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President's Letter

Dear Seven Mountains Audubon,

"Taking Flight Together", the first national convention of the National Audubon Society in 14 years was held in Washington State, July 12-15, 2013. I attended with 477 other chapter leaders, state office staff and national staff. Among them were fascinating birders including Mark Larson (who is currently President of Maricopa Audubon Society, but was president of Seven Mountains and started "Mark's List") and several national staff who have helped us over the last year.

We had two full days of meetings heralded by a state of Audubon presentation by president & CEO, David Yarnold, who emphasized that Audubon is much more than birders and that our conservation principals are established by "flyways" to unify common goals.

I learned techniques to recruiting and cultivating volunteers so do not even try to say no this year! National Audubon now provides chapters an online mapping site to facilitate data presentation for grant funding or conservation advocacy. The Atlantic Flyway meeting introduced flyway leaders, projects championed by the flyway, and allowed interaction with other chapter leaders and problems. The final plenary session was a roundtable on improving diversity in Audubon at all levels.

I attended two field trips to Mt. Adams and wildlife refuge near the Columbia River. In spite of the usual quiet July birding, we saw 81 bird species including pygmy nuthatches, red crossbill, and Nashville, MacGilvray's, Wilson's and Black-throated Gray warblers. The scenery was magnificent. The workshop "How to Lead a Field Trip" demonstrated lots of problems: leaders must a) show up, b) make sure appropriate transportation is available, c) agree who is leader(s), d) have an agenda for trip, e) try to keep the group together no matter what level, f) not promise any species will show up day of trip, and g) make sure there are food, water, & rest/bathroom stops if needed.

Overall, compared to others, our chapter is progressive in communications. We provide #1. a Website with links to #2 a monthly blogspot of current activities in the area as well as #3 a written newsletter and #4 a Face Group site. Some conservation emphasizing chapters have trouble finding any birders to lead field trips. Some birding chapters are older and have virtually no members who have access or ability to use the internet. Some small chapters are fireballs with lots of active projects to support birding and conservation. Some chapters have over 7000 members and permanent employees. Indeed, Portland Audubon Chapter has its own van covered with signage and bird pictures (a vulture on the hood).

I feel that our chapter has a strong group of birders, many members very active with other conservation groups and activities, and a fairly broad base. I think we should try to interest youngsters in birding, have some younger active members, and try not to disenfranchise anyone interested in joining us.

Jill

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This is the only printed newsletter for the year; make sure you hang onto this newsletter for your Seven Mountains Audubon information.

LISTSERVES

Reminders

Consider joining our Reminder List which is maintained by Bonnie Ingram. You will receive a monthly E-Newsletter written by Debby Meade and reminders of special events. If you would like to be added to this list please email Bonnie: bingram@pct.edu. If you are already receiving the emails, there is no need to sign up again

Mark's List

Seven Mountain Audubon Lists Mark's List is a recurring Email maintained, updated and distributed by Allen Schweinsberg as a means of informing people of regional bird sightings. You will also occasionally receive spectacular digital photos. To be added to the list, please email Allen Schweinsberg: aschwein@bucknell.edu

First Saturday Field Trip

The first Saturday of each month, January through December, Seven Mountains Audubon provides a local field trip. All trips depart 7:30 a.m. from Lewisburg at the CVS side parking lot on SR 192, just west of US 15. Public is welcome. Trip leadership rotates informally, and the field trip destination is announced via Mark's List, a few days in advance.

SPECIAL THANKS

Allen Schweinsberg and Jill Largent for tabling SMA at RB Winter State Park Winter Fest and Jack & Jill McCann at Summer Fest. Allen Schweinsberg, Bob Reyda, for leading our First Saturday field trips.

Furnace Rd. cleanup.

Dick & Nancy Dagle, Alice Marquart, Debby Meade, Bob (coordinator) & Elena Reyda, Allen & Joanne Schweinsberg

Program Meetings

7:30 PM Third Wednesday of each month September through May except as noted.

Where: All activities below are held at Kelly Township Supervisors' Building, 551 Zeigler Rd, Lewisburg. All meetings are open to the Public. Everyone is welcome!

Please be sure to check our websites for any updates or changes.

Programs & Dates 2013/14

The committee is working on the programs and has the following results to date:

- Sep 18 Wed @ 7:30PM – Saw-Whet Owls with Sandy Lockerman
- Oct 16 Wed @ 7:30PM –Migration and Birds of Prey, John Kauffman Shaffer Creek Environmental Center
- Nov 20 Wed @ 7:30PM –River Keeper, Michael Helfrick
- Dec 18 Wed @ 7:30PM – show & tell
- Jan 15 Wed @ 7:30PM – Three days in the Everglades, Gene Wingert, Dickinson College
- Feb 19 Wed @ 7:30PM – Birds of Central & Northern California, Wayne Laubscher
- Mar 19 Wed @ 7:30PM – Vernal Pools, Carol Entz-Rine, Lycoming Co. Conservation District
- Apr 16 Wed @ 7:30PM – Photo Safari to Tanzania, Andrea Halern and Owen Floody
- May 21 Wed @ 7:30PM – Australia- Report of Fall 2013, with Peelers & Schweinsbergs

Seven Mountains Audubon Cyberspace and Social Media

Stay connected and informed!

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<http://sevenmountainsaudubon.blogspot.com/>

If you are on Face Book, consider joining our Face Book Group for local information, and more interaction with your fellow birders about birding in our local area, and some great photography!

Board Meetings

Sep 11, Wednesday 7:30PM

Nov 13, Wednesday 7:30PM

Jan 08, Wednesday 7:30PM

Mar 12, Wednesday 7:30PM

May 14, Wednesday 7:30PM

Jul 09, Wednesday 7:30PM

Board Meetings: All members are welcome. If you have something that you would like to bring to the group's attention please contact Board President (jlargent@ptd.net) at least one week ahead of time. In case of any last minute changes in location, please contact any Board Member the day of the meeting. Please join us even if you would



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- Bob Reyda, Furnace Road Clean up

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National Audubon's Mission: To conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity.

<p>New Membership Form: Seven Mountains Audubon will receive entire NEW membership fee, when new members join through us.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I want to join Seven Mountains Audubon and National Audubon Society at introductory rate of \$20 for first year or \$15 for senior citizen or students.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOT FOR RENEWALS</p> <p>Name: _____ New Member Only</p> <p>Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Place my name on electronic mailing list to receive all my newsletters online. My email address is _____.</p> <p>My check for \$_____, payable to National Audubon Society is enclosed.</p> <p>Mail to: Seven Mountains Audubon, PO Box 389, Lewisburg PA 17837</p>	<p>Chapter Code C3ZU09GT</p>
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