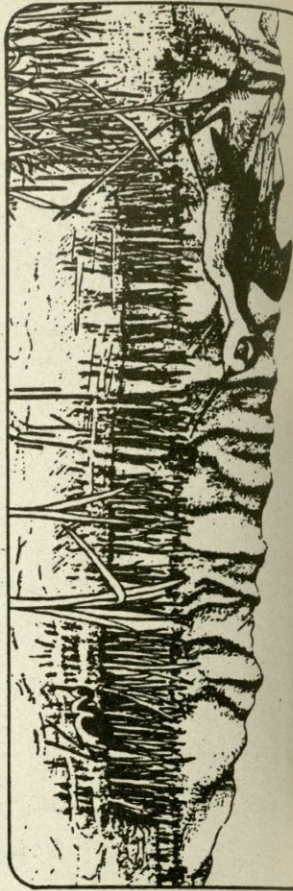


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## Sandhill Crane Days '97

September 5/6, 1997

Cache and Box Elder Counties, Utah

Come Celebrate the Autumn Migration of Utah's Sandhill Cranes Through Cache Valley!

### Friday Evening

Special Guest, Kent Clegg

Whose spectacular experimental airlight flight to escort a band of cranes from Idaho to New Mexico was featured on NBC's program, "Coast to Coast."

### Saturday A.M.

Guided Canoe or Bus Trips through Cache Valley's Crane Marshes and Fields

### Saturday Afternoon

Special Private Tour to Discover the Birds of the Bear River National Migratory Bird Refuge with Division of Wildlife Resources Avian Biologist Frank Howe

### Saturday Evening

Dutch Oven Dinner in the Canyon

Festival Cost: \$35 — Tours Limited to 100 Guests  
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The Bridgerland Audubon Society meets the second Thursday of each month, October through May, in the Meeting Room of the new Logan City Building, 255 N. Main. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. The BAS Planning Committee meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month, September through May. Locations may change monthly. Check calendar page. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Yes, I'd like to join.

Please enroll me as a member of the national Audubon Society and of my local chapter. Please send AUDUBON magazine and my membership card to the address below.

My check for \$20 is enclosed.

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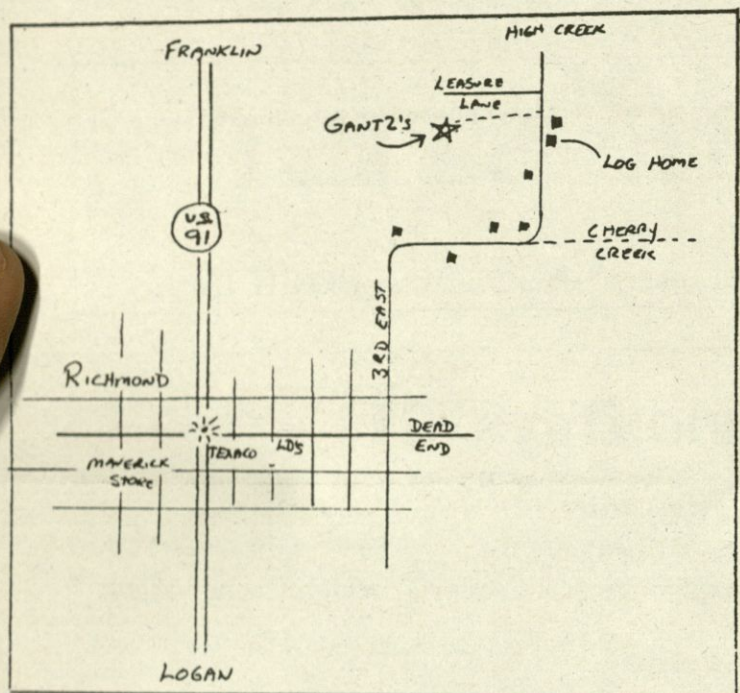
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# May Calendar Meetings

Thursday, June 5, 7:30 P.M. **BAS Planning Meeting.** Officers, Chairpersons, Trustees and interested members will meet to discuss issues and make plans for meetings, activities and projects. June's meeting will be at the home of Glen Gantz, 11255 North 2000 East in Richmond. We've changed the date for the planning meeting to the first Thursday in order to put minutes in the *Stilt*. If you have agenda items, issues, or suggestions, call Bryan Dixon, 752-6830, 10 Heritage Cove, Logan.



Kathy Gantz — 11255 North 2000 East, Logan, UT 84333 — (801) 258-2738

**Directions**  
From Logan: Take U.S. 91 north to the blinking light in Richmond, turn east (right) at the light and follow Main Street to 3rd East (5 blocks), turn north on 3rd East (toward Cherry Creek) and follow the paved road around a turn to the east and again around a turn back to the north. Continue approximately 1/2 mile. The Gantz's is on the west (left) side of the road across from a log home and conventional home. Watch out! Our home is well off the road and secluded in the trees.

Thursday, June 12, 7:30 P.M. **General Meeting:** Craig Axford of the Utah Cougar Coalition on "The War on Cougars: A Critical Look at Utah's Cougar Management Policies" at the Logan City Offices, 255 North Main. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited.

## Field Trips

BAS trips are generally open to everyone that enjoys nature. Participants are always encouraged to contribute points of interest along the way. Reservations are not required unless there is limited space or equipment available. Trips are usually open to all ages and families are welcome. We try to carpool whenever possible. If there is a trip you would like to lead, or you would like to see offered, call Field Trip Leaders Ron or Wendy Hellstern, 753-8750.

June 7 & 8. **Canoeing the Bear River** to explore riparian habitat and wildlife. Two one-day trips along the Trenton to Amalga stretch. Call Bryan Dixon, 752-6830. Reservations required.

June 14. **Coldwater Lake Hike.** Short hike to a small pond on the east side of the Wellsvilles. Flowers, birds and butterflies. Leave Forest Service 1500 E. Hwy 89 at 8:00 am. Call Jack Greene, 563-6816.

June 19. **Evening Canoe Trip on Local Marshes.** Witness the changes taking place as the sun settles in the west, 6:30 pm? Call Bryan Dixon for details, 752-6830. Reservations required.

July 5. **High Creek Waterfalls** with Jack Greene. A 3/4 mile roundtrip hike to locate scenic waterfalls, plants and animals. Extend two miles to the beaver ponds if you desire. Meet at Fred Meyers at 8:00 am 563-6816.

July 12. **Ibis & Egret Canoeing Picnic** with Alice Lindahl. Bring your own picnic supplies for a delightful trip to the Cutler Reservoir. Meet at Fred Meyers at 3:00 pm return around 7:00. Reservations required, 753-7744.

July 23-25. **Keepers of the Earth-Kids Camp of Discovery.** Open to 5th grade students to join educators Chad Hawkes and Ron & Wendy Hellstern the Forestry Field Camp in Logan Canyon for three days of nature activities, hiking and canoeing in one of the worlds most scenic spots. Cost \$45 for meals, travel, materials. Limit 30, reservations required, 753-8750.

July 31 - August 1. **"Extreme Whitewater" Rafting** down the Westwater Canyon of the Colorado River. Considered one of the most intense rides in North America. Class IV and V rapids. Reservations required, limit 22. \$40 fee includes all but transportation. We'll carpool to Moab. Call Ron Hellstern, 753-8750.

August 2. **Tony Grove Wildflowers** hike with Ranger Jack Greene. Another great family activity to witness spectacular wildflowers, mountain birds, and amazing geologic features. Meet at Forest Service lot at 8:00 am. Call Jack Greene for details, 563-6816.

## Nominations for the BAS Board of Trustees, 1997-2000

**Glen Gantz** — Glen is a 10-year resident of Cache Valley and has just completed a 3-year term as a BAS Trustee. Glen received the 1997 Bridgerland Audubon Society Education Award for his herculean efforts in coordinating the development of the new home for the Logan Canyon Nature Center. Currently Glen is one of BAS' Appointed Representatives to the L.C.N.C.

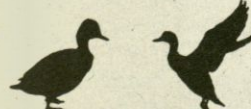
**Mae Coover** — Mae has resided in Cache County for 15 years and is retired in profession but tireless in local issues. She was formerly on the Providence City Planning and Zoning Committee and is now actively involved with fund-raising for the Logan Canyon Nature Center. With her husband, Merv, Mae started a Habitat for Humanity project in the valley, and was active in working to save the Cache County Courthouse.


**Terry Peery** — A Utah native, Terry has lived in Cache Valley for 20 years. She is a third grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary School in Hyrum and has been involved in both local and national Audubon issues, including fund-raising projects and the Audubon Adventures program for children.

**Robert Schmidt** — Robert has been in Cache Valley since 1991 and is involved in a number of local, statewide, and national environmental issues. He has served as both vice-president and president of Bridgerland Audubon and has been president of two other Audubon Chapters in northern California.

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Your vote must be received on or before June 12, 1997. Send to BAS, Box 3501, Logan, UT 84323-3501.

  
Marsh and Pond Ducks spring directly up when taking flight.

  
Bay and Sea Ducks run along the water when taking flight.

  
Mergansers fly with bill, neck and head in a horizontal line.

## Antelope Island Field Trip

Antelope Island held its usual charm for the Audubon group to make our annual spring migration southward the weekend of May 3 & 4.

We saw 100s, 1000s, ? of eared grebes and California gulls along the 7-mile causeway from Syracuse exit 335 to the Island. Sea life was spectacular. California gulls, our state bird, were eating brine shrimp.

Being on the island itself was neat. We camped overnight near the old Garr Ranch House on the southeast corner of the island. We thought about what life had been like for the family who lived there.

We could walk along the marshy edges of Great Salt Lake, enjoying both plant and bird life, and especially the solitude.

Seeing the large numbers of bison on the slopes of the mountains added to the experience of feeling we were back in the 19th century. The children especially enjoyed seeing the antelope.

Ted Evans led the trip and arranged for Jen Bohannen and Billy Gunnels, graduate students in Biology, to tell us about their behavior studies with the bison.

We were able to talk with some of the Salt Lake group, also camping, including Wayne Martinson who has intervened with the Legislature on Audubon's behalf.

We covered many parts of the island. Great climbs by all ages added to the exhilaration.

We had clear views of the great horned owls around the ranch buildings. Some were lucky enough to see the Lewis woodpecker, first time seen on the island. The red knots gave a 3-star performance, a lie-lister for most. Reinhard Jockel kept a good bird list and, with others, all told, we saw over 60 species.

Hale-Bopp comet was there for all to see. Sharing moonlight walks carried its own special feeling.

As last year, the little pink flower, member of the geranium family, was everywhere. Butterflies were there, but not in the numbers of a painted lady butterfly migration we had seen in an earlier spring.

Abandoned farm machinery rusting through the ages tells its own story. The charm of the island goes on forever.

A great group of campers. Allen Stokes, Jr. came over from Denver to be on the trip his father had led so many times.

— Alice Stokes and Others

## Glen Gantz Award Garners \$250 for Nature Center

In April Glen Gantz was recognized by J. C. Penney as one of Cache Valley's outstanding volunteers at an awards dinner at USU. Glen's wife, Kathy, attended along with Jean Lown, nominator, and Bryan Dixon. As a result of his efforts the Nature Center is \$250 richer. Thanks to Bill Sedivy and Tim Henney whose polished pens assisted in polishing the nomination.

To quote from the nomination: "Glen Gantz is the driving force in a volunteer effort to turn the vandalized American Legion Lodge in Logan Canyon into a Nature Center. The center, modeled after famed Teton Science School, will be the site for teaching area children about nature. Glen is the 'general contractor' for the job, who has done most of the construction as well as generated most of the donations of construction materials. Glen was instrumental in designing the renovation, too. Since June 1996 he has taken a leave of absence from his business to lead the ambitious effort. The structure that Glen and his fellow volunteers are refurbishing was obtained by Logan's First Presbyterian Church and the Bridgerland Audubon Society in summer 1996.

"Glen's participation in this project gives credence to the notion that one individual can make a big difference. Without Glen's drive, construction talents, experience and hundreds of hours of time, the renovation would have been drawn out to a multi-year project. Glen inspires all who work on the Center with his contagious enthusiasm. Due to his example, more than 100 people have volunteered their help.

"Glen Gantz may or may not be a Renaissance man in the age-old sense of the term, but surely he is the nearest thing to it in this day and age. He is a graduate of Utah State University's College of Natural Resources, with a master's degree in Fisheries and Wildlife. He is the kind of talent that employers covet. Glen identifies a genuine need, devises a plan, attracts a strong support team, shows them how a job should be done, completes the task on or ahead of schedule, then pays tribute to all involved. Because of his leadership style and powerful desire to do good things for others, volunteers flock to support the LCNC. We submit this nomination as our way of recognizing and thanking Glen for his contribution to the community."

Congratulations and thanks to Glen!



Cranes and Ibises fly with necks extended.



Egrets and Herons fly with their necks folded.

## Logan Canyon Nature Center

As you may be aware, the Logan Canyon Nature Center is planning to open this summer, after an extensive renovation project. The Nature Center is one of the most exciting things to happen in our community in a long time. Because of the wide participation and enthusiasm, this project truly reflects a sense of the true meaning of community. The number of businesses and individuals who have donated countless hours, materials and funds to this project—and continue to do so—is amazing.

As interior painting is being completed, we are beginning to gather furnishings. Below is a list of things we need for the center. Consider whether you have some of these things in good and durable condition. If not, would you be willing to donate funds for the purchase of some of these items.

Our requirements for the furnishings include the following:

1. Durable
2. Safe
3. Conservation efficient (where applicable)
4. Compatible decor for the nature center (rustic and electric)

### Interior Needs for the Logan Canyon Nature Center

Futon  
Futon mattress  
Washer/dryer, stacked  
20" gas stove  
Energy efficient refrigerator  
Microwave  
Six 4' storage chests with seating  
Bookshelves  
Tables  
5 sofas  
6 octagonal tables  
48 small benches  
Coffee tables  
Computer  
Computer/office desk  
Office chair  
Bar stools  
3 dozen fluorescent bulbs  
Overhead slide projector and screen  
Video player with television  
Stereo with tape recorder/CD player  
Books  
3 lamps with fluorescent bulbs  
White board and easel  
Cameras (video and still)

If you have any of the items or are willing to donate funds for their purchase, please contact:

Jacquelynn Henney (home) 755-6888  
Wendy Gaddis (home) 563-5687

## Letters

Dr. Robert Schmidt, President  
Bridgerland Audubon Society  
P.O. Box 3501  
Logan, Utah 84323-3501

Dear Dr. Schmidt:

On April 8, 1997 the nicest thing happened to a "young couple." Totally without warning and completely by surprise we were asked to step forward to receive the annual Allen Stokes Conservation Award.

We were flabbergasted to have been considered for the award much less to have received it. And, now we find our names among a select group of Cache Valley award recipients dating back to the early 80s.

In keeping with the solemn and dignified presentation made by Mr. Henney, we wish to express our deep appreciation for this honor. Please convey our heartfelt thanks to your Board of Trustees and to the award selection committee as well. When gifts are given, though the recipients are undeserving and the gifts unearned, the gifts are then recognized by all as gifts of love.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank the Bridgerland Audubon Society for its financial and joint venture support of the Logan Canyon Nature Center. It's a good feeling to be a part of this wonderful undertaking.

To celebrate the two events we took off two days after the annual banquet for the Red Rock Country of Southern Utah. Our four and six-year-old grandchildren brought their parents along for eleven days of delightful times hiking, climbing and observing nature by day and toasting marshmallows around campfires by night.

We are slowly coming back to earth from the events of the recent past, and it is from this sense of well-being that we say, once again, thank you to all of you our friends and co-workers for your gift of love.

Very truly yours,

Merv Coover  
Mae Coover

## Recent Outings Reports

April 24-27 found 26 BAS members enjoying spectacular weather and scenery in Zion National Park. Angel's Landing, Hidden Canyon, Weeping Rock, the Narrows, Checkerboard Mesa, and other sites provided a diversity of plants, animals, and geology to observe.

May 8-10 an additional 23 Audubon enthusiasts experienced the whitewaters of the Colorado and Green Rivers. The weather was sunny, but we all got soaked from the rapids and intermittent water fights.

## New Members

Virginia C Anderson  
Julie Burruss  
Jonathan Call  
Kent Christensen  
Ricky Christensen  
Ms Barbara S Hale  
Rory Hoth  
H Richard Hurren  
Susanne Janecke  
Isabel Katana  
Dr Donald F Kline  
JaNae Kresie  
Ted Kyriopoulos  
Kevin McArthur  
Rebecca Monhardt  
Dax Olsen  
Mrs Betty Phillips  
Kami Ryan  
Mark W Smith  
Sara Smith  
Dorie Stolley  
Gene & Melle Washington  
Mr Lawson R Williams

## Renewing Members

Leon C Astle  
Diana L Bever  
Beth Booton  
Carolyn R Chase  
Mrs Linda A Chisholm  
T W Daniel  
Scott Datwyler  
Terry Hall  
Nathan & Chris Hult  
Deann Lester  
Alice Lindahl  
Bill McCammon  
Mr. James D Morgan  
Louise Murch  
Mr Rex E Robinson  
Eugene W Schupp  
Alan Stevenson & Catherine Sharpsteen  
Robert R Trowbridge  
Wayne Wurtsbaugh

