating these funds!

A big THANKS also goes to **Dr. Bob Miller** for donating a hand-crafted sailing dingy on behalf of WAA, and to **Jeff Treu** and **We Energies** for providing four passes for golf at the Bog Golf Course for the Raise Your Hand for Research auction held at the annual conference. An additional \$1,600 was credited to WAA. A tip of the hat to WAA member **Steve Asplundh** for placing the winning bid of \$1,500 for Dr. Bob's sailing vessel.

We are within reach of meeting our chapter challenge at the platinum level. If you haven't been involved in making a donation, please consider joining the hundred+ WAA members and dig down and give to support research for the advancement of YOUR profession! The *Tour des Trees* website (<http://www.stihl.tourdrestrees.org/>) is still active and

accepting donations. Visit their site, go to donation and then enter Team Wisconsin. Giving has never been easier!

Special note: Due to the tremendous corporate sponsorship of the *Tour des Trees*, **100% of YOUR donation goes to urban tree research and scholarship.** The expense of lodging and meals for *Tour des Trees* riders is completely covered by sponsorships!

Start planning for *Tour des Trees* 2010, July 18-24! The route will follow a roughly circular route, beginning and ending in Chicago. The tour will head south and west out of the city, follow a little bit of Route 66, tag Iowa and head back east to catch some of the prettiest parts of the city, finishing up with a classic finale ride along Chicago's beautiful lakefront. Come for a day or the full tour!

Bob Miller aboard the hand-crafted sailing dinghy. The sailing vessel comes with two oars and a detachable sailing mast.

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