

ANNUAL MEETING FEATURES DR. FRANK

At ASE's annual dinner meeting to be held April 8th at Ramada Inn on Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., we will be privileged to have Dr. Neil Frank, head of the National Hurricane Center Miami, as our guest speaker.

When it comes to hurricanes, Dr. Frank is the most knowledgeable person in Florida. In his talk, he will share some of his experiences with us and will illustrate it with appropriate slides.

If you are unable to attend the dinner at 7:15 p.m., you are welcome to come at 8 p.m. to hear Dr. Frank. A brief business meeting will follow.

Among the guests who will be joining us for the evening are County Commissioners Peggy Evatt, Bill Bailey and Frank Foster. (Sy Magnus)

Banquet reservations are still possible if you will contact Program Chairman Sy Magnus immediately. Call 686-4254.

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 7 A.M., C-18 Canal and PGA Blvd. We will walk north on this canal bank to look for ducks and water birds in the cypress forest that stretches along the west bank. Trip will last three hours.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 8 A.M. Hypoluxo Island. Park west of bridge. Walk to meet on corner of Lantana Road and the Island, 3-hour trip.

SATURDAY, MAY 3 8 A.M., Royal Poinciana Chapel Parking Lot for a walk on the Lake Trail.

SATURDAY, MAY 10, Spring Bird Count. Obtain your assignment from Howard and Gloria.

WEEKEND, MAY 16, 17, 18. Sanibel Island. We will meet at 7:30 A.M. on Saturday, May 17, at the Island Shopping Center Parking Lot (corner of Periwinkle Way and Tarpon Bay Road) for a good trip through the Ding Darling Preserve. Make your motel reservations early. Here are some suggestions:

Song of the Sea	1-813-472-2220
Surfrider	472-2161
Westwind	472-1541
Gallery	472-1400
Jolly Roger	472-1700
Islander Inn	472-1561
Snook	472-1345
Ramada Inn	472-4123

SUCCESSFUL OWL PROWL

Twenty-four night birders reported to Ray Ploakelman for the Owl Prowl. What a splendid leader is Ray! He started out by showing two great horned owls in the cypress tree tops, then an adult and chick in a nest. He then called up a pair of screech owls with his own voice, which is really very sexy, at least to owls.

After an hour of this excitement we moved to Power Line Road to search for barred owls. Ray hooted by tape and "au natural" for an hour without results. The barred owls were just not romantic. Finally at 8:30 p.m. we broke up and all headed for home. Then guess what happened? As we were driving out with only seven birders left, an excited owl practically flew into Ray's car. Then she perched in a tree a few feet off the road and asked Ray, "Who cooks for you'all?" for this was a southern barred owl. When this owl hoots, she puts her whole body into the action. So we watched Ray and this bird talk for half an hour. When she finally learned Ray was a hopeless bachelor, she left.

"The wise old owl stood on an oak
The more she heard, the less she spoke
The less she spoke, the more she heard
Why can't we all be like that wise
old bird?" (Hank McCall)

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

This has been a very busy Spring. In fact, there are no signs of slowing down.

The Family Solar Energy Conference is almost here. Remember, the date is Saturday, April 19, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Allied Health Center Bldg., PBJC. If you haven't made your reservation, you are urged to do so immediately. Call Walt Gworek, 659-7644, or Cathy Leassig, 683-3112. By the way, we could still use a couple of volunteer teachers to help the children's program.

Earlier the same week, on Thursday, April 17, the Palm Beach County

Library on Summit Blvd. officially opens the Audubon Collection given by ASE. Ceremonies are scheduled for 6:30 p.m., with our own Tom McElroy as guest speaker. The library staff hopes to see many Audubon members there. Please make an effort to attend.

Since we have two significant events that week, we have requested, and hope the County Commission will issue a proclamation declaring April 14 to 20 as Audubon Society of the Everglades Week.

Bette Longhurst has agreed to chair the Audit Committee again this year. It will include Frank Eaton and Mike Burkhardt. We are grateful to these members for serving in this important capacity.

It was with great delight that we learned last week that Air Force Beach and Big Muncy Island have been designated for inclusion in the Barrier Island National Park bill (H.R. 5981). The bill is scheduled for committee hearings on March 24 and 27 and will go to the House in May. We must now write letters to Representative Dan Mica, 512 Cannon Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515, urging him to support the legislation and become a co-sponsor of the bill.

We helped coordinate Peter Quincy's canoe trip along the Palm Beach County coast. Thanks to Bonnie and Bob Bergen and Margi and Don Braender for giving him food and lodging for the night. Also to Bob Burns of The Post, County Commissioner Peggy Evatt and Ken Berg for canoeing with Mr. Quincy.

As far as we have been able to determine, the Governor and Cabinet will reach a decision on the Fox property on April 1st or 15th. Since we cannot be absolutely sure of the date at this writing, it is imperative that you write the Governor, and as many Cabinet members as possible, as soon as you receive this newsletter. Please urge them to over-rule the hearing officer's decision and protect these wetlands and wildlife habitat.

The island sanctuaries south of the Southern Blvd. Bridge are under

threat from a proposed development. These islands are leased to the National Audubon Society, with ASE as custodian. The permit application (Green Sheet) is out. We have requested an Environmental Impact Study and a public hearing. Since our request went in, we have received correspondence from the Town of Palm Beach, Garden Club of Palm Beach, Florida Audubon Society, and the Southeastern Coalition of Audubon Chapters supporting our position. We will let you know when the public hearing is scheduled so we can pack the room.

The National Park Service is holding an informational meeting in the Tequesta Village Hall on March 31 at 7:30 p.m. The Park Service is gathering public input for its wild- and-scenic-river study of the Loxahatchee. All interested parties should attend.

The Board of Directors accepted with deep regret the resignation of Louise Morgan as organizer for the seasonal nature trail walks. If anyone can help with this, please speak to Hella Wayman, Nature Trail Chairperson, 832-1800.

Cathy Laessle and I attended the National Wildlife Conference in Miami March 21-23, as well as the NAS meeting there on Sunday, the 23rd.

We hope to see you at the annual meeting on April 8th. We have several surprises planned and, if you have never heard Dr. Frank speak, he'll teach us in a hurry how important the Barrier Island National Park bill is. We will be voting on your officers, directors, and the 1980-81 budget as published in your March KITE. (Leah Schad)

KITE STRINGS

Our outgoing president, Leah Schad, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Florida Conservation Foundation, publishers of ENFO, as also to the Executive Committee of FAS. Congratulations, Leah, and best wishes as you expand your efforts for the Audubon cause.

* * * * *

FAS invites participants to join its second annual Canoe-A-Thon down the Wekiva River on May 3. Canoeists raised over \$6,000 last year for the conservation of wildlife through sponsor-support pledges. Ye Ed. has information or write FAS Canoe-A-Thon, P. O. Drawer 7, Maitland 32751.

* * * * *

Pine Jog's next bus trip: Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, April 16, leave Pine Jog 7 a.m., return 6 p.m. Registration \$20, deadline April 9, call 686-6600 for more information.

* * * * *

The American Society of Mammalogists has just published "Ecology and Behavior of the Manatee in Florida" by D.S. Hartman. Available for \$10 from the secretary-treasurer of the Society, Dr. Duane A. Schlitter, Section of Mammals, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, 4400 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

* * * * *

Dry Tortugas Tour led by Roger Tory Peterson and Peter Matthiassen on May 10-12, cost of \$405 includes all lodging, food, guides, etc. Contact Victor Emanuel Tours, P.O. Box 4429, Austin, Texas 78765.

* * * * *

Made your summer plans yet? Don't overlook the Audubon Ecology Camps. Write promptly to Camp Department, National Audubon Society, 950 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022.

* * * * *

NATURE TRAIL NEWS

The nature trail guided tours have been very well attended on Saturdays at 3 p.m. They will continue until the last Saturday in April.

We still need help very badly on Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m., or at any other time. A meeting of the Friends of the Custard Apple Trail was held in the Park Conference Room on March 20. Suggestions were to contact scout or school groups for assistance; however, for this we need a few supervisors. (continued)

Another memory donation has been received from Betty and Howard Jeffrey in honor of their mother, Blanche Wilbur Gilbert. Many thanks.
(Louise Morgan)

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Boynton Beach: Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Nattans

Delray Beach: Mrs. Janet Smith

Hobe Sound: Ms. Diane G. Corbett

Juno: Willard H. Shiffert

Jupiter: A. L. Akawie, Theresa Bussey, Francis M. Keenan, Betty and Harry Kuck, Jr.

Lake Park: R. B. Furman

Lake Worth: Mrs. Eleanora Maley, Pam Marietta, John I. Porter, James L. Siemon

Loxahatchee: Don Stewart

North Palm Beach: Marcia Halpern, Stephanie Martyak

Palm Beach: Dundas Leavitt (a new Life Member)

Riviera Beach: Sydney B. Worraker

Singer Island: Jaime H. Rivera, MD

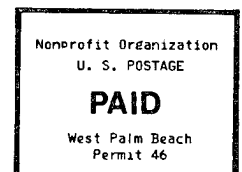
Tequesta: Robert H. Adam, J. David McCrabb

West Palm Beach: Mrs. G. Arbogast, Camille M. Firpo, Charles E. Fletcher, James Lupton, S. McAliley, Bill Metcalf, Jill S. Midgett, Ms. Marion Phelps, Rev. Jack Randall, John Shirk

Out-of-state: Anna B. Sides, Bristol, R.I.

DON'T FORGET THE BANQUET AND
ANNUAL MEETING ON TUESDAY,
APRIL 8. CALL 686-4254 FOR
RESERVATIONS

EVERGLADE KITE
P. O. Box 6762
West Palm Beach, Fl. 33405



PALM BEACH CO. LIBRARY SYSTEM
3650 SUMMIT BLVD.
W. PALM BEACH, FL. 33406