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MONTHLY MEETING - January 28, 1977

## "ARCTIC ADVENTURE"

The Glenn Warner's own a lodge on Bathurst Inlet, Northwest Territories, above the Arctic Circle. They will bring with them a movie filmed by Karl Malowski and Edgar Jones who travel the Audubon Film Circuit. The film was made in the environs of Bathurst Inlet, and will be narrated by the Warners. A real treat! The meeting will be at 8 p.m. in Fleischman Auditorium at the Museum of Natural History.

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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

January 20      Board of Directors' Meeting - 7:30 p.m., Junior Library, Museum of  
Thursday      Natural History. All members are invited to attend.

January 20      Atascadero Creek Bird Habitat Walk - 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. walk along  
Thursday      Atascadero Creek. Meet at Goleta Beach parking lot at 9 a.m. For in-  
formation call Virginia Smith, 963-2875.

Leader: Cherie Bratt

January 23      Devereaux Slough - Coal Oil Point - Meet at Two Guys parking lot (Hol-  
Sunday      lister Road and Storke Road) at 8 a.m. For directions and carpooling  
out to the slough. Dress warmly. Spotting scopes are useful. For  
information call Jim Hodgson, 967-3627.

Leader: Dean Bazzi

January 29      Gibraltar Reservoir - Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 7:30  
Saturday      a.m. sharp to drive over the mountains via Gibraltar Road (crossing  
East Camino Cielo), which is well-maintained all the way to the dam  
(26 miles one way). We will park there and walk across the dam for a  
look at birds on the lake, then split into 2 groups. One will hike  
around the lake by trail; those less inclined to long day hikes will  
join the other for a leisurely walk along the Santa Ynez River below  
the dam. Pack a lunch and wear comfortable shoes. The trip will be  
cancelled if there has been heavy rain immediately before or on the  
scheduled day. Don't miss a wonderful opportunity to visit an area  
not generally open to the public.

Co-leaders: Bill Gielow, 687-3466 (eves)  
Minna Smith, 966-7971

February 6      Vandenberg Air Force Base - La Purissima Mission - Good birding for  
Sunday      raptors, shorebirds in the Lompoc area. A short walk in the mission  
garden will precede a drive through portions of the missile base.  
Wear warm clothes, including a windbreaker, gloves, and head protec-  
tion. Bring lunch. Spotting scopes are useful. Meet at 6:30 a.m.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS (CONTINUED)

at Thrifty Drug Store at Five-Points Shopping Center for carpooling, or  
at La Purissima Mission at 7:45 a.m. Driver donation \$1.50.

Leader: Russ Spowart, 1-733-1525

February 19-20 - Monterey Bay - Point Lobos - Details for the trip to this fascinat-  
Saturday/ ing area have not yet been worked out. If you would like to go call  
Sunday Ron Smith, 687-3963 for information.

Leader: Ron Smith

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One of the things I admire most about the National Audubon Society is its sanctu-  
ary system--the first private wildlife sanctuary system in the United States.

The first Audubon sanctuary was donated to the Society in 1924--the Paul J. Rainey  
Wildlife Sanctuary, forty square miles of marshland in coastal Louisiana. Today the  
National Audubon system comprises over 170,000 acres in 61 natural areas.

During 1976 NAS established a Bicentennial Sanctuary Fund. The aim was to raise  
\$1 million during the year for sanctuary protection and new acquisitions. The fund  
will be perpetual.

We have not yet heard if the goal was reached, but I am pleased to tell you that  
SBAS contributed \$1,000 to the fund by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

All chapters donating \$1,000 or more OR an amount equal to at least \$1 per member  
will be listed on an Honor Roll to be published in Audubon early this year.

1977 will be the tenth year that SBAS has provided a scholarship to the Audubon  
Workshop in the West. The Workshop is held at Trail Lake Ranch in the Wind River  
Mountains, Whiskey Basin Big Game Sanctuary, near Dubois, Wyoming. There are four  
two-week sessions beginning June 19, and ending August 12. Enrollment fee for each  
session is \$300. Two semester hours of credit is offered by the University of Wyom-  
ing (\$45 tuition fee in addition to the enrollment fee).

If you know a likely candidate for the SBAS scholarship, please call me. In the  
past we have given scholarships to teachers, a newspaper writer, Forest Service per-  
sonnel, Fish and Game personnel, etc. Candidates should be persons who are in con-  
tact with the public, or teachers who can use the experience to advance their effec-  
tiveness in the classroom. Our aim is to spread the Audubon message.

There are three other Audubon workshops--in Connecticut, Maine, and Wisconsin.  
Any member who would like information on any workshop may call me.

The NAS convention will be held June 9-12, 1977 at the YMCA of the Rockies, Estes  
Park, Colorado, adjacent to Rocky Mountain National Park. Minna Smith will represent  
SBAS. If any other members would like to attend, more information on the convention  
will be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

Joy Parkinson

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Exhibits Committee Needs Help!! Anyone interested in helping set up the bird dis-  
plays at the Public Library (or other locations) would be greatly appreciated. You  
can contribute as much or as little time as you can spare, but we need minds and  
hands. For information call Virginia Smith, 963-2875, or Sid Tarbox, 687-2067.

Cave Paintings of the Chumash Indians, a documentary film in color by Steve Penny  
will be shown Monday, January 24 at 8 p.m. at the Museum of Natural History, and  
Tuesday, January 25 at 7:30 and 9 p.m. at the Museum of Art. The film documents  
both the rock paintings themselves and the remarkable people who made them. General  
admission is \$1.25, museum members \$1.

1977 Book Nest Catalog Now Available

The Book Nest, an environmental education and natural history bookstore located at the National Audubon Society's George Whittell Education Center in Tiburon, has just released its 1977 catalog of field guides, natural history texts, children's books, educational materials, and selected Audubon items.

To receive a copy of this very complete catalog, write directly to the National Audubon Society, 376 Greenwood Beach Road, Tiburon, California 94920. Your purchases will help advance the important environmental education programs of the National Audubon Society.

"Exploring Space with Binoculars"

During January, the Gladwin Planetarium of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History will present its first shows of the year, "Exploring Space with Binoculars." Ordinary binoculars not only magnify, they also gather more light than the unaided eye, making it possible to see far into the depths of space. Ernie Underhay, Museum astronomy lecturer, will point out and describe some of the things you can see. He will also discuss selecting binoculars for star-gazing, and favorable mountain locations for the best view of the skies.

Show times are Friday, January 28, and every Sunday during January. All shows start at 7:30 p.m. After all shows, weather permitting, the Museum observatory will be open.

Field Trip Reports

William Cooper Ranch, Sunday, October 10, 1976 - Despite 100-degree temperatures in Santa Barbara on Saturday, our trip on Sunday was exceptionally pleasant and cool. Twenty-seven participants from Santa Paula, Lompoc, Ojai, and Santa Barbara joined for fall birding and a picnic under the valley oaks. Notable sightings were a Prairie Falcon, flocks of Townsend's Warblers, and (the climax!) a Barn Owl! Total bird count--47.

Virginia Puddicombe, leader

Goleta Slough, Sunday, December 12 - Sixteen people met at Goleta Beach Park for a morning of birding that included the park, the Goleta Slough from various observation points, the physical education playing field at UCSB, and the east end of the UCSB lagoon. Seventy-four species were sighted even though we had hoped to see more water-fowl. Goleta Beach Park where the slough empties into the ocean is an excellent place to view shorebirds, waterfowl, and egrets and herons at close range.

Michael Goodwin

National Audubon Convention Family-Style

Interested Audubon members and their families are invited to the National Audubon Society's convention, June 9-12, 1977, at the YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, Colorado, adjacent to Rocky Mountain National Park. An ambitious program is planned, including 11 workshops on environmental and chapter concerns, speakers of national reputation, and several field trips, including Pawnee Grasslands, Rocky Mountain National Park, and a rafting expedition on the Platte River. Child care will be available at a nominal charge.

Estes Park is 70 miles northwest of Denver, and may be reached by car, bus, or plane (through Denver). Reservations for accommodations and field trips should be made before March 9, 1977, so write now for information and rates. Write to: NAS Convention Manager, 2336 Sunset Lake, Greeley, Colorado 80631.

Editor's Note - Did you know that El Tecolote has a new typist? Lou Dartanner, a former El Tecolote editor herself, has been typing the stencils for the past few months. Lou is a professional typist, and has once again managed to fit the El Tecolote into her busy schedule. Thanks from us all for filling this post.

Mary Lou Hand

Alice Richardson

Alice Richardson, a founding member of SBAS, died on Sunday, November 20, 1976. Alice, along with her husband Charles, was active in the Museum Bird Study Group which became the Santa Barbara Audubon Society in 1963. Alice and Charles were both excellent birders and kept meticulous records of their sightings. These records have been donated to the Museum of Natural History. They led many field trips in the early years of SBAS.

Alice graduated from Iowa State University in Ames, and was a professor of music there for 12 years. The Richardsons came to Santa Barbara in 1953.

Our deepest sympathy to Charles Richardson and the family.

We wish to thank the following persons who have made donations to SBAS in memory of Alice Richardson: Mary M. Erickson, the Fuller family, Wales R. Holbrook, Dorothy Martone, Charlotte Reinke, the Robinson family, Norman & Velma Stevens, and Mrs. George Van Voorhis.

Joy Parkinson

Address Changes - Send address changes to the membership chairperson, Barbara Greene, 4512 Via Huerto, Santa Barbara, 93110, or call 964-3075. Let Barbara know if you're having problems receiving El Tecolote.

El Tecolote Deadline - The deadline for the February issue is Saturday, January 29, 1977. It would make the editing job a lot easier if everyone would try to meet the deadline, or even send copy in early. Send your contributions to Mary Lou Hand, 2016 Emerson Avenue, Santa Barbara, CA 93103, or call 966-0069.

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