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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS!!!

- August 18 Board of Directors' Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Members are wel-
Tuesday to attend. Call any Board member for the location if you
 wish to join us.
- August 22-23 Field Trip - Salton Sea. A spectacular area for water
Sat. & Sun. birds including Wood Storks, Stilt Sandpipers, Laughing
 Gull, and Gull-billed Terns. Prepare for hot weather and
 high humidity; bring old tennis shoes for wading; and
 plan to carry cool liquids. Total miles may be 650 round
 trip. Meet at rest stop off eastbound I-10 near White
 Water, just north of Palm Springs, at 5:30 a.m. on Sat-
 erday. Please call ahead of time for more details and
 reservations (limit of 15). Leader: Louis Bevier
 964-1030
- August 28 Potluck Meeting - Join us at Rocky Nook Park between 6:30
Friday And 8:30 p.m. Included in this meeting shall be a discus-
 sion of Wildlife Rescue with "Wings".
- September 5 Field Trip - Mt. Pinos. A day spent looking for Calif-
Saturday ornia Condors, mountain birds and vagrants which should
 be numerous in the forests and meadows at this time. Meet
 at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History at 6:00 AM
 or at the Safeway parking lot in Ojai on Hwy 33 where it
 turns North from Hwy 150 at 6:45 AM. Little hiking, total
 miles about 225 round trip. Leader: Dean Bazzi 967-5200.
- September 12 Field Trip - Santa Clara River Estuary. Shorebirding at
Saturday its best. A good trip for beginners because the day will
 be spent studying easy to spot waterbirds. Little walking
 is involved. This is a 3/4 day trip ending about 2:00 PM.
 Meet at the Bird Refuge parking lot at 8:00 AM.
 Leader: Louis Bevier 964-1030
- September 8 Board of Directors' Meeting - 7:30 PM. Members are wel-
Tuesday come to attend. Call any Board member for the location if
 you wish to join us. This meeting is the deadline for all
 materials to be submitted for the October El Tecolote.

MORE COMING EVENTS !!!

Catalina Weekend !!

Sept. 11-13 Field Trip - Join us for a fun weekend beginning on
Fri. Sat. & Sun Friday, Sept. 11 through Sunday, Sept. 13. We spend
our time at the beautiful CIMI Institute on Toyon
Bay, two miles from Avalon. This is a fifteen acre
campus surrounded by many acres of Catalina Wilder-
ness. The facilities are modern, beds dormitory
style with swimming, tidepooling, birdwatching, hik-
ing and tennis available. We receive five meals in
the dining room and are free to enjoy any, or none
of the activities. We will take children between six
and sixteen only if their parents are in attendance.
Our minimum group membership is fifteen, so please
sign up immediately. The cost of Room and Board for
two nights and five meals will be \$45.00 and the cost
of the boat, round trip, is \$15.20. We carpool and
also share gas and parking expenses (\$2.00/night) in
San Pedro. Please contact Minna E. Smith at 966-7971
for information about deposits, meeting times, other
expenses and full details. Catalina Cruise Boat will
leave San Pedro on Friday night, 9/11/81 at 7:00 PM
and return Sunday evening, 9/13/81 at 8:00 PM.

September 25
Friday

General Meeting - This month our topic shall be
"Birds of Santa Barbara", photographs by Jim Greaves.
Bring your binoculars to more fully enjoy this slide
show. We will see many of the common species found
throughout the county, as well as a host of rare and
unusual (for California) migratory and breeding spe-
cies, with commentary on some of the basic field
characteristics to look for in fall and winter bird-
ing in the area. Please bring your own cup for the
after-meeting coffee in order to preserve our dimin-
ishing styrofoam cup supply for our progeny.

September 26
Saturday

Field Trip - San Miguel Island. The Sea Hawk from Sea
Landing in the Santa Barbara Harbor will depart at
5:45 AM. There are 29 spaces available. We will visit
the North and West sides of the island as well as
birding the channel en route. Bring food and water.
The cost is \$30.00 per person. Send Check to Louis
Bevier, Box 3874, Santa Barbara, CA 93105 (be sure
to include your adress and phone number with the de-
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there is insufficient response. Leader: Louis Bevier
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we start a new year's activities, I would like to urge all members to take a good look at their June Tecolote. It lists our tentative schedule for the entire year. Plan on making use of the many activities as your time allows and join any of the standing committees of your special interest. The committee chairmen are listed in this Tecolote. Contact them if you want to volunteer. The board has decided to expand the Hospitality committee to provide personal greeting and introductions at general meetings so we will need a big committee for this function. Aurora and Ken Miller deserve a great big bouquet for their hospitality services last year and they have agreed to continue. It would be great if a few more people would volunteer to take care of the refreshments at one meeting. At the September meeting we will have a cookie sign-up sheet on the refreshment table. Please sign up for at least one meeting.

I would like to thank Jim Hodgson, Helen Matelson, Charie Bratt, Wendy Bevier, and Tom Sollen for their service on last year's board and to welcome our new board members, Judy Tartaglia, Louis Bevier, and Robert Lindsay. We have the benefit of two former board members who have agreed to serve again. They are Mirna Smith and Sid Tarbox. I would also like to say thanks to all of the board members of last year and the committee chairmen as well. Our chapter is, indeed, fortunate to have so many willing workers in the Audobon cause. I would also like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president. It has been an educational and expanding experience for me.

We will have a lot of work to do this year and it will depend on an active membership. I look forward to accomplishing some of our goals with the new board and I encourage you all to: ask - talk - suggest when you have a conservation or environmental problem. We can work at them together.

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Our chapter has three committee positions open. They are:

1. Scholarship. The Scholarship committee investigates potential recipients to our camp scholarships. This includes sending out publicity or applicants and contacting people who would benefit by this experience. Selection and awarding of the scholarship should be done in April or March.
2. Exhibits. Exhibits has been included in the Education committee in previous years. It is an educational tool for our chapter but takes someone with artistic ability and the time to set up an exhibit at the Botanic Garden and the Public Library. Call Nancy Crawford at 964-7508 for more information about it.
3. Publicity. Publicity could be done by several people working together if transportation or writing is difficult for one person. Notice of field trips, habitat walks, scholarship information and monthly meeting write-up would be the main articles to be placed in newspapers. Obtaining radio and television spots would be another form of publicity that we have not used to potential.

Anyone wishing to take part in any of these committees, please let us know. Board members are always easy to find at the monthly meetings and any one of them will be glad to get started if you have time or talents to volunteer. We look forward to hearing from you.

Dial-A-Bird

For current news of rare and unusual birds in the Santa Barbara area call 964-8240 anytime, night or day. You will hear a three minute recording giving all the latest information. If you have any unusual sightings please call Nancy Crawford at 964-7508.



Dial-A-Bird-Plea

The Bird Alert is for you. It can only be as good as the contributions it gets. We need input in order to get the most current birding information on tape, especially in the coming migration period. Please call if you see anything unusual. Thank you for your support and Good Birding!

Nancy Crawford

Conservation Committee Report

The following areas are of paramount concern to the Conservation Committee; and have been designated sub-committees: Water; Wetlands; Sensitive Habitats (other than wetlands); Wildlife; Rare, endangered, threatened species; Energy systems and Fuel; Population and Resource Conflicts; Workshops.

We are looking for people interested in chairing these sub-committees, and for full membership on the Conservation Committee. As the nation held its breath the past few months in awe at the "doings" in Washington with Watt's-~~his~~-name, so to did SBAS and its Conservation Committee. The fact that summer was upon us, and our own daily routines were in need of support, had a good deal to do with the sudden slowdown of conservation work in our organization. With the heat of summer now behind us, the heat of battle is building in those areas sub-committed above. We hope, therefor, by placing the committee into working groups, we will be able to cover many issues simultaneously, with more effect and less effort on the parts of each individual involved. For that reason, we are calling upon THE MEMBERSHIP for GREATER PARTICIPATION IN THE FUNCTIONS OF THE CONSERVATION MOVEMENT, by removing the "power" from the hands of one chairman, and placing it into the hands of several. Thus, work will be more effectively completed simultaneously rather than sequentially, as has been the practice the last year. Since it has been obvious over the past months that environmental issues are concurrent and assaulted from all sides at once, this division of labor should allow us the pleasure of seeing badly thought out proposals die a quick death at conception rather than at fruition. (The best defense is a good offense...)

THEREFOR, WE URGE YOU TO JOIN YOUR CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION COMMITTEES TODAY, IN WHATEVER CAPACITY YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE, TO AID IN LETTER WRITING, PETITIONING, READING AND TESTIFYING AT PUBLIC HEARINGS, CONTACTING LOCAL DECISION MAKERS, AND GENERALLY EDUCATING THE UNINFORMED AND MISINFORMED THAT WE MEAN BUSINESS WHEN WE JOIN AUDOBON: WE WILL PRESERVE OUR FRAGILE RESOURCES - FOR THEIR OWN GOOD AS WELL AS OURS - AT WHATEVER COST.

I wish to thank those who have served this past year and those who are about to join us, and urge us all to double and triple our out-put during the coming 1001 nights.

Jim Greaves
acting Chairman



Delegates Report
National Audobon Society Biennial Convention

I regret to say that space limitations prevent me from being able to include the full reports from our delegates, Bob and Tomi Sollen. The following are highlights from their reports.

National Audobon has reorganized its offices and staff in New York, Washington D.C., and the Regional offices. Any questions we have for National Audobon should be directed to the Western Regional office.

A new bulletin, AUDOBON ACTION ALERT will be sent to members who wish to actively participate in pertinent legislative matters. Write for Audobon Action Alert, Mr. William Butler, National Audobon Society, 645 Pennsylvania Ave., S.E., Washington D.C. 20003.

Vital NAS membership has been increasing reflecting a positive concern for the environment and conservation.

The first national Birdathon in April was a great success here and elsewhere. Our own Waldo Abbott and Louis Bevier saw 163 species and Joe Gartland reported we raised over \$500.

A consensus was reached that conservation and wise management of our minerals, forests, wilderness, air and water are essential as they are the watershed of our land.

Successful youth programs were presented at the convention but sorry to say, too few facts on the operation of such programs were presented.

While many topics were discussed at the July 3-5 Audobon conference at Estes Park, Colo., the 'Sagebrush Rebellion' was emphasized. Audobon President Russell Peterson, Gov. Bruce Babbitt of Arizona and Charles Callison of the Public Lands Institute all spoke against private exploitive interest of public lands in the West. A call for attention to long term cost of environmental abuse rather than quick payoffs was made by all.

Energy use was another important topic discussed at the convention. Audobons own energy efficiency study is summarized in the current issue of Audobon Magazine and concludes production of goods and services can grow through the year 2000 without increasing energy use. Why the concern over energy? It's part of the closed circle of preserving wildlife by preserving habitat by controlling resource use and population growth.

Captive-breeding programs for the California Condor were also discussed at the conference with very little controversy. When Audobon naturalists John Ogden and John Borneman were asked why they ask in their new permit to enter nests and handle eggs and chicks, particularly after the death of a chick in the hands of a biologist in 1980, they said it was to cover every possible activity in their application. Handling of chicks was not mentioned in the previous permit and resulted in its being revoked after last years mishap.

A public hearing on the new permit was begun at 8 AM on July 28 at the state office building.

Why handle Chicks and eggs? Examining chicks provides vital information that may not be determined in any other manner. Handling eggs is to protect them from sharp rocks or rolling from the nests.

The Fish and Wildlife Service with Audobon as its partner, plans to begin trapping and tagging condors and taking the first pairs for captive breeding this fall. Further information is available from the Condor Research Center at 87 N. Chestnut St., Ventura CA 93001. Phone (805) 965-0161.

Sad News

We regret to announce the death of Dorothy Gildersleve Watkins and Louise Rounds. They were both loyal members since the inception of SBAS. The family of Dorothy Watkins would appreciate having any donations sent in her behalf to the Santa Barbara Audobon Society.

Mono Lake

We are pleased to announce that contributions totalling \$604.17 have been recieved for the Mono Lake lawsuit brought by Audobon National. These funds and a matching amount from our general fund have been forwarded to pay legal costs of the suit. We will continue to match contributions until \$1000.00 have been raised. Please send any contributions to Tomi Sollen and be sure to designate the money is for Mono Lake. Her adress is listed along with the other board members in this issue. If you have any questions, call Tomi at 966-4836.

More Mono Lake

A limited edition of Dick Smiths Condor Feather Poster has been donated by Capra Press to benefit the Mono Lake Fund. The posters are for sale at \$15.00 each. Call Terri Wright at 962-6964 to purchase one. There are only 25 available.

Announcement

On October 2,3 and 4, the Gallery Santa Barbara will present 'The Wildlife Gallery', an art show featuring woodcarvings of waterfowl and other art forms. The show will be held at the Biltmore Hotel, watch for announcements in your local paper.

Audobon Canyon Ranch

This wildlife sanctuary, education and nature center needs your help. Matching funds are needed to aquire a grant necessary for renovation of this facility. Mail contributions to Audobon Canyon Ranch
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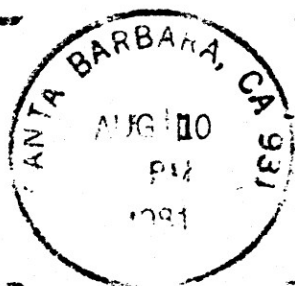
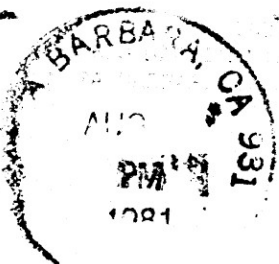
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