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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Feb. 21-22- SALTON SEA: Several hundred thousand ducks and geese plus lots of other goodies. Always something special. Meet at the Salton Sea State Park at 12:30 Sat. 10.8 miles beyond Mecca on State Hwy. 111. Mileage from Santa Barbara about 250 mi. Camping sites at Ramer Lake between Calipatria & Brawley. Good accommodations at Desert Motel, 432 W. Main St., Brawley, Ca. Phone 714-344-2620. We will be there two nights, Feb. 21 & 22. Take lunch for three days in the field. Total mileage over 700 mi., Suggested driver donation \$10.00. Be sure to call Mrs. Cooke at 966-5520 if you are going and inform her if you will take passengers or if you need a ride. Leader: Waldo Abbott if he is sufficiently recovered, otherwise Metcalf and Cook.
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Sat. Sun.
Mon.
- Feb. 27
Friday CLASS IN FIELD IDENTIFICATION: 7:30 p.m. Bird Hall, conducted by Waldo Abbott. Public invited.
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING: 8:00 p.m. Farrand Hall, Museum of Natural History. Dean Carrier, U.S. Forest Service Biologist of Ojai will be the guest speaker and will show Wildlife Slides, he attended Audubon Camp of the West last year.
- March 1
Sunday BIRD REFUGE- HARBOR- PERSHING PARK AREAS: This will be a one half day affair. This always affords excellent closeups of shore-birds, ducks, grebes and loons, and should have a special appeal to beginning enthusiasts. Meet at the refuge at 8:00 a.m. Leaders: The Gardner's.
- March 11
Wednesday BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: 7:30 p.m. Museum of Natural History. Junior Dep't. Room 3. All interested members are welcome.
- March 14
Saturday DUNES LAKES: The sheer beauty of this superb property owned by Harold Chase, with the marvelous bird life as an added attraction, makes this a very popular event. Camers fans take note- we feel we should confine this meeting to members and very special guests. Meet at the Museum at 8:00 a.m. or at the intersection of 154 and 101 four miles north of Buellton at 8:50. We should arrive in Oro Grande at about 9:30, from which it is only a short drive to the property. Take lunch. Suggested driver donation \$2.25. Leader, hopefully Waldo Abbott.
- March 28
Saturday POINT MUGU STATE RECREATION AREA: (Note date change) Some of our Ventura members will host this trip, more information on this in the March bulletin.

FIELD TRIP REPORT

Ventura County Game Preserve, Jan 25. Partly cloudy skies cleared to give the 46 who attended a fine day. For most people the day's best bird was the White-faced Ibis. Over 70 species were spotted, including the

American Bittern, Canada Goose, White-fronted Goose, Long-billed Curlew, Short-eared Owl and Violet-green Swallow..... R. Webster.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have a librarian! We are very pleased to announce that Bernice Ostrowsky has undertaken this job for us, and is sure to do it well as she has had some library training. She is eager to get our books in order, and if you have any to contribute you may be sure they will now be properly processed and made available to the membership at our monthly meetings.

As SBAS has joined the supporters of the Point Reyes Bird Observatory, we will eventually have their interesting publications in our library. The Observatory welcomes contributions of Blue Chip and Green Stamps with which to obtain essential equipmentsuch as a refrigerator! (Mesa Rd., Bolinas, Ca. 94924)

Concering disposal of the "hard"pesticides: do not burn, bury orpour into sewers. In Mass. the State Dept. of Natural Resources has set up collection stations, and the Mass. Audubon Society has some at its different sanctuaries. Pesticides will be stored in unused ammunition bunkers until an experimental incinerator has been completed.(The pesticides must be exposed to extremely high temperatures for satisfactory destruction of harmful elements. If you have any opinions on the subject of DDT etc. they should be sent by Feb. 20 to: Federal Register DDT Notice, Dr. H.W. Hays, Director, Pesticides Regulation Division, Agricultural Research Service, U S D A, Washington, D C 20250.

The Environmental Defense Fund Inc. is now tax-deductible; it needs money with which to fight conservation battles. Send \$\$\$ to EDF at PO Drawer 740, Stony Brook, N Y 11790.

In mid-Feb. the Senate will be considering an Airport and Airways Development Act.(S.3108). Amendments offering clauses which will protect the environment are desirable.Sen. P. Hart is expected to offer one; your opinions might be of interest to him.

The January 28 Committee wishes to thank the S B Audubon Society for its support. The day was a great success, making all the efforts worthwhile. The anniversary of the S B oil blowout was a most fitting occasion for such a conference; it is to be hoped that the national attention which this occasion received will somehow assist in the solution of this area's most serious pollution problem. Paul Howard, the Western Regional Representative of Audubon, who was to represent us on Jan. 28 during the panel discussion was in bed with flu. John Borneman, the Condor Warden, fortunately had planned to attend and most ably substituted.

NEEDED: Ways and Means Chairman at present, a small job! just to assist me in the fund-raising projects I have undertaken,"birdy"things to sell at meetings. Conservation IS expensive! and any supplements to our income is welcome.

YOUTH EDUCATION CHAIRMAN:This is a very important job and could be as big as you wish to make it.

Any offers of materials--such as slides---and personal help(such as taking slide show to schools)during Conservation Week in March.

Fifi Webster.

Hello from your new "library lady" ! Santa Barbara Audubon holdings now include about twenty books(all good reading for our next rainy day) plus the record of Western bird calls. Let's see if we can increase our holdings thru gifts and donations....next time you have someone to remember or a special occasion to celebrate think about giving a book or a small donation to the Library Fund. A note or card in appreciation can be arranged to be sent to the family or person remembered in this way. Each month we will publish all donations received in Tecolote. Let's

all help the library to grow.

Bernice J. Ostrowsky. 687-4776

OIL WELLS IN THE SESPE'?

The Bureau of Land Management has received 29 applications for permits to drill for oil in the Sespe' Condor Sanctuary. The Forest Service has requested that issuance of additional leases be withheld. The Department of the Interior is temporarily suspending action on the pending leases until present Forest Service studies are completed.

IT IS VITAL that all concerned citizens write to the Interior Dept. and the BLM. The California Condor is an endangered species. Disturbance of its habitat could result in its extinction.

Letters should be short, factual and non-emotional; and signed as individual ~~ns~~, not as members of any organization. Post cards and telegrams are effective, though letters are better.

Address all correspondence to: Secretary of the Interior, Walter J. Hickel, Washington, D.C. 20240; and send a copy to: J. Russell Penny, State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Federal Building, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, Ca. 95824

AND MORE!!!

U.S. Gypsum has applied for a lease for STRIP MINING in the Los Padres National Forest at the base of Pine Mountain, between Pine Mountain and Highway 33. The mining operation would not be visible from Highway 33, but would be seen from the Reyes Peak road below Reyes Peak. A strip, approximately 5 miles long, is planned. The U.S. Geological Survey confirms that the area is rich in phosphate; The Bureau of Land Management is responsible for issuing any permits. The Forest Service is preparing a report, which should be ready in about 2 months, to submit to the Department of the Interior.

Letters regarding this issue should be addressed to Interior Secretary Hickel and Mr. Penny as above. PLEASE DO NOT refer to both oil drilling and mining issues in one letter. Separate letters, post cards or telegrams on each subject are necessary.

Joy Parkinson

Conservation Chairman

On Saturday Jan. 24 six people spent about two hours gathering litter from the Sandspit, taking the litter with them. Those who participated were Kim Aanarud, Chris Kindt, Helen Salisbury, Florence Sanchez and the Webster's.

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