



OUR LEGISLATORS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

The March 4th meeting of the Audubon Society of the Everglades will feature a timely panel discussion as the Florida legislative session nears.

The panel will include the following elected members of our House of Representatives: Gene Campbell, Ed Healey, Ray Liberti, Jim Watt and Eleanor Weinstock. They will each make a short opening address and then answer questions from the floor which deal with environmental and conservation issues.

Walter Gworek, ASE's conservation chairman, will act as moderator.

Make a note to attend this very important meeting on Tuesday, March 4th, at 7:30 p.m. at the West Palm Beach Garden Club Center, North Dreher Park Trail.

Bring your friends, they're always welcome. We want to show our representatives that we care about, and are aware of, the many environmental issues that affect all of us.
(Sy Magnus)

FIELD TRIPS FOR MARCH

Three varied and unique walks are scheduled for March. On the 8th, we meet at Century Corners parking lot

under the sign near Okeechobee Road. From there we drive on the dike road to the West Palm Beach Water Catchment Area where we will walk on the dike. We should see some exciting birds, possibly some otters, and view scenes of how the everglades of the area originally appeared.

On Tuesday, March 11, Ray Plockelman will lead the Owl Prowl. Meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Marsh Parking Lot in the Loxahatchee Wildlife Refuge. Bring a strong flashlight. DON'T SQUEAK, OR THEM BIG OLD OWLS IS GONNA GITCHA IF YOU DON'T WATCH OUT.

The next day, Wednesday, March 12, at 5:30 p.m., we meet on Southern Blvd. at the Causeway Parking Lot between the two bridges crossing Lake Worth. Our object is to watch the large flocks of vultures soaring over the beach just before they roost for the night. We will also see the wading birds fly into their island roost.

Please come to see these beautiful flight patterns. It is not necessary to know the birds. Don't let the Bird Listers intimidate you; they have a special sport of their own. The purpose of the March trips is to demonstrate to you the joy and fun of seeing the flowing grace of the life dance.
(Hank McCall)

AUDUBON AT THE FAIR

Another South Florida Fair has come and gone, and so has the successful premiere of the Society's new exhibit. Those members who sat with the exhibit had the opportunity to make many new friends and to spread the word about the Audubon Society and our goals.

Many thanks to Ann and Chuck Ayers, Don and Marji Braender, Mary Campbell, Sylvia Dunham, Walt Gworek, Dick and Nancy Harrington, Gloria Hunter, Cathy Laessig, Sy Magnus, Louise Morgan, Leah Schad, Ruth Trumpower and Louise Van Acker. Thanks also to the many friends who accompanied the above volunteers. (John Agnew)

SHARK VALLEY FIELD TRIP

On February 9th, 35 hardy birders, led by Ann Ayers, met at 6:30 a.m. at the Pine Jog Center for a bus tour to Shark Valley in Everglades National Park.

Upon arrival at Shark Valley, we were amazed to see no less than 15 Everglade Kites hovering in the air. Normally one rare Kite is a treat, but this number was incredible.

We boarded a tram which penetrated the "river of grass," revealing its secrets. The Park Ranger on the tram explained the ecology of the Everglades and how the wet and dry seasons affect the environment.

Among the birds we saw were various kinds of herons, egrets, ibis, black-crowned and yellow-crowned night herons, limpkins, purple gallinule, and an Everglade Kite flying with an apple snail in its bill. The day's total was 37 species of birds, three white-tailed deer, and innumerable alligators.

Before boarding our bus for home, we were given a special treat. A Park Ranger with a boa constrictor wrapped around his arm fascinated us with a description of the life of snakes, pointing out the differences between the poisonous and the non-poisonous among the 26 snakes native to Florida. (Saul Rimberg)

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

With this issue of the KITE is your Family Solar Energy Conference brochure. Additional copies are available. If you cannot attend the conference, pass your brochure on to a neighbor or friend. We need a few more volunteers to help with the conference. Please speak to Walter Gworek or myself if you have some time to spare on April 19th.

The Region XI Science Fair took place on February 21, 22 and 23 at the Palm Beach Mall. ASE provided two judges, David Silverman and Cathy Laessig. After David and Cathy finished judging for the schools, I joined them to interview students for ASE awards.

Our prize winners in the Senior Division were: 1st place, Douglas Mitchell, North Shore High School, for his exhibit, "OPEC II: Removal of Solid Oil Waste From Coastal Beaches;"

2nd place, David Lim, Palm Beach Gardens High School, for his exhibit, "Chemical Coagulation: A Solution for the Eutrophication Process." Interestingly enough, both these young men received our awards last year, only their positions were reversed. We will renew their memberships in Audubon and they were presented with checks for \$20 and \$10 respectively.

In the Junior Division, our 1st place winner was Helen Dulson, First Baptist Day School, for her exhibit, "Oil Spills Spoil: Let's Clean It Up." Helen decided to experiment with trash trees - melaleuca and Australian pine - to see if there were any good uses for these two trees. She found that melaleuca sawdust absorbed more crude oil than hay, cotton, cloth, feathers, commercial sponges and Australian pine sawdust. Our 2nd place winner was Erin McDaniel, Howell Watkins Junior High, for her exhibit, "Salt Water Intrusion Into Florida's Potable Water." Junior Division prizes were identical to those of the Senior Division.

Doris Mager's visit to the Palm Beaches was most successful. She gave talks at the following elementary schools: Wynnbrook, Palm Beach Gardens, Berkshire, Kirklane, and Forest Hill. We are grateful to The Post, The Evening Times and Channel 5 for the excellent publicity which they gave her visit.

According to a recent report received from National Audubon, our chapter has added only 26 new members through our own efforts in the period July 1, 1979 thru December 31, 1979. Eighty-two new members were added as a result of National's efforts. I would like to urge everyone to be sure and use the membership form on the ASE program when signing up new members, or obtain a form from our membership chairman, Gloria Hunter. There is no dues split for the first year on new members recruited by National. If we sign up a new member, we receive money for the first year. Another important factor is to mail the NEW applications directly to Gloria, 1716 North 13th Avenue, Lake Worth 33460. She has graciously agreed to mail all new memberships to National. This will accomplish two things: 1 - we can put the new member on the KITE mailing list immediately, and 2 - we can monitor the dues split more closely. Incidentally, if we increase our chapter membership 20% by June 30, 1980, we will receive \$5 for each new member.

At the Board of Directors meeting on Feb. 20, it was voted to reimburse at the rate of 20¢ per mile any individual officially representing ASE (by Board action) at a conference, hearing, convention, etc. The Board realizes this is a new policy and something that has 'never been done before,' but then we never have had to pay \$1.25 per gallon for gasoline either. The Board also voted to approve the new financial arrangements with National Audubon which were read at the February membership meeting.

H.R. 5981 is a bill to establish a Barr Islands National Park. This bill would include all undeveloped land on barrier islands on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts as of January 1, 1979. Congressman Philip Burton is the originator of the bill, along with 26 other

AUDUBON SOCIETY OF THE EVERGLADES

A N N U A L
D I N N E R M E E T I N G

April 8, 1980, 6:30 P.M.

at

Ramada Inn

Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. at I-95

Dr. Neil Frank, director of the National Hurricane Center in Miami, will be our guest speaker, with elections and a brief meeting to follow. If you cannot make the dinner, but wish to hear Dr. Frank and attend the Annual Membership Meeting, please arrive around 8:00 P.M.

Social Hour, with cash bar, at 6:30 P.M., full-course dinner at 7:15 P.M. Your choice of fish or chicken - \$9.00 per person (includes tax and gratuity). Reservations must be made by Friday, March 28. Why not fill out and send in right now - don't miss this very interesting speaker and ASE's only slightly-social event.

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PROPOSED NOMINATIONS AND BUDGET

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Audubon Society of the Everglades, Article VII - Nominating Committee, and Article Vi, Sec. 3 - Finance Committee, the following items are prepared and submitted to the membership for its consideration at the Annual Meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 8, 1980.

PROPOSED OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 1980 - 1981

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Nominations may also be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting, providing consent of the nominee has been obtained. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Cathy Laessig, chairperson; Ann Ayers and Steve Bollinger.

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PRESIDENT'S DESK (cont'd)

congressmen, including Dante Fascell of Miami. Although the bill is still in committee, we urge you to write our representative, Dan Mica, urging him to co-sponsor the bill because Air Force Beach and Big Munyon Island qualify for inclusion. Mr. Mica indicates he will take a wait-and-see attitude, but perhaps a deluge of letters will change his mind. He needs to become more aware of the environmental concerns of his constituents back home and take a firmer stand.

I attended the Isaac Walton League State Convention on Feb. 23 at Corbett Area Youth Camp. Topics included deer management in Fla., endangered species protection, Big Cypress, and fisheries management in Everglades National Park.

Guy Coheleach, noted wildlife artist, will be in the Palm Beaches March 13 and 14. All members will receive invitations to an exhibit of his original paintings and reproductions, to be held at the Flagler Museum. Proceeds will benefit the Dreher Park Zoo, but there is no obligation for you to purchase anything.

(Leah Schad)

PROPOSED BUDGET 1980 - 1981

INCOME

Interest on Savings Account	\$ 600
Interest on Conservation Fund	4,500
Sales (net)	200
Dues	2,500
Wildlife Film Series Ticket Sales	1,500
Retained Excess Revenue	4,000
Anticipated Donations and Bequests	1,500
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	\$14,800

EXPENSES

PRESIDENT	\$ 200
SECRETARY	100
TREASURER	85
EVERGLADE KITE	2,000
PROGRAMS	700
CONSERVATION	
Friends of the Everglades	\$ 200
Nature Conservancy	100
Florida Conservation Foundation	200
Subscriptions, memberships, misc.	300
LEGISLATIVE	500
SANCTUARIES	250
EDUCATION	
Science Museum	200
Pine Jog	300
Junior Audubon	300
Education Workshops	500
Wildlife Film Series	3,050
SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, DONATIONS	
Bonnie Findlay (Bambi Sanctuary)	300
Memberships to Area Schools	300
West Palm Beach Garden Club	720
Awards	100
PUBLICITY	100
BIRD CENSUS	150
FLORIDA AUDUBON	1,200
FIELD TRIPS	50
MEMBERSHIP	50
NATURE TRAIL	200
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	25
EXHIBITS (South Florida Fair, etc.)	600
MERCHANDISE FOR SALES TABLE	300
CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS, TRAVEL EXPENSES	800
HOSPITALITY	100
TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENSES	\$13,980
CONTINGENCY	820
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	\$14,800

Approved by the Board of Directors 2/20/80 for submission to the membership.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Atlantis: Mrs. Herbert A. Miller

Boynton Beach: Mr. & Mrs. James Roy

Delray Beach: Mrs. William Randall

Juno: Louis P. Newbaker

Jupiter: Dr. & Mrs. C.E. Arntzen

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Lake Worth: Craig & Ann Ernst, Peter
Maetese, Joann Wells

Lantana: Irma Schmitt

Manalapan: Dr. Gerald K. Shortz

Miami: Peggy Smelt

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Palm Beach: R.L. Caleen, Victor J.
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Bernard Winter

Palm Springs: Richard G. Sanderson

Riviera Beach: Jean J. Clarkson

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