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JANUARY MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS

Thursday, Jan. 8 — 7:30 p.m. Regular monthly meeting at the Logan Library, 255 N. Main St. This month's meeting will be a joint meeting with the BAS and Cache Group Sierra Club. A special Audubon film titled, "Galapagos: My Fragile World," narrated by actor Cliff Robertson, depicts the Galapagos through the photography of Tui De Roy, who was brought to the island at the age of two to live what he has called a "solitary paradise."

Tuesday, Jan. 13 — 7 p.m. Conservation Committee in Room 112B, in the Natural Resources-Biology Bldg. at USU. Conservation chairperson Bruce Pendery and the committee will discuss where BAS stands on BLM wilderness, the Logan Canyon-U.S. 89 study, land use planning, and other issues. New projects, particularly recycling efforts will also be discussed. For more information contact Bruce at 753-1628.

Thursday, Jan. 15 — 7:30 p.m. Education Committee meets in the Logan Library. For more information contact Nancy Warner at 752-7345.

Wednesday, Jan. 21 — BAS Planning meeting 7 p.m. in the Logan Library.

FIELD TRIPS

Saturday, Jan. 31 — 1 p.m. Animal tracks and tracking. Trip leader Allen Stokes will take the group on a walk along the canal by the Logan Golf course to look for tracks of deer, weasel, deer and meadow mice, red squirrel, dog and cat. Last year the group saw tracks of porcupine, mink and elk, too. Dress warmly, especially warm boots. Carpooling available. Meet at the university radio tower at 750 N. 1200 East. Return by 3:30 p.m. Call Allen at 752-2702 for more information or if weather conditions make tracking questionable.

Saturday, Feb. 14 — 1 p.m. Animal tracks on skis. Field trip participants will put on skis for a three-hour tour of fields near Benson to see the tracks of weasel, deer mice, red fox and rabbits. Last year Allen and Alice Stokes said they saw a place where three mice had been killed by a hawk or owl, and one by a magpie. Allen says this is a great way to learn about the habits and habitats of small animals. No great skill in skiing needed, he says. Meet at the southwest corner of the Fred Meyer parking lot. Call Allen at 752-2702 for more information.

ELECTIONS TO BE HELD DURING JANUARY MEETING

The nominating committee has submitted the following names as candidates for positions to be filled during the annual election:

President: Ron Ryel (incumbent)
Vice President: Jillyn Smith
Secretary:
Treasurer: Betty Boeker (incumbent)
Board of Directors (3 positions):
Diane Browning, Larry Ryel

Nominations for these positions are still open and will be accepted from the floor prior to the election, to be held during the January meeting. Society officers serve one-year terms in office, while members of the Board serve three-year appointments.

Please contact Jon Wraith at 750-2176 (days) or 752-0743 if you wish to nominate additional candidates prior to the meeting.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kit Flannery, Paul McAninch and family, Diane Boyd, Fay R. Oliverson, L. Medrano, David Sidwell, Diane Gooch, Kevin Mohr, Michael G. Huppe.

RENEWING MEMBERS

R. K. Archibald, Thomas and Patricia Bahler, Dave Burkhard, Thomas Cronkite, Terry Griswold, Marty Judd, Frederick R. LeBar, Lew and Barbara Becker, John and Coralie Beyers, John W. Carlisle, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Civile, L. P. Firetone, Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Gordon, Arthur H. Holmgren, John S. Kirkley, Frederick F. Knowlton, R.N. Malour, Mrs. Rosalie Mueggler, Richard Mueller, Jane Okeef, M. Jean Packer, Don Phillips, Desmond L. Loila Raef, Mrs. Sandra Romesburg, Ron Ryel, Davis M. Smith, Mr. Ronald C. Squibb, Twain Tippets, Mrs. Inez F. Voris, J. Wallace, Mrs. Edna Cornia, Craig McGregor.

LAND USE PLANNING WORKSHOP AND CANDIDATES FORUM

This workshop and forum was co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters, Cache County and Bridgerland Audubon Society. It was held on October 4, 1986.

The program opened with a discussion of the history of land uses in Cache County by Kevin Krogh of the USU Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning Department. Early development was characterized by villages laid out according to Brigham Young's plans, and in the most favorable places for settlement and agriculture. A second phase of development, ending about 1890, was more typical of the western U.S.: scattered settlement under Homestead Act

provisions, often in areas suited only to dryland agriculture. Little changed until about 1960 when current development pressures (e.g., subdivisions) became evident.

Bryan Dixon and Cindy Greenwood of the Bear River Association of Governments conducted the workshop portion of the program. The objectives of the workshop were twofold. First, to get people of differing opinions on land use planning to discuss their views, and second, to attempt to resolve some of the differences, or at least point the way toward compromise. The first objective was met very well. The approximately 75 people split into small groups—mostly quite heterogeneous in terms of their views on land use planning—and discussed what they felt were strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to Cache County's landscape, people, and way of life. The ensuing din was gratifying; people definitely participated, and it was by no means a bunch of conservationists sitting around patting themselves on the back. The second objective was not met as well because we had to cut Bryan and Cindy short due to time limitations.

The final part of the program was the candidates forum conducted by Karen Fisher and Marge Stanley of the League of Women Voters. This went very well with 14 of the 17 candidates for County Council and Executive participating. If you are interested in their positions on land use planning, see *The Herald Journal* stories of 4/27/86 and 10/5/86. *The Herald Journal* series on land use planning (9/14/86 - 9/21/86) is also informative.

In addition to the people mentioned above, I would like to thank BAS members Nancy Warner, Diane Browning, Sue Nordstrom, Madeline Maxurski, and Chris Riley. They gave up many hours of their free time to make this project work. We plan on land-use-planning-related activities in the future, come help us!

Bruce Pendery

ONE PLUS - TWO MINUS FOR WHOOPERS IN 1986

A record production of 20 whooping crane chicks on their Canadian breeding grounds should bring the number arriving on the Texas Coast to 110, compared to the 96 that went north last spring. One reason for this record success is a new technique for testing the viability of eggs in the nest. Current practice is to remove one egg for hatching at Patuxent Research Station and to deliver one to the foster program at Gray's Lake, Idaho. This new technique will insure that all of the eggs left on the nests in Canada are good ones.

The bad side of the 1986 picture is that not a single egg hatched at the Patuxent Center, and only two hatched at Gray's Lake. There is growing criticism that Patuxent suffers from trying to mix research and propagation; and the lack of veteran crane experts there.

The Whooping Crane Conservation Association has gone on record that a second site for propagation be selected—one dedicated purely to hatching and raising cranes.

At Gray's Lake biologist Rod Drewein hopes the new program of capturing adult cranes that have summered in parts of Wyoming and Idaho far from any mate and releasing them at Gray's Lake close to a potential mate may be the formula to get actual breeding of whoopers at the hoped-for beginning of a new wild flock.

Bridgerland Audubon Society will be making an overnight trip to Gray's Lake next September with hopes of hearing of success from the ever-enthusiastic and optimistic Rod Drewein.

BIRDING AND SCAVENGING

Birding can have a fringe benefit to those of us who are really conservation-minded. Reinhard Jockel and I were scouting the Benson area in preparation for the upcoming Christmas Bird Count. I always carry an empty sack in the car to pick up aluminum cans I find where I have stopped to watch birds. But we really hit pay dirt at one stop when a local resident invited us to come into his yard to help ourselves to literally several hundred tossed cans. And while tossing cans into our sacks just as fast as we could stoop to pick them up a second local came along and showed us where there were two other can caches.

I confess this scavenging of cans gets into my blood and I get some of the same satisfaction as does a hunter doing the hunt. We managed to pick up over a thousand cans over two trips to this fabulous spot (nope, I'm like a good fisherman, I keep my hot spots to myself) and netted \$15.40 for the Bridgerland Audubon scholarship fund.

I encourage all of you to take up this sport. Drop your empties off at my garage—1722 Saddle Hill Drive or give me a call when you have a large bagful. We'll have the money and the roadsides will be the cleaner for our efforts.

Al Stokes

BRIDGER-TETON DRAFT FOREST PLAN AVAILABLE

The Bridger-Teton National Forest, which includes lands near Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the Wind River range, has released its draft forest management plan. These lands include prime grizzly bear habitat, are essential to a functional greater Yellowstone ecosystem, and are an important recreational resource. The area is also used for logging and by other extractive industries. The preferred alternative emphasizes wildlife, scenic values, and recreation, but may have loopholes (i.e., "unscheduled" timber harvests) that weaken it. Complete copies of the plan, or a 16-page overview, are available from the Forest Supervisor, Bridger Teton

National Forest, P.O. Box 1888, Jackson, WY 83001.
Comments are due by February 6, 1987.

Bruce Pendery

NEW AUDUBON NOTEPAPER A SELLOUT

Bridgerland Audubon has brand new notepaper for sale. Former Bridgerland Audubon member Kim Lewis generously donated her time and talent to designing the graceful sandhill crane. This so caught the fancy of the people at Holly Fair and at the Audubon table on campus that we sold the 125 packets in just two weeks.

If you didn't get yours, we will be printing more and may even print some of the same design as postcards. Price is \$3.50 for a packet of eight with envelopes, tax included. Kim spent many hours at the Tracy Aviary in Salt Lake City observing sandhills before settling on a sketch that seemed right. We owe her a real debt of gratitude. The Wasatch and Utah chapters are also selling the notepaper.

Al Stokes

IBERIAN FLOODS

plastic bags hang
as tinsel in mangled trees
drifts high
mark the river's anger
cans
boxes
car bodies
lie in rushing foam
possessions
wastes
scattered by nature's excess

soil slips
from mountain slope
the land greens
moist soil is turned
seeds are planted

smiles
hope
wet promise
of violent lust
in rains that broke the drought

3 December 1983

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STONE FACE IN THE PYRENEES

the mountain stands
its stony face bare
since it was shoved
from the sea

plants, animals, soil
clothe its body
men breed, love
fight to possess its slopes

floods and fire strip it
gouged by mines
stoked by farmers
hit by storms and bullets
the mountain stands

its hard to change a mountain

3 December 1983

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From "Selected Works of Stephen Vincent Benet," Holt,
Rinehart & Winston, New York, 1969.

JOHN JAMES AUDUBON
1780-1851

Some men live for warlike deeds,
Some for women's words.
John James Audubon
Lived to look at birds.

Pretty birds and funny birds,
All our native fowl
From the little cedar waxwing
To the great horned owl.

Let the wind blow hot or cold,
Let it rain or snow,
Everywhere the birds went,
Audubon would go.

Scrambling through a wilderness,
Floating down a stream,
All around America
In a feathered dream.

Thirty years of traveling,
Pockets often bare,
(Lucy Bakewell Audubon
Patched them up with care).

Followed grebe and meadowlark,
Saw them sing and splash.
(Lucy Bakewell Audubon
Somehow raised the cash).

Drew them all the way they lived
In their habitats.
(Lucy Bakewell Audubon
Sometimes wondered "cats?")

Colored them and printed them
In a giant book,
Birds of North America —
All the world said, "Look!"

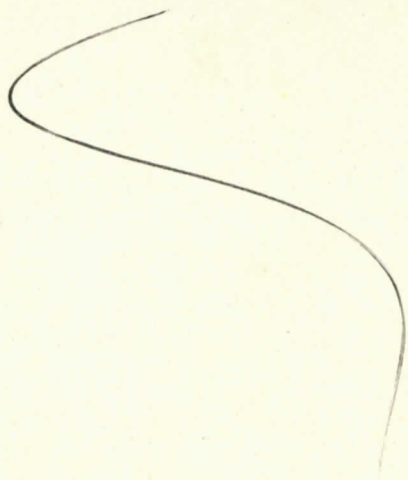
Gave him medals and degrees,
Called him noble names
Lucy Bakewell Audubon
Kissed her queer John James.

— Stephen Vincent Benet

(Submitted by Jill Smith)

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The Bridgerland Audubon Society meets the second Thursday of each month, October through May in the Council Room of the new Logan City Building, 255 N. Main. Meetings start at 7:30 pm. The BAS Planning Committee meets every third Wednesday, October through May in the Logan Library at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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The editor of *The Stilt* invites submissions of any kind, due on the 15th of each month. Send to Box 3501/ Logan, UT 84321.

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HOW DO I JOIN?

Complete the following application and enclose a check for the amount for the appropriate type of membership. Send it to:

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY
Chapter Membership Data Center
Box 2664
Boulder, CO 80321
Credit Bridgerland Audubon W-52

Check membership category desired.

- Introductory one year/ \$20
- Individual / \$30 (H)
- Family/ \$38 (J)
- Student/ \$18 (K)
- Senior Citizen Individual/ \$21 (N)
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