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Robert Lindsay
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March 27
Wednesday

General Meeting - Tonight our guest will be Mr. Peter Howorth of of the Marine Mammal Institute. His program will highlight the flora and fauna of several of the California channel islands, a preview for those of you who hope to attend our trip to Santa Cruz island in June (see page 3). In addition, a short film on the rehabilitation of marine mammals in Santa Barbara County will be shown. We will also have a special guest, Mr. John Borneman of the Ventura Branch of Western Regional Audubon to bring us up to date on Western Regional and National Audubon activities. Meetings are held in the Fleischmann Auditorium at the Museum of Natural History and begin at 8:00 pm. The public is welcome.

April 24
Wednesday

General Meeting - From the vertebrate lab at the Museum of Natural History, our guest tonight will be Chuck Woodhouse, a local authority on the marine mammals of Santa Barbara. This is sure to be a most informative and entertaining show. We have a wealth of fascinating creatures just off our shore; come get to know them. Meetings are held in the Fleischmann Auditorium at the Museum of Natural History and begin at 8:00 pm.

Dean Bazzi Memorial Scholarship

Thanks to the many of you who have contributed so generously in memory of Dean. I am happy to announce that Dean's parents and I met with many members of the UCSB Biology Department on March 14th to turn over to them the funds to establish the scholarship fund that many worked so hard to create. But we could not have done it without the support shown by so many so again, thank you.

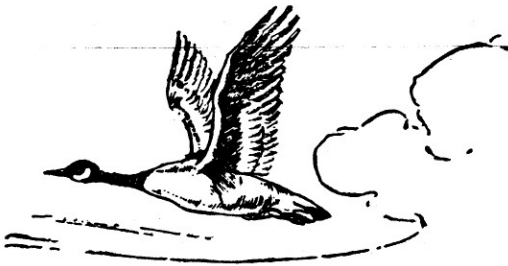
Though nothing can make up for the loss of Dean, this scholarship will help to keep his memory alive and will help many young people in the future who will be studying the subjects dear to Dean. We hope that we will be able to begin presentation of this scholarship as early as next fall.

Further contributions to this fund are always welcome. We won't forget you, Dean.

Robert Lindsay



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 or exciting sightings, please call Nancy Crawford at 964-7508. Good Birding !



South Coast Bird Reports

Los Angeles	213/874-1318
San Bernardino	714/793-5599
San Diego	619/435-6767



Dick Smith Scholarship

Please hurry with nominations for our annual Dick Smith Scholarship. Every year we send some deserving individual to the Audubon Camp of the West in the Wind River Mountains of Wyoming for two weeks of fun and learning in this beautiful Rocky Mountain Wilderness. All expenses but transportation are covered by this scholarship. Nominations should include the following information about the nominee, (1) evidence of interest in ecology and natural history, (2) evidence of ability to profit significantly from the training, (3) ways in which the benefits of the training would be "passed " back into the community, and (4) financial need, if any.

To insure a reservation for our nominee at the camp date of their choice, please submit your nomination in writing on or before the next meeting of the Board of Directors, April 11. Selection of the recipient will be made at that time. Nominations can be mailed to the Audubon office, or may be given to any board member at our general meeting. Please help us find a suitable candidate so we can reward them in Dick Smith's memory.

BIRD-A-THON

National Audubon at last has sent us the information we need to begin planning for this years annual Bird-A-Thon. Every year, eager birders line up sponsors for this fund raising event. Sponsors volunteer to pay participants from 5c to \$1 for every bird species they can find on Bird-A-Thon day and in so doing raise much needed fund for both National Audubon and the local chapter. This years event will probably be scheduled for some time in May. Full details will be given next month. If you wish to participate, or if you would like to sponsor a local birder, please call John Flavin at 965-4979. Thanks for your help.

CALANDAR OF COMING EVENTS !!!

March 27 General Meeting - See Page 1 for details.
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April 6 Field Trip - El Capitan State Beach. Join us for a morning walk along sandy and rocky shorelines. This spot offers a great variety of shore and land birds in a beautiful setting. Meet at the K-Mart parking lot at Storke Rd. and Hollister Ave. at 8:00 am for this ½-day trip. Leader: Chris Benesh
968-0572

April 11 Board of Directors Meeting - 7:30 pm. Members are Welcome to attend. Meetings are held upstairs at the Coast Federal Bank building at 1330 State St. All articles for the April El Tecolote must be submitted by this meeting.

April 14 Field Trip - Mission Canyon. You don't want to miss this trip into one of the most beautiful spots Santa Barbara has to offer. Birds and wild-flowers will surely be found in profusion. Meet at 8:00 am at the Museum of Natural History and bring a lunch.
Leader: Skye Bass
962-8484

April 20 Field Trip - Figueroa Mountain. Fields of wild-flowers and a host of migrant mountain birds are sure to be found on this popular trip. Lazuli Buntings and Olive-sided Flycatchers are just a sampling of what can be expected. Meet in the parking lot at Von's market, Hollister and Turnpike, at 7:30 am.
Leader: John Flavin
965-4979



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April 28 Field Trip - Winchester Canyon and Lake Los Carneros. Yet another chance to get to know the birds of our mountain canyons. The Winchester area has had such recent highlights as Mountain Bluebirds and is the best if not only local spot from which Prairie Falcons can be seen. Add the fresh water marsh birds of Lake Los Carneros and a good morning of birding is assured. Meet in the K-Mart parking lot at Storke Rd. and Hollister Ave. at 8:00 am for this ½-day trip.
Leader: Guy Tingos
687-8266

SPECIAL FIELD TRIP PLANNED

June 1 Santa Cruz Island Field Trip - Thanks to the efforts of Field Trip Coordinator John Flavin, we are delighted to offer a chance to see and explore Santa Cruz Island. Details of this trip will be given next month. We can only take 35 people on this trip so make your reservation soon by calling John Flavin at 965-4979 soon. A fee of \$30.00 per person is all it takes for this rare chance to visit our offshore neighbor. Hope you can make it!



AT THE OFFICE...

We are pleased to welcome some new office volunteers. Joining our staff as substitutes are Marian Sanford, Penny Hannon, and Betty Bazzi. Thanks to you all for caring enough to help. Special thanks to Betty Bazzi for the work she has done on updating the membership files at the office.

Library

Our office library continues to grow under the direction of our librarian Audrey VonBieberstein. Recent donations to the library include Sea Birds (Saunders), Birds of Prey (Lloyd), Everglades (Caufield), and the Geological Survey of California: Ornithology, Vol. 1, Land Birds; and the Nature Conservancy Preserve Di-

rectory all donated by Minna Smith. Thanks to John and Alica Hamilton for their copies of American Birds and Audubon Magazines, and to Chuck Bernstein for The Joy of Birding - A Guide to Better Birding.

We are also pleased to announce that we have copies of the National Geographic Bird Guide available for the low, low price of \$15.00. These guides are very up-to-date and make a beautiful addition to any birders collection. They are available in our office or at our general meetings. Thanks Audrey for making them available.

But we still need...

With the summer months coming, you could make the job much more pleasant for our volunteers if you have a fan you could donate to us. Remember, all such donations are tax deductible. Please help.

EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As always, we need volunteers for our Education Committee to meet the high demand for our shows. As you know, this is perhaps the most important service we provide for the community. Our programs reach from two to three thousand young people in our community each year and does a lot to spread the word of conservation and instill appreciation for our natural resources in a new generation.

Our shows are so popular that it is rare we can meet all the requests that are made for them, so won't you help. All our volunteers are well trained and find this to be a rewarding and worthwhile use of their time and talents. If you can help, please call the office or Minna Smith, Education Committee Chair, at 966-7971.

Thanks to all those who have helped with this committee this year. We are lucky to have you with us.

Western Field Ornithologists 1985 Annual Meeting

The 1985 Annual Meeting of Western Field Ornithologists, publishers of WESTERN BIRDS, will be held on Thursday through Sunday, 2-5 May 1985, at the Palm Springs Desert Museum, Palm Springs, California. The business meeting and paper sessions will be held on Saturday. Field trips to such birding hot spots as the Salton Sea, Morongo Valley and Joshua Tree National Monument are planned for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. A preregistration discount will be given to participants who register by mail before April 12. For information and registration forms, please call Narca A. Moore-Craig,

P. O. Box 254

Lakeview, CA 92353

This event is co-sponsored by the Coachella Valley Audubon Society and the San Bernardino Audubon Society, and a special invitation is extended to fellow Auduboners. Brochures will be available at our March general meeting. Come join the fun!

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

Our last Board meeting was held March 14, 1985. Members present included Robert Lindsay, Loius Bevier, Skye Bass, John Flavin, Minna Smith, Marge Cappiello, Paul Lehman, Herb Drapkin, and Nancy Crawford.

Several guests were present at this meeting. Patrick Murphy, director of the Santa Barbara Airport came to discuss our concerns over expansion of the airport runway into the Goleta Slough. Wendy Bevier and an associate came to discuss a symposium on the Sierra Nevada Mountains they are arranging. The board voted to delay voting on SBAS support of this event until next month when more board members are present. Last, Audrey VonBieberstien came to get the board's input on future purchases for our library.

Herb Drapkin brought us up to date on progress that had been made in organizing a field trip for handicapped people in the Santa Barbara area.

An ad hoc committee for nominations for the '85-'86 SBAS board of directors was formed. The committee consists of Robert Lindsay, Carol Rae, Minna Smith, and Skye Bass. Nominations will be made by the next board meeting, April 11.

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Volunteer of the Month

This month, it is my pleasure to select Marge Cappiello as the volunteer of the month. As usual, this selection was made not only for recent contributions to SBAS, but for a long history of service deserving of recognition. Marge has been a member of the board for two years and in that time has grown to be an integral part of the organization. I have come to respect her opinion, to admire her perseverance, and to rely on her for help when needed.

In addition to serving as our hospitality committee at general meetings, Marge was most helpful in setting up the Dean Bazzi Memorial, has served as hostess for Executive Committee meetings, and has worked hard to get to know the workings of our organization. I am very glad that she expects to stay for another year on our Board of Directors. We will need people like her to maintain the standards and activities of our chapter.

So Marge, thank you. I genuinely appreciate all you have done for us.

Robert Lindsay



A Little Birding Humor?

Vacation driving can be a lot less nerve-wracking and a lot safer if you become a birdwatcher. There are, as any experienced driver knows, many strange birds on the highway. Here are a few you might encounter:

the Red-Eyed Veerer - Is he drunk or tired? You can't be sure; but this bird is usually spotted late in the day, meanders from lane to lane in an erratic manner. He may be travelling much in excess of or much below the posted limit. A nodding head motion may be a tip-off when you approach him. Pass with care.

the Scarlet Teen-Ager - Most youthful drivers accept the responsibility that driving entails, but there are a few who see every other car on the road the way Don Quixote saw windmills: for some reason they have to prove their cars and driving abilities are greater. They may react unpredictably to real or imagined slights from other drivers, turning scarlet and stomping on the accelerator. May be accompanied by a Snuggling Chick.

the Great Horned Grouch - This bird sounds a blaring call as he perches on your back bumper. The best thing to do is not to speed up (he will too), but to maintain your speed, signal that you will pull over and let him fly by - hopefully into the arms of the Gold-crested Speed Catcher.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS !

Joining our chapter this month: Charles J. Barkhorn, Blase Bickett, Ms. Lora Button, Julie Chlermack, Mrs. Robin Clifton, John Crowell, Mrs. Caryl DeCosta, F. M. Duncan, Dr. Reginald J. Faord, Mr. & Mrs. Steven Faulstich, Mr. James Foxx, Doris Gordon, Ms. Alma L. Gray, Lil Green, Mrs. C. Gausman, Mr. & Mrs. George S. Hardie, George Harris, D. F. Heckert, Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Kopecky, Dr. Margaret A. Lennox, Woody Lichtenstein, Mrs. John W. Lyons, Mr. David Manners, Olga Naud, Catherine Perman, Patricia Peteler, Mr. Tim Schiffer, Hilda Siebert, Mrs. Herbert Stark, D. M. Still, Marian Truex and Mrs. Dorothy B. Wilson. Welcome also to Dr. Donald Aitken, Mr. H. R. Aldredge, Ralph Blackford, F. Boudreau, Ms. E. Cady, Stephanie Van Den Akker, Mr. Mauel Dermer, Peter A. Dullea, George L. Dusseault, Chenda Lee Ellis, Florence R. Folsom, G. Fulignot, Mr. G. J. Grosslight, David Hagerty, Harold M. Haider Jr., M. Halbeisen, HATCH, Jean Huddy, Carole J. Everson, Carey Kendall, Marianne D. Krause, Eston D. Lawrence, Marc Marino, Wendy McCarty, M. McClellan, Mrs. E. McElhaney, K. A. McKensie, J. Melendez, Leslie K. Metz, Mary Minah, Edwin Moore, Cal Myers, Mr. Ignacio J. Padilla, Christopher Page, Mr. & Mrs. R. L. Pearson, Timothy J. Plog, Mr. William V. Queripel, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Ruston, Richard Vega, Mr. P. Vigneaud, Ahnette Green Walters, Miss Francis J. Watt, W. Michael West, and Gale Williams. Welcome to the following transfers to our chapter; Stephen Ferry, Mr. Larry Murdock, and Leon Yelensky.

Many local members need to renew membership. Please check your expiration date as only one notice will be sent. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Nancy S. Crawford
Membership Chair

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