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MONTHLY MEETING - SEPTEMBER 23, 1977

MEMBERS' SLIDES NIGHT

This is a great opportunity for our members to show off their favorite slides! The slides do not have to be of birds, but, of course, a nature theme predominates. This show usually produces some really good photography. If you would like to show your slides, call Jim Tannahill at 969-5193 for information. The meeting is at 8 p.m. in the Fleischmann Auditorium of the Museum of Natural History.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

August 28
Sunday

San Miguel Island Boat Trip - A special charter boat trip will depart from Goleta Beach pier, Goleta Beach County Park at 6 a.m., returning at approximately 6 p.m. The fare is \$19 per person, with space limited to 35 passengers. Make checks payable to Santa Barbara Audubon Society, Inc. and include a self-addressed stamped envelope or postcard for confirmation of your reservation. Mail check to M. Rayne, P.O. Box 404, Goleta, CA 93017. No refunds can be made after August 18. Bring food and water for a 12-hour trip, and be sure to wear a warm waterproof jacket. For further information contact Ron Smith at 687-3963 week-nights between 7 and 9:30 p.m.

September 3
Saturday

Mount Pinos - The annual condor watch at Mount Pinos in the Los Padres National Forest near Frazier Park. Stay in any of the campgrounds on Mount Pinos or at the Caravan Motor Inn in Gorman Friday night and meet at 8 a.m. at the big parking lot at the end of the paved road. Those driving up Saturday can meet the group at the top of the mountain at the condor observation point. This is always a good spot for montane bird species and native plants. Pack a lunch, water, and jacket; spotting scopes are helpful.

Driver donation: \$5.00

Leader: Ron Smith, 687-3963

September 10
Saturday

Santa Clara River Estuary - An excellent assortment of birds - many shorebirds, terns, and gulls. Meet at Von's parking lot in Montecito at 7:30 a.m., or at the Standard Station at the Seaward Avenue offramp of U.S. 101 at 8 a.m. Bring a lunch.

Driver donation \$1.00

Leader to be announced

For information call Jim Hodgson,
967-3627 weeknights, 7-9:30 p.m.

September 15
Thursday

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

- September 18 Harbor - Bird Refuge - Good areas for observing gulls and shorebirds.
 Sunday Meet below the Harbormaster's office at 8 a.m. for this half-day trip.
 Leader to be announced
 For information call Jim Hodgson, 967-3627 weeknights, 7-9:30 p.m.
- September 23 Regular Monthly Meeting - 8 p.m., Fleischmann Auditorium, Museum of Natural
 Friday History. See details on page 1. Be sure to bring a cup for refreshments.
- October 2 Goleta Hot Spots - Good trip for fall rarities. Meet at Two Guys' park-
 Sunday ing lot at 8 a.m. Leader to be announced
 For information call Jim Hodgson, 967-3627 weeknights, 7-9:30 p.m.
- October 15 Goleta Slough - Devereux Slough - Especially good areas for observing
 Saturday gulls, terns, shorebirds, marsh birds, and some hawks. Pack a lunch;
 spotting scope will be useful. Meet at Goleta Beach parking lot to the
 right of the entrance at 8 a.m.
 Leader to be announced
 For information call Jim Hodgson, 967-3627 weeknights, 7-9:30 p.m.

Audubon National Convention - Estes Park, Colorado, June 9-12, 1977

The grounds of the YMCA Camp at the 8,000 foot level are ideally situated, surrounded by Long's Peak and other very high mountains of the Rocky Mountain National Park. Present were 900 members from 47 states including Alaska!

The first 2 days many exciting field trips were offered. I chose the one to the Pawnee Grasslands, some 175,000 acres run by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service. The first part of the bus tour went through the Thompson River Canyon, the same place where over 100 persons perished in the flood in February of this year. Many signs of this disaster were still visible. Although we had 5 busloads and a total of 250 people, we managed to see a Prairie Falcon nest, with a young bird 4 days of age; a Golden Eagle; a Common Nighthawk; and of course the state bird of Colorado, the Lark Bunting.

Although the addresses were supposedly cut, we heard from the NAS President, Elvis J. Stahr; the Secretary of the Interior, Honorable Cecil D. Andrus; and Honorable Gary Hart, U.S. Senator from Colorado. On Saturday and Sunday there were many workshops trying to appraise and evaluate the "Health of a Chapter." Many new chapters were amazed to learn about Audubon's Educational Program. It seems that our chapter is about "average" in health, according to the scale of values. We have some 1400 members with about 10% to 12% active in some facet of our varied program; from conservation, education, to those indulging in field trips, to those only participating in the annual Christmas Count. The consensus was "we need more leaders, trip guides, committee persons, and generally bodies willing to work!" Any obliging volunteers will gladly be accepted!!!

I attended 4 workshops on Saturday. One was on "Building Membership," another on the State Audubon Council, and finally one on successful chapter programs. The most enjoyable one was on the new Educational Materials. I purchased for our Education Committee the new chart and guide on Alaskan Birds. I also requested that the same treatment be afforded our Western Birds. A new mammal program has been completed.

On Sunday there were more workshops on Conservation Issues, Lobbying, and such issues as "Water Pollution Control," "Returnable Bottle Legislation," and "Strip Mining." There was also one on the "Alaskan Land Interest" and the present Administration's energy policy. The discussions were informative and stimulating. Executive V.P. Charles Callison summed up the convention: "We examined our own organization in a candid and critical way, and we'll be the better for the result. We have examined major issues and have been instructed and inspired by national environmental leaders. It has been a good convention."

Since this was my first National Convention of any kind, I have no basis of comparison. I enjoyed representing our Santa Barbara Chapter and I want to thank the members for the honor of being your delegate.

Minna E. Smith

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Alan Manee has found it necessary to resign from the Board of Directors, and the Board has regretfully accepted his resignation. However, we are pleased to announce that Ada Babine has consented to serve on the Board for the remainder of Alan's term. We welcome Ada and look forward to working with her.

Joy Parkinson

"Water Crisis Update: the DRY Report"

This 4-meeting series, designed as a sequel to a 1972 Continuing Education Division lecture series on water shortages, is planned in conjunction with the DRY committee, and is sponsored in cooperation with SBAS and 14 other local clubs and organizations.

All meetings will be on Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9:30 p.m., in the Fleischmann Auditorium of the Museum of Natural History. Pre-registration begins August 29 at the Adult Education Center, 914 Santa Barbara Street. The schedule is as follows:

September 21--"Federal-State Relationships in the Development of Water Resources," the Honorable Pete Wilson, Mayor of San Diego.

September 28--"Water Problems in California," and "Wastewater Reclamation."

October 5--"A History of Water Development in Santa Barbara," a videotape lecture delivered by the late Dick Smith; and "Options for the Future."

October 12--"Water and the Future of Santa Barbara."

California Birds (from Monterey Bay to Condor Country)

The NAS Whittell Education Center is sponsoring a special 6-day tour of several California habitats, emphasizing the bird life unique to each. The trip is highlighted by a pelagic trip out of Monterey Bay and a campout in the heart of condor country. The cost of the trip, which is led by Jon Winter, an instructor of ornithology and regional co-editor for American Birds, is \$295 per person, including all meals, lodging, and transportation. The trip begins in Monterey October 6, and returns there October 11. For registration forms and more details write to: National Audubon Society, George Whittell Education Center, 376 Greenwood Beach Road, Tiburon, CA 94920. Please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope for your reply.

Address Changes - Send to Barbara Greene, 4512 Via Huerto, Santa Barbara, CA 93110.

El Tecolote Deadline - The deadline for the October issue is Friday, September 23. The deadline is now a week earlier than previously so that El Tecolote can be produced a week earlier. Send or bring your contributions to Mary Lou Hand, 1731 Robbins St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101, or call 682-4044.

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