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## The President's Column by Steve Havara

By the time this newsletter arrives, we should be enjoying the fall weather, scenery, and outdoor recreational opportunities. I certainly won't be missing the hot, humid and dry weather that seemed to hang around forever in late summer. I am somewhat encouraged about the reasonable population levels of some species of wildlife that I have seen locally. After the nasty winter, I managed to observe a total of 4 rather haggard-looking bobwhites in early spring that somehow made it through the persistent deep snow and cold we experienced in Central Illinois. While checking bluebird boxes in my CRP field in July one day, I was quite pleased to have two large coveys of young quail take flight in my presence. Of course, I am assuming that the successful hatches were a result of the various types of cover provided on my side of the fences rather than the corn and soybean fields that grace the neighboring landscapes. This experience demonstrates the resilience of populations to recover if they have adequate habitat conditions. We currently have a couple of opportunities to make some major impacts on wildlife habitats and programs.



As you know, our agricultural policies affect many more acres across our nation than are provided on public refuges. It is imperative that appropriate conservation measures are included in these policies. We have been fortunate to have had the Farm Bill in place since 1985, but now it's time to incorporate strong conservation provisions in the 2002 version. TWS has been very active in this arena. Our parent society would like to see the 2002 Farm Bill expand the enrollment goal of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to 45 million acres, expand the enrollment goal of the Wetlands Reserve Program to 250,000 acres per year through

the duration of the Farm Bill, expand the Wildlife Habitat Program Incentives Program goal to \$100 million, establish a grassland/prairie reserve program of up to 1 million acres, and increase technical assistance to farmers in cooperation with NRCS by hiring additional wildlife biologists.

Reauthorization of the Farm Bill began in late July when the House Agricultural Committee passed a new version. Among some of the major components included were a CRP mark-up of 39.5 million acres, an added 150,000 acres annually of Wetland Reserve Program sign-ups, and creation of a new Grassland Reserve Program at 2 million acres. Consideration of the bill by the full House of Representatives is tentatively scheduled for September.

TWS has undertaken a Farm Bill Campaign to make sure our voice and concerns are heard in the new version. Our NCS contributed \$500 to the Farm Bill Campaign to help support the parent society efforts. You too can help TWS with this important legislation by writing a letter to your local newspaper, contacting your U.S. senators and representative, and by sending a contribution to TWS for the Farm Bill Campaign. Along these lines, an important reference for you to have is "A Comprehensive Review of Farm Bill Contributions to Wildlife Conservation, 1985-2000." This exceptional technical report published in December 2000 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Wildlife Habitat Management Institute is available online at <http://www.ms.nrcs.usda.gov/whmi/>.

We have another opportunity to further our cause with a second round of CARA legislation after the monumental efforts put forth by our colleagues and constituents last year. H.R. 701, the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA) was passed by the House Resources Committee in late July with strong bipartisan support. The bill would use offshore oil and natural gas royalties to help states manage their natural and historical resources. This legislation would support coastal land rehabilitation after offshore drilling activity, state and federal land acquisition for outdoor recreation and wildlife conservation, proactive management of nongame wildlife and plants, and the preservation of historical structures. At this time,

CARA is awaiting House floor action. Our NCS-TWS has signed onto the CARA coalition and you can help as well by seeking support from your congressional delegation.

### **Other Information**

The theme of the Midwest this year is Transitions in the Conservation Landscape. Mike Foy, chairman for the 2001 symposium, and his committee are well on their way with this year's symposium, "The Public Trust in Wildlife Conservation." If you have ideas for our 2003 symposium, please let me or another officer know of your suggestions. The annual meeting for our Section will be Monday, December 10, from noon-2 p.m. We would like to see you there. Our Executive Committee meeting for incumbent and newly-elected officers and state chapter presidents, or their designee, will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Sunday, 9 December.

Please look over the biographies of the candidates for office in this newsletter and cast your vote for your choices for those colleagues willing to offer their time on our behalf. Our nominations committee did a commendable job!

Our current supply of proceedings is available at no cost for state and student chapter functions. They are available from Pat Brown, our Section's Publications Sales Coordinator (217-244-4289; [pbrown@mail.inhs.uiuc.edu](mailto:pbrown@mail.inhs.uiuc.edu)). The parent society approved our NCS By-law changes in April, so the efforts of our previous officers who volunteered to take on this major undertaking were rewarded. You might want to check out our NCS-TWS web site (<http://www.crk.umn.edu/tws/NCS>) developed by John Loegering of the University of Minnesota, Crookston. Thanks, John!

Lastly, I hope you can attend this year's Midwest because the 2002 conference originally scheduled for Ontario has been cancelled. Have an enjoyable fall and thank you for your interest in our society. We'll look forward to convening in Des Moines. In the meantime, keep your nose to the wind and the sun to your back!

## Rep Report by Dan Svedarsky

Greetings once again to you North Central Section Wildlifers! I am just back from the Annual TWS Conference and Council meetings in Reno, which registered 1840 and hosted many papers and posters. It was a great session in spite of some travel difficulties and anxiousness related to “Terrible Tuesday.” It is reassuring to note the resolve of people in uniting in spirit at this time and let us in resource management do all we can to ensure that this unity extends and continues, not just to national security, but to global sustainability as well.

This is my last communiqué as your Section Representative. Gary Potts, from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, was “sworn-in” at the Reno meeting and will thrive as your new representative to Council. It has been a pleasure working with Gary on TWS matters in the Section over the years as he is one of the most dedicated wildlife professionals I know. My predecessor and now TWS President, Diana Hallett, described this assignment as “exhilarating.” She was right and I am so proud to be associated with TWS people who do things for the right reasons.

As always, a full slate of business was done at Council and highlights are as follows:

- To stay current with the changing work scene, TWS certification program criteria will be reviewed/discussed as part of a session at the 2002 Annual Conference.
- A topical outline and authors have been mostly identified for the 6<sup>th</sup> Techniques Manual.
- An excellent book, *Human Dimensions of Wildlife Management in North America*, has been published by TWS and was edited by Dan Decker (newly elected TWS Vice-President), Tommy Brown, and Bill Siemer of Cornell.



- The TWS web page continues to be expanded and face-lifted to provide an efficient and interesting mode of communication. (If you haven't checked out [www.wildlife.org](http://www.wildlife.org) recently, note there is now a link to the North Central Section with John Loegering as the web master).
- Council is reviewing a proposal to establish a “fellows” program which would involve naming select TWS members to serve as resource specialists when their particular expertise is needed.
- Approved a comprehensive, *Wildlife Fertility Control* technical review paper that will form the basis for a position paper to be considered in the future.
- A technical review proposal for global warming was approved which will likely be coordinated with a session at the 2002 Annual Conference. A position statement may eventually result.
- Endorsed the Alaska Chapter's position statement on oil/gas exploration and development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).
- Former NCS-TWS Representative and retired University of Minnesota wildlife professor, Dan Frenzel, was honored with a TWS Council Special Award of Appreciation. Frenzel was a popular student advocate and one of the original architects of the certification program. David Samuel also received this recognition.
- North Central Section member, Bill Clark, was a co-editor along with Henry Murkin and Arnold van der Valk for *Prairie Wetland Ecology: The contributions of the marsh ecology research program*, which received TWS Editorship Award.
- The Don Rusch Memorial Game Bird Scholarship was awarded to Michael Gregg, a Ph.D. student at Oregon State working on sage grouse.
- Students signing on with TWS before 1 November will receive the November-December *Wildlifer* as an “early membership” benefit.

- Approved a \$150,000 budget for an 18-month development project designed to raise \$2,000,000 for TWS Legacy Fund.
- Approved a TWS Diversity Award to recognize programs that further minority and women recruitment into the wildlife profession.
- Approved a proposal from Cornell University to randomly survey 10% of TWS membership to assess their satisfaction level with TWS publications.

I hope to see all of you at the upcoming Midwest in Des Moines where the Iowa folks are staging a great show. Gary Potts and I, along with the Iowa State Student Chapter, will be hosting a student leader's lunch and forum to provide an opportunity for student chapter members and advisors to share the good works they're doing, promote communications, and get the Midwest Student Conclaves back on track. This event is scheduled for Sunday, 9 December, commencing at 11:30. Students are the future of our profession and this event will celebrate their accomplishments and assist continued action.

Also, mark your calendars to attend the 2002 Annual Conference scheduled for Bismarck, North Dakota on 24-28 September. It's just on the edge of the North Central Section states and, because there will not be a regularly scheduled Midwest next year, be doubly sure that you plan to attend.

Best wishes, and again, it has been a distinct honor to serve as your representative to TWS Council for the past 3 years. Thanks a bunch for the opportunity.




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## Reports From Around The Section

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### INDIANA CHAPTER

*by Phil Seng*

The Indiana Chapter began 2001 with a meeting devoted to the put & take hunting issue. A wide variety of speakers gave presentations on the legal, economic, health, and ethical considerations of this complex issue. Presentations were followed by a half-day facilitated session in which chapter members began laying the groundwork for development of a chapter position statement. An ad hoc committee was formed to further develop a position statement for consideration by the full chapter at the fall meeting.

ICTWS adopted an excellent resolution in support of the responsible and lawful harvest of furbearers through trapping and hunting. This resolution not only communicates the sound biological basis for furbearer hunting and trapping, it also contains key outreach messages that have been shown to be effective in communicating with the non-trapping public about furbearer management issues.

ICTWS is sponsoring a conference titled "*Gaining Ground: Natural Resource Professionals Exploring Land Use Solutions*" on October 23-24 in Indianapolis. Concurrent sessions will explore many issues of regional interest, including the role of natural resource professionals in comprehensive planning and zoning, conservation easements and land trusts, strategies for integrating conservation programs to maximize land conservation benefits, costs of development, use of GIS in community planning, and more. This "mega-conference" is being co-hosted by the American Fisheries Society, the Purdue University Land Use Team, the Indiana Parks and Recreation Association, the Urban Forest Council, the Biodiversity Initiative, and the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. For more information, contact Continuing Education chair Dean Zimmerman at 765-463-0032.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources is considering providing pay increases to professionals who are certified by their professional

societies. At the urging of ICTWS, parent society Executive Director Harry Hodgdon sent a letter to Indiana DNR director Larry Macklin, urging the DNR to follow through on this proposal. The Director did forward this proposal, along with a copy of Hodgdon's letter, to the state Department of Personnel.

ICTWS worked with many other state conservation organizations to secure passage of the Clean Water Indiana Initiative, a bill that will provide funding and expertise for a wide array of soil and water conservation measures throughout Indiana watersheds. The bill had its funding stripped out and added back several times as it made its way through the General Assembly, but in the end it passed with a \$2 million appropriation.

Through use of letters, faxes, e-mails, and phone calls, the ICTWS worked with the 120 other organizations on the Indiana CARA Coalition to convince four members of the Indiana congressional delegation to cosponsor CARA. The bill currently has 240 cosponsors in the U.S. House of Representatives. ICTWS will continue to spend significant time and effort on this critical natural resources legislation.

The chapter continued its tradition of contributing funds and support to issues/causes that are true to our mission. Specifically, we:

- \*Contributed funds to the Western Section, TWS, to help support the annual conference to be held in Reno at the end of September.

- \*Provided travel funds to help the state winners of the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program attend the national contest in Wyoming.

- \*Contributed to the parent society in support of the 2002 Farm Bill campaign. Our chapter Farm Bill chair also drafted a letter regarding the Farm Bill which we sent to the entire Indiana congressional delegation.

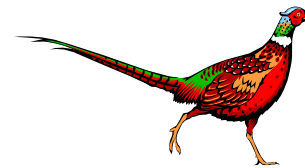
## **IOWA CHAPTER**

*by Donald Pfeiffer*

The Iowa Chapter-TWS is busy with preparation for the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference to be held December 9-12 in Des Moines, Iowa. A committee is active in planning to judge

the Student Papers. This will require several teams of members since there are several concurrent sessions. Another committee is actively preparing a fund raising raffle for all those who attend the opportunity to win some fine outdoor equipment. I understand there will be a two-person canoe, tents, turkey/fish fryer, framed wildlife prints, and several other items. So bring an extra \$20 or more to donate to the Iowa Chapter.

No summer or fall meeting is planned this year. A Chapter statement has been prepared on the Missouri River Water Level Management plan and one encouraging cooperation with NRCS offices on WRP management. Other efforts have been made to inform and encourage our Congressmen to support CRP, WRP, and EQIP.



## **MICHIGAN CHAPTER**

*by Kelly Millenbah*

As mentioned in our last report, this year has been one of rebuilding for the Michigan Chapter of TWS. Several committees have regrouped and refocused and are adding tremendous depth to the chapter. The Professional Development Committee (Co-Chairs Dean Beyer and Jim Schneider) was charged with developing a student-professional work experience program. The goal is to give students an opportunity to spend time with a wildlife professional to gain insight into what it is like to work in this field. Our Information and Education Committee (Chair Tammy Giroux) is developing a website for our Chapter. This website will allow the Michigan Chapter to identify who we are and what benefits this organization has to offer wildlife professionals. The website will also include calendar of events, newsletters, and position statements. This committee has also created a list-serve much like the Parent Society's list serve to help keep the membership connected. The Fall Program Committee (Chair Brent Rudolph) has been

busy planning our fall meeting. The fall meeting will function more like a workshop and will focus on Applications of Adaptive Wildlife Management. The workshop will be used to define what constitutes adaptive wildlife management, discuss challenges and opportunities presented by framing wildlife management programs in an adaptive context, and review examples (and potentially evaluate the success or failure) of adaptive management programs. Under COWCH, Chair Larry Caldwell has been actively interviewing several of Michigan's pioneering wildlife biologists. Very shortly we will be sending out ballots for new officers. This year's elections will bring in a new president-elect and two new board members. Watch for continued improvements from the Michigan Chapter.

## **MINNESOTA CHAPTER**

*by Gary Huschle*

Your committees and board members have been active on behalf of the Chapter. We participated in a FAX day to gain support for CARA with the House Resource Committee. We sent letters to Minnesota's congressional delegation requesting them to incorporate the Association of Midwest Fish and Wildlife Agencies' recommendations into the Farm Bill. These recommendations followed closely what the parent chapter of TWS had listed as its priorities for the Farm Bill. We also requested the congressional delegation support CARA.

The MNDNR invited the Chapter to participate in a Forest Summit, May 30 – June 1. Harry Hutchins and Mike Houser represented us at the summit. Jodie Provost has completed the draft of the position paper on Short Rotation Woody Crop Production. The Board will review the paper and make a decision on approval at the fall Board meeting.

Dave Pauly and Lloyd Knudson continue to represent us at Fish and Wildlife Legislative Alliance. The Alliance supported successful measures to fund LCMR at \$18.3 million in fish and wildlife

habitat projects, \$43 million for state matching for CREP, \$2 million for road mitigation of wetlands, and \$594 million in environmental-natural resources budget bill for DNR. The Alliance reports that while 260,000 acres of Con Con lands were designated WMA or State Forest the 1991 Commissioner order Con Con lands were not designated mainly due to ATV use disagreement. The Alliance is supporting restricted use of ATV's on the WMA's. The Alliance will also continue to work for passage of a dedicated portion of the state sales tax to the game and fish fund, parks and trails and three major zoos.

Fred Bengtson represented the Chapter at the Stearns County Prairie Heritage WMA dedication. The Chapter donated habitat project money toward this acquisition in 1998.

Student interest in TWS is high in Minnesota. This past winter, we welcomed a new student chapter at Univ. of Minnesota-Crookston. This summer we approved a request for another new student chapter at Saint Cloud State University. Dr. Bill Faber will serve as chapter advisor.

Bill Berg brought to our attention that continuing education credits are being used by TWS for certification process and that in some other Societies the local chapters assist with getting credits assigned and keeping their membership informed of the credits that can be earned by attending symposiums/conferences, etc. Pamela Deerwood has volunteered to be our contact person with TWS to get continuing education credits assigned for symposiums, workshops, and conferences. As you come across agendas for these events that you might attend and want to receive continuing education credit under the TWS certification program, please send an agenda to Pam and she will contact the parent chapter to get credits assigned.

## **MISSOURI CHAPTER**

*by Don Martin*

This has been a busy summer for the Missouri Chapter. At our spring meeting of the board, we reviewed a policy statement on confined wildlife hunting operations and finalized a public

statement on current CARA legislation.

We are currently having a successful membership drive and hope to revitalize our membership by getting everyone involved. Scheduled for our annual meeting this coming winter is a panel discussion on using dogs in deer and turkey hunting. This should be a lively session that our members can sink their teeth into.

We would like to welcome a new student chapter at the Missouri Western campus. We look forward to working with them in the upcoming years.

## **OHIO CHAPTER**

*by Scott Butterworth*

The Ohio Chapter-TWS has proposed several changes to their bylaws that address the term of office for elected officials, duties of the Treasurer and Audit Committee, and formal establishment of a Legislation and Governmental Affairs Committee. Members will vote on the proposed changes at the chapter's annual fall meeting at the Buckeye Game Farm on 14 September. The Ohio Chapter cosponsored the first ever Ohio Avian Ecology and Conservation Congress that was held on 3 August at Ohio State University. The conference was attended by more than 250 people from both professional and amateur organizations interested in the conservation of birds in Ohio. Lastly, the chapter is cosponsoring the 42nd Ohio Fish and Wildlife Management Association Conference that will be held on 1 February 2002 at Ohio State University. The theme of the conference is "*Human Dimensions in Fish and Wildlife Management - Challenges and Opportunities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.*" Shawn J. Riley, Ph.D., noted researcher in the field of human dimensions from Michigan State University, will be the keynote speaker. Updated conference information can be found at the following link: [www.dnr.state.oh.us/wildlife/news/fwc](http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/wildlife/news/fwc).



## **BALL STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER**

*by Amy Tegeler*

Spring was a busy time for the Ball State University Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society (BSU-TWS). The chapter hosted a live raptor show on campus presented by Soarin' Hawk, a raptor rehabilitation center. In addition, the public viewed the raptors throughout the day. Students as well as citizens from the town of Muncie enjoyed the show. It was a successful opportunity to educate chapter members and general public about birds of prey.

BSU-TWS also attended the Indiana Chapter of The Wildlife Society state meeting. Members learned about put and take hunting, as well as, introduced themselves to professionals. As a fundraiser, members held a raffle during the social.

Members also participated in a spring mist netting outing in which they gained experience in removing birds from mist nets and processing field data. In addition, many members participated with an ongoing project to restore wildlife habitat on a section of Ball States field areas. The focus of our activity was to remove unwanted exotic trees from the site. The day ended with a relaxing cookout. Other activities included volunteering at The Exotic Feline Rescue Center, camping at Clifty Falls, and manning a booth for Earth Day.

Planned upcoming events for the new school year include a student conference on the Ball State University campus co-sponsored by the BSU-TWS and the student chapter of the Fisheries Society. This conference will be held on February 1-2, 2002 and will be geared towards undergraduate and graduate students. There will be an opportunity for students to present their research, as well as get pointers on how to apply for graduate schools, write a resume, and get a job. The students will also be given an opportunity to meet potential employers. Other upcoming include habitat restoration, mist netting, various fund raisers, volunteering at IDNR deer check stations, creating a BSU-TWS web site, camping, and volunteering at The Exotic Feline Rescue Center.

At our last meeting of the spring semester, our 2001-2002 academic year officers were elected. President Amy Tegeler is a senior in wildlife biology. She has interned at Muscatatuck NWR, Great

Meadows NWR, and is currently working on her undergraduate research on marsh wrens. Nikki Butts was elected vice-president. She is a junior with a wildlife biology option. She put in many hours volunteering for organizations such as ARF (Animal Rescue Fund). The secretary/treasurer is Jamie Bertram, a senior in wildlife biology with a natural resources minor. She has worked as a research technician for ECASE (Engaging Citizens as Stewards of Ecosystems) and has worked at the Indianapolis Zoo.



**HOCKING COLLEGE STUDENT CHAPTER**  
*by Jeremy Sustar*

The spring quarter for the student chapter of The Wildlife Society was pretty busy. We did several projects, had a guest speaker, and held some fun activities. The first project was a tree planting of about 7,000 saplings. A second project was the installation of a wolf pen on our campus, which is still under construction. The club also conducted two deer captures. The first was done for the West Virginia Division of Wildlife on Blannerhasset Island on the Ohio River. The goal was to capture, age, and mark 50 deer with emphasis on yearlings. The second capture was done with the Waterloo Research Station aiming to capture and radio collar newborns. Another project on Blannerhasset Island was our annual spring deer drive where we counted the number of deer on the island as well as the number of deaths from the past winter. The club also had wildlife garden cleanups and plantings in front of our Natural Resources building. The last project during the quarter was checking kestrel nest boxes for utilization during which juvenile and adult kestrels were banded.

Our guest speaker was Colleen Olfenbittel, a graduate student at Virginia Tech studying black bears. Her presentation dealt with the school's black bear program and what they have done and learned

from it. To relieve some stress and relax during the quarter, the club had several activities. We went bowling twice, took a fishing trip on a Lake Erie charter boat, and had a day of fishing at an instructor's pond. We finished the year with our annual spring fling to bid farewell to our graduates.

**OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER**  
*by Vanessa Tisdale*

Out-of-sync for a few years now, our chapter has dug its claws into the ground in an effort to refresh the vitality of the Wildlife Society at Ohio State. During the past academic year, we participated in a number of events to re-wet our teeth as a group, including tracking snowshoe hares, firearms workshops, and numerous social events. A large thanks goes out to the Fish and Wildlife Club at Hocking Tech for inviting our chapter down on a deer drive at Blennerhasset Island! While we are still "catching up" on some administrative issues and reestablishing connections to the North Central Section, our group is alive and well!

Plans for this coming academic year include a tentative plan to work on a habitat management plan for a private landowner, numerous field technique workshops, and the requisite social outings. OSU will be represented at the upcoming Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in Iowa this December, and our hope is to further cement our presence as an active chapter. All of us here at OSU look forward to meeting up with the other student chapters out there! If you would like more information on our activities or contact information, please visit our website at [www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~sctws](http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~sctws).

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER**  
*by Michael Schoof*

Just as the seasons change, so does the Purdue Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society once the school year starts. With the beginning of school, four new officers took the reins of the club. These new officers bring new ideas and plans for the future to the club.

The officers this year are focusing much of their attention on recruitment. In years past, getting underclassmen involved was put on the back burner. The officers feel that this is a vital part of the club and are trying to change this mentality. The club is going to try many new methods of recruitment this year in hopes of getting more people involved. Some of these ideas include department wide sports events and cookouts, weekend camping trips, class presentations, and encouraging professors to push the club in their beginning ecology classes. The club is hoping that with more people involved, more projects can occur.

Some of the projects that we are planning for this year include going to Jasper-Pulaski to see the sandhill crane migration and providing opportunities to take hunter education courses, develop trapping skills, and learn firearm safety. Other planned projects include taking birding trips to Lake Michigan and possibly the Hoosier National Forest, trapping amphibians and reptiles, performing radio telemetry on coyotes, putting out nest boxes for woodducks and eastern bluebirds, and many others. Besides these, we are also going to continue many of our past projects. For instance, we are planning on volunteering at deer check stations so that we can learn techniques such as age determination, taking rumen samples, and other data collection. In the coming spring, the club is going to hold its second annual game roast. This event turned out extremely well last year, with over 100 in attendance, and we hope that even more faculty, staff, and students in the department will come out this year.

In addition to projects and events, we are planning on having a variety of professionals come and talk to our group during its meetings. Currently we have speakers from Ducks Unlimited, Indiana DNR, Columbia Park Zoo, FNR, and other organizations coming to talk to us about many different issues. Seminar topics include environmental issues, wildlife legislation, management tools, insight into graduate school, and conservation. We are hoping this will bring some light to our members about what they can expect once they graduate.

The officers are ready for the challenges of running the club to its maximum potential. We want to develop some long term plans for recruit-

ment, spread our members interest to many different types of animals, leave the club better than we found it, and just have a good time with it all.

## **SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER**

*by John McDonald*

The TWS-student chapter at SIUC had a very productive semester last spring. Our monthly meetings featured several entertaining speakers. We built wood duck boxes and placed them around our campus lake. We will continue with this program in the next year by monitoring the boxes. At the end of March, we held second annual Wildlife Film Festival on campus. This was a bigger success than the first year, with over 100 people attending the 2-evening event. We plan to establish this as a traditional event that we will offer the University community in future years. Not only did the Film Festival bring awareness of wildlife to our audiences, it also raised money for the chapter. We held other fundraisers throughout the semester, such as poster sales, bake sales, and worked concession stands at SIUC's sporting events. We ended the year with our annual spring cookout and the election of new officers for the year 2001-2002.

## **UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS STUDENT CHAPTER**

*by Brian Piccolo*

Last year, our student chapter at the University of Illinois was excited about the surprising success we had in our first year as a chapter. We finished the year with 47 members. After our second meeting of this year, we are pleased to already have 52 paid members. This year, we will hope to improve on our success and continue to build a club that will actively participate in and promote wildlife conservation and stewardship.

The Illini Wildlife Society (ITWS) began its Fall 2001 semester off by traveling to Richardson Wildlife Foundation in West Brooklyn. Prairie plant seeds such as partridge pea, cup plant, rattlesnake master, and western sunflower were col-

lected for future planting on the land. Members also spent time fishing and enjoying other outdoor activities such as hiking and wildlife viewing. In October, the club is planning a weekend trip to Wildlife Prairie State Park in Peoria. They have fauna native to Illinois that we will be observing and learning about. We will also be observing migrating waterfowl along the Illinois River. We are exploring the possibilities of camping during this trip. Also during the fall, there will be opportunities for students to receive experience with wildlife and natural resource related projects. We are currently in contact with people who are conducting research on massasauga rattlesnakes, marbled salamanders, and turtles. We will also be helping a University of Illinois naturalist conduct prescribed burns and collect acorns during the fall for future plantings.

The ITWS Education Committee will also be involved in a wide range of public outreach and education programs this Fall. Members will present talks at Champaign County Audubon Society meetings pertaining to a wide range of topics, the first of which focuses on honeybee ecology. They will be helping local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops fulfill wildlife and environmentally related merit badge requirements. They will also be facilitating wildlife education games at several elementary level after-school child care programs as well as presenting more formal lessons to high school classes. Finally, committee members will themselves be participating in Project Learning Tree, an interdisciplinary environmental education workshop where they will learn new activities and teaching techniques for use in future programs.

This hopes to be another fun and educational year for the ITWS. For additional information please check out our website at: <http://wildlife-society.nres.uiuc.edu>.

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA-CROOKSTON  
STUDENT CHAPTER**

*by Emily J. Spinler*

The Wildlife Society is a new club at UMC, as we received our charter in December 2000 at the 62<sup>nd</sup> Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference held in

conjunction with the Annual Conference of the The Wildlife Society, Minnesota Chapter. Our student chapter nicely complements the new Wildlife Management emphasis, first offered Fall semester 2000 in the Natural Resource Management degree. We had a very productive first semester, and many students are excited, enthused, and looking forward to this year.

One of our first, yet ongoing, projects is creating an Avian Interpretive Display to be exhibited near the campus bird feeders. The goal of this project is to create awareness and appreciation for campus wildlife. The display consists of posters, each with a different species of bird and includes identification tips, migration status, and diet. The posters will be seasonally rotated in the wall mounts, depending upon what species are present at a given time of year.

We hosted speakers on various topics at our club meetings. Gary Huschle, Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge, spoke about moose and American bitterns at the refuge. Rick Horton of the Ruffed Grouse Society gave a presentation on the conservation and management of ruffed grouse and American woodcock. Ross Hier, DNR Wildlife Manager in Polk Co., gave a presentation on his trips to Malaysia.

On 9 March, we enjoyed the fantastic opportunity of snowshoeing to an "open nest" black bear den near Grand Rapids, MN with DNR biologists. While we held her four cubs, the biologists GPS-collared the sow, weighed her, and took measurements. The cubs were then ear tagged, weighed, and measured.

March and April were busy months. We volunteered at Rydell National Wildlife Refuge checking, cleaning, and hanging new wood duck boxes. We also went into the bluebird business—maintaining bluebird houses at the Red River Valley Natural History Area (across the road from the university), constructing our own houses, and installing them around campus.

Also in April, we traveled to Fertile, MN for the Norman County Environmental Education Day, where we taught 6th graders from three area schools about natural resource topics, including wildlife, forestry, white-tailed deer, and wetlands. We hope to make this an annual club activity.

At the final meeting of the 2000-01 school year, we elected the following new officers for 2001-2002: Emily Spinler, President (reelected); Dan Oberg, Vice President; Jenny Linder, Secretary (reelected); Kara Clancy, Treasurer (reelected); Michael Steinhauer, North Central Section Representative; Brenda Jones, Executive Board (reelected); Ryan Gilbertson, Executive Board; Isaac Moll, CSA Representative (Crookston Student Association); and to be appointed, Alternate CSA Representative. Dr. John P. Loegering serves as the chapter advisor.

In mid-September, the officers planned activities for the fall semester. Our first activity will be banding ducks in September at Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge. We will again host speakers at our meetings—Dr. Kevin Church will speak about North American game birds as well as employment in the field of natural resources, and Ross Hier will give a presentation on his recent trip to Tanzania. We will also do some volunteer work for Rydell National Wildlife Refuge and possibly for the Glacial Ridges prairie reconstruction project, the largest prairie reconstruction in the nation. We are planning to construct garden/yard benches to sell as a fundraiser. In December, many of us will be traveling to Des Moines for the 63<sup>rd</sup> Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference.

Our Chapter web page can be found at <http://webhome.crk.umn.edu/clubs/wildlife/>.

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**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON**  
**STUDENT CHAPTER**  
*by Kimberlee Detert*

In the Marsh Monitoring Project, the UW-Madison Chapter of The Wildlife Society conducts a yearly survey in an attempt to monitor populations of marsh birds and amphibians as indicators of marsh health in the Class of 1918/Nielsen

Marsh. In the past few years, leaders and participants have mainly concentrated on avian surveys, identifying and point-counting birds by sight and call or song. This activity has been very beneficial in helping students to better identify the fauna of concern and in actively involving them in a greater effort by Bird Studies Canada, the organization to which our information is sent.

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STEVENS POINT**  
**STUDENT CHAPTER**  
*by Kevin Schiebenedes*

In the past few months, we were delighted to see the affects of some of our hard work and to start the process of planning for a great year. We received a thank you letter from the Mead Wildlife Area for rebuilding and assembling new nesting platforms for their blue heron and cormorant rookery and another letter from the Sandhill Wildlife Area thanking us for our donation to their program. A third letter was from the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation thanking us for our continued support and service to their organization. This summer, we also received a glimpse of success from our prairie project and for the endangered Karner Blue butterfly when 12 butterflies were viewed on the prairie restoration area.

This semester will be an opportunity for our chapter to expand its horizons. A fund raising raffle is being organized to assist one of our past members in purchasing a prosthetic limb, which is needed because of a recent battle with cancer. We are also organizing a new member social for the first time, this year. We recently decided to become affiliates with the Wisconsin Wetland Association in light of the recent surge for wetland development.

We are looking forward to a year full of developing new relationships with new organizations and strengthening the ones we have with our own projects and other organizations. Last spring, we elected the following new leaders: President: Bill Barthen; Vice President: Ryan Walker; Treasurer: Rachael Mockler; Secretary: Kevin Schiebenedes; and Liason: Matt Schmidt.

## MEET THE CANDIDATES

### William L. Hohman

#### *Candidate for President-elect*

**Personal Data:** Born 11 September 1951 in Montevideo, Minnesota.

**Education:** B.S in Natural Science, St. John's University (1973); M.S. in Zoology, University of North Dakota (1977); Ph.D. in Wildlife Biology, University of Minnesota (1983).



**Employment History:** Wildlife Research Biologist, USGS/BRD's Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Davis, CA (1985-1986); Wildlife Research Biologist, USGS/BRD's National Wetlands Research Center, Baton Rouge/Lafayette, LA (1987-1997); Wildlife Biologist, USDA/NRCS's Wildlife Habitat Management Institute, Iowa State University, Ames, IA (1997-present).

**Wildlife Society Activities:** Member of Parent, North Central Section, and IA Chapter of TWS. Previous member of Western and Southeastern Sections, and LA Chapter. Vice President, CA-Sacramento Chapter.

**Other Professional Affiliations:** American Ornithologists' Union (Elected Member, 8/99), Association of Field Ornithologists, Cooper Ornithological Society, Louisiana Biologists Association, Society of Wetland Scientists, Society for Ecological Restoration, Wilson Ornithological Society, Gulf Coast Joint Venture, Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Team, Mississippi Flyway Council Technical Section's Diving Duck, Environmental Issues, Habitat, and Research Committees. Associate Editor, *The Auk* (1/00-present). Assistant Professor (1998-present), Department of Animal Ecology, Iowa State University. Adjunct Associate Professor (1988-present), School of Forestry, Wildlife, and Fisheries, Louisiana State University.

**Views:** I got into the wildlife profession because of a strong passion for and curiosity about the natural world. I have worked for three federal agencies with responsibilities ranging from environmental regulation and planning to administration to research, education, and extension. I chose a career in public service because I felt that it provided me with the best opportunity to make a contribution towards the conservation of those wild things and places that I care about. Throughout my career, I have been motivated by the strong belief that our individual and collective activities can make a difference. As president, I will strive to represent the dignity and pride of our profession.

My career path changed directions in recent years. In 1997, I left a research position in the Department of Interior to join the Wildlife Habitat Management Institute (WHMI), a technology institute in the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service. The Louisiana and Texas Gulf Coast was a great place to work for someone with my interests in wetlands and wetland-associated wildlife, but I became increasingly concerned by the apparent disconnect between research and management. Research products simply weren't useful to land managers. I came to the conclusion that it was not enough for researchers to publish their results in scientific journals and hope that managers and policy makers find the articles. Rather, we needed to do a better job of developing and delivering products ("new technology") that could be understood and applied by land managers. In my current position, I have the opportunity to assist NRCS field staffs with planning and implementation of conservation measures for wildlife.

A second career changing experience occurred in the mid 1990s while I was conducting a study of avian use of rice fields on the Texas and Louisiana Coastal Plain. This project really opened my eyes to the critical importance of private lands for achieving wildlife conservation objectives. As your president, I will seek to enhance communications between research and management, and promote awareness of the importance of private lands for achievement of wildlife conservation objectives.

I am greatly honored to be considered for the position of president of the North Central Section of The Wildlife Society. As your president, I will make an effort to attend state meetings and encourage active participation by the chapters in sectional and national activities. There is much work that needs to be done to insure that those critters and those places that we care about remain in a functioning landscape. There are many ways to contribute to our profession. I will strive to increase awareness and appreciation for the different ways in which each of us can contribute to our shared the goal of improved conservation of wildlife and their habitats.

### **John J. Moriarty**

#### *Candidate for President-elect*

**Personal Data:** Born 4 November 1957 in Hartford, Connecticut. Married with two children.

**Education:** B.S. in Natural Resources Conservation, University of Connecticut (1980); M.S. in Wildlife Ecology, University of Kentucky (1982).



**Employment History:** Wildlife Specialist for Hennepin Parks, Maple Plain, MN (1989-1998); Natural Resources Specialist for Ramsey County Parks and Recreation (1998-present).

**Wildlife Society Activities:** Member of Parent society since 1980. Member of Minnesota Chapter and North Central Section since 1985. President of Minnesota Chapter (1994); Certified Wildlife Biologist (1993); Professional Development Certificate (1998); Historian Minnesota Chapter (1998-present).

**Other Professional Affiliations:** Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles, Society for Conservation Biology, J. F. Bell Museum, Minnesota Ornithologist's Union, and Minnesota Native Plant Society.

**Views:** The Wildlife Society has an excellent reputation among natural resource professionals. We have excellent outlets for quality information through JWM, WSB, section newsletters and conferences. There is still room for increasing our reputation with students and the general public. The NC Section can be a leader in both of these areas.

The student award program at the Midwest is also an important activity of the Section. Support of Wildlife Conclave is also an important connection with students. We can still work to increase our programs for students and their interest in TWS, since many students chapters have a high percentage of non-TWS members.

There is a real need to increase the knowledge of TWS and the wildlife profession to the general public. I deal with numerous wildlife-related issues involving the changing of governmental policies and find that most people do not recognize the professional standing of wildlife biologists the way they do with other professions. I would like to work with the North Central Section and state chapters in helping to change some of these attitudes.

### **Kelly Millenbah**

#### *Candidate for Secretary*

**Personal Data:** Born 6 November 1967 in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. Married to Gary Roloff. Three stepchildren. One dog and one cat.

**Education:** B.A. in Biology, Ripon College (1990); M.S. and Ph.D. in Fisheries and Wildlife, Michigan State University (1993 and 1997, respectively).

**Employment History:** Graduate Teaching Assistant, Fisheries and Wildlife, MSU, MI (1992-1994); Graduate Research Assistant, Fisheries and Wildlife, MSU, MI (1991-1995); Guest Lecturer, Fisheries and Wildlife, MSU, MI (1995); Wildlife Biologist, U. S.



Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Field Office, East Lansing, MI (1994-1996); Instructor, Fisheries and Wildlife, MSU, MI (1996-1997); Consultant, self-employed (2000-present); Assistant Professor, Fisheries and Wildlife, MSU, MI (1998-present)

**Wildlife Society Activities:** Member since 1992; Michigan Chapter Secretary/Treasurer (2000-2002); Michigan Chapter Spring Meeting Organizing Committee (1999-2001); Michigan Chapter Awards Committee Chair (1998-1999); Michigan Chapter Executive Board Member (1998-1999); Associate Wildlife Biologist (1997); Member College and University Education Working Group.

**Other Professional Affiliations:** Michigan Academy of Arts and Science, Association of Field Ornithologists, Wilson Ornithological Society, and Society for Ecological Restoration.

**Views:** I am honored to be nominated for the Secretary position of the North Central Section of The Wildlife Society. I have been actively involved with the Michigan Chapter-TWS for the last 3 years as a board member and Secretary/Treasurer and have gained a new appreciation for the organization's structure, mission, and impact on wildlife management. I look forward to gaining this same appreciation and experience with the North Central Section if elected Secretary. Like the individual chapters, I view the North Central Section as an important entity within the TWS hierarchy that provides a valuable link between the north-central states and other geographic sections in North America.

## **Martha Minchak**

*Candidate for Secretary*

**Personal Data:** Born 27 February 1961 in Saunderson, Rhode Island. Married 4 years to Craig Bublitz and have one 4-legged child, Max, a Newfoundland/Setter cross.



**Education:** B.S. in Wildlife Management, University of Minnesota (1983).

**Employment History:** Field Technician, MN DNR Nongame Wildlife Program, New Ulm, MN (1984); MN Conservation Corps Enrollee - Deer Wintering Area Research Project, New Ulm, MN (1984-1986); Assistant Curator of Biology, Science Museum of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN (1986); Sentencing to Service Regional Coordinator, MN DNR and Dept. of Corrections, New Ulm, MN (1987-1988); Wildlife Technician, MN DNR, Swan Lake WMA, Nicollet and Thief Lake WMA, Holt, MN (1988-1990); Assistant Wildlife Area Manager, MN DNR, Talcot Lake WMA, Dundee, MN (1990-1991); Assistant Area Wildlife Manager, MN DNR, Karlstad, MN (1991); Assistant Area Wildlife Manager, MN DNR, Thief River Falls, MN (1991-2000); Assistant Area Wildlife Manager, MN DNR, Duluth, MN (2000-present).

**Wildlife Society Activities:** Member since 1979. University of Minnesota Student Chapter Secretary (1981); President of Minnesota Chapter (2000); Member of Minnesota Chapter, North Central Section, and Parent society.

**Other Professional Affiliations:** Agassiz Environmental Education Committee, National Audubon Society, Duluth Audubon Society, Izaak Walton League, Minnesota Prairie Chicken Society, Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Society, National Wildlife Federation, National Wild Turkey Federation, North American Moose Foundation, Ruffed Grouse Society, and The Nature Conservancy.

**Views:** I am honored to be nominated for office as Secretary of the NCS. I have been an active member of The Wildlife Society in one capacity or another since 1979. I strongly believe in the mission and goals of TWS and the North Central Section's role in serving the Society in this region. I also support TWS' role in continuing education and development of wildlife professionals, and our role in educating the public and legislators on a continuing array of issues affecting wildlife resources. If elected this year, I look forward to serving TWS in this new capacity.

**Todd R. Bogenschutz**  
*Candidate for Treasurer*

**Personal Data:** Born 5 March 1966 in Watertown, New York. Married to Kim 8 years, no kids, 1 Brittany Spaniel, 1 German Wirehaired Pointer, and yes, unfortunately 1 cat, hers.



**Education:** A.S. in Mathematics/Science, Jefferson Community College (1987); B.S. in Biology, SUNY Cortland (1989); M.S. in Wildlife Biology, South Dakota State University (1992).

**Employment History:** Naturalist Intern, New York Department of Environmental Conservation, Stonykill, NY (1990); Graduate Research Assistant, South Dakota State University (1990-1992); GIS Specialist/Waterfowl Research Aide, Minnesota DNR, Park Rapids, MN (1993); Small Game Biologist, Indiana DNR, Bloomington, IN (1994); Upland Wildlife Research Biologist, Iowa DNR, Boone, IA (1995-present).

**Wildlife Society Activities:** Member since 1990; Indiana Chapter Special Programs Committee (1994); Certified Wildlife Biologist (1999); Iowa Chapter Secretary/Treasurer (1999-present).

**Other Professional Affiliations:** Member Midwest Private Lands Working Group, Member Midwest Pheasant Study Group.

**Views:** I am honored to be nominated for the North Central Section (NCS) treasurer position. The TWS at all levels, parent, section, and state, has a responsibility to unite individuals with various backgrounds to broaden the perspectives of all its members including students. I believe this is one of the most important benefits to membership in the TWS. Only with continuing education and exposure to new ideas and perspectives can wildlife professionals improve. Thinking outside of that box is one of the greatest qualities a wildlife professional can possess and involvement with the TWS

fosters this quality. I look forward to the rewards as treasurer if elected.

**Robert A. Montgomery**  
*Candidate for Treasurer*

**Personal Data:** Born 19 October 1940 in DuQuoin, Illinois. Married to Sharron 37 years. Two married daughters and one grandson.



**Education:** B.A. in Zoology, Southern Illinois University (1968).

**Employment History:** U.S. Army (1966-1968); Illinois Natural History Survey, University of Illinois-Center for Zoonosis Research; Senior Staff Biologist, Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation (1969-present).

**Wildlife Society Activities:** Member since 1960; Certified Wildlife Biologist (1980); Member of North Central Section and Illinois Chapter since 1969; Served on Parent society Conservation Education Publication Award Committee; served on Nomination and several other Committees in North Central Section; held offices of President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Councilman-at-Large (present) of Illinois Chapter; served on many committees including Policy, Nomination, and TWW/CARA.

**Other Professional Affiliations:** Wilson Ornithological Society, Association of Field Ornithologists, Natural Area Association, and Society for Ecological Restoration. Co-chair of Illinois Teaming With Wildlife/CARA Committee; Illinois Department of Natural Resource's Conservation Congress, Furbearer Fund Committee, and Waterfowl Hunting Advisory Committee; Illinois River Watershed Planning Action Team – Plants, Fish and Wildlife; Fox River Watershed Planning Committee; Mississippi Flyway Technical Committee; Illinois Ornithological Society Director; former Director Kane County Soil and Water Conservation District.

**Views:** It is an honor to be asked to serve our Society. I feel it is a responsibility to serve an organization, such as the North Central Section, which has contributed so much to the development and growth of our profession. Throughout my career, I have tried to give back in service the benefits I have received and I welcome the opportunity to serve as Treasurer, if elected. It has been my pleasure to participate in many of the Section's activities and believe that two programs – our continuing education (symposia and workshops) and student involvement activities are the Section's real strengths. In my mind, one way to ensure continued growth and professional development is to maintain a strong educational program that will help provide the necessary information and tools to meet today and tomorrow's challenges. Attracting new members is critical to any organization's plans. Our student involvement program is one way to achieve this need. I will support the continuation and expansion of both of these programs.

**NCS-TWS Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Sunday, 9 December 2001**  
**4 p.m. - 6 p.m.**

All state chapter presidents (or their designee) and current and in-coming elected NCS officers are encouraged to attend. Check registration materials for room location.

**NCS-TWS Annual Meeting**  
**Monday, 10 December 2001**  
**Noon - 2 p.m.**

All North Central Section members are welcome. Check registration material for room location.



**63rd MIDWEST FISH AND WILDLIFE CONFERENCE**  
**Marriott Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa**  
**DECEMBER 9-12, 2001**

**Sponsors:** Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Iowa State University

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**Conference Website:** <http://www.state.ia.us/midwest2001>

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**PUBLIC TRUST SYMPOSIUM**  
*63rd Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference*  
**North Central Section - The Wildlife Society**

- ◆ The foundations of wildlife conservation in America
  - ◆ Public vs. private management systems
    - ◆ Is there an individual right to hunt?
  - ◆ Governmental obligations to protect wildlife
    - ◆ The North American conservation model
      - ◆ Limits on constituent referenda
- ◆ Recovery of natural resource damages and endangered species protection

These and other issues will be the focus of the North Central Section's biennial symposium, entitled *The Public Trust Doctrine in Wildlife Conservation*, to be held the afternoon of December 11<sup>th</sup> at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in Des Moines, Iowa. The symposium will discuss the significance of the trust doctrine to wildlife conservation in North America, and whether the wildlife community is making as full use of the doctrine as are the advocates of other ephemeral resources.

Speakers will include **Dr. Valerius Geist**, Emeritus Professor at the University of Calgary, and author of *Deer of the World* and numerous other publications on ungulate biology and wildlife conservation; **Ms. Susan Morath Horner**, Environmental Attorney, and author of *Embryo, Not Fossil: Breathing Life into the Public Trust in Wildlife*; and **Mr. George Meyer**, Attorney, Chair of the Legal Committee for the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and former Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Also appearing will be **Mr. Jim Posewitz**, Executive Director of Orion — The Hunter's Institute, and author of *Beyond Fair Chase* and *Inherit the Hunt*; and **Dr. Delwin Benson**, Professor at Colorado State University and co-author of The Wildlife Society award-winning *Wildlife Stewardship and Recreation on Private Lands*.

A reception will be held immediately after the presentations to allow more discussion with our speakers. Please join us in Des Moines for this important meeting and help support this North Central Section event. Continuing education credit will be available for attending this symposium. For more information, contact Michael Foy at 608-273-6275, or e-mail at [foym@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:foym@dnr.state.wi.us).

## UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

### 2001

- Oct. 18-21 ***Human Dimensions of Natural Resources in the Western U.S.***, Grand Targhee Resort, Alta, WY. (e-mail: [hdinwest@lamar.colostate.edu](mailto:hdinwest@lamar.colostate.edu), or see website at [www.cnr.colostate.edu/nrrt/hd](http://www.cnr.colostate.edu/nrrt/hd)).
- Oct. 24-27 ***The 31st Annual North American Symposium on Bat Research***, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. (Tom Griffiths, Dept. of Biology, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL 61702-2900; 309/556-3230; Fax: 309/556-3864; e-mail: [tgriff@titan.iwu.edu](mailto:tgriff@titan.iwu.edu); web site: [http://www.nasbr.com/Victoria/NASBR\\_Victoria.html](http://www.nasbr.com/Victoria/NASBR_Victoria.html)).
- Oct. 24-28 ***The Raptor Research Foundation's 2001 Annual Meeting***, Radisson Hotel Downtown, Winnipeg, MB, Canada. (Manitoba Conservation, Box 24, 200 Saulteaux Cres., Winnipeg, MB Canada; 204/945-7775; e-mail: [wildlife@gov.mb.ca](mailto:wildlife@gov.mb.ca); Program info: Jeff Smith, HawkWatch International, 801/484-6758; e-mail: [jsmith@hawkwatch.org](mailto:jsmith@hawkwatch.org). Conference webpage: <http://www.networkx.net/~sparrow/rrf2001.html>).
- Nov. 4-7 ***The Organization of Fish and Wildlife Information Managers Annual Meeting***, Doubletree-Columbia River, Portland, OR. Topic is "Data Standards from A to Z." ([www.ofwim.org](http://www.ofwim.org)).
- Nov. 5-8 ***Prairie Grouse Technical Council Biennial Meeting***, Woodward, OK. (Russ Horton, 405/364-7142; [rhorton@onenet.net](mailto:rhorton@onenet.net); or Stephanie Harmon, 918/581-7458, x229; [stephanie\\_harmon@fws.gov](mailto:stephanie_harmon@fws.gov)).
- Nov. 5-8 ***The Wildland-Urban Interface: Sustaining Forests in Changing Landscape***, University of Florida Hotel and Conference Center, Gainesville, FL. (IFAS OCI, 352/392-5930; [dwpowers@mail.ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:dwpowers@mail.ifas.ufl.edu)).
- Nov. 6-7 ***The Practice of Restoring Native Ecosystems National Conference***, Arbor Day Farm, Lied Conference Center, Nebraska City, NE. (Arbor Day Foundation, PO Box 81415, Lincoln, NE 68501-1415; [arborday.org/RNEconference](http://arborday.org/RNEconference)).
- Nov. 12-13 ***Wildlife Habitat Council 13th Annual Symposium - Science & Stewardship: Creating Greener Communities***, Renaissance Washington DC Hotel. (301/588-8994; [whc@wildlifehc.org](mailto:whc@wildlifehc.org); [www.wildlifehc.org](http://www.wildlifehc.org)).
- Nov. 14-17 ***International Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference 24th Annual Conference***, Lake Buena Vista, FL. (IWRC, 4437 Central Place, Suite B-4, Suisun City, CA 94585-1633; 707/864-1761; e-mail: [iwrc@inreach.com](mailto:iwrc@inreach.com); [iwrc-online.org](http://iwrc-online.org)).
- Nov. 16-17 ***Creating Bear Aware Communities Workshop***, Revelstoke BC. (Columbia Mountains Institute, <http://www.cmiae.org>).
- Nov. 26-28 ***Southern Forest Science Conference***, Renaissance Waverly Hotel, Atlanta, GA. (Herman Gucinski or Nancy Walters, Southern Research Station, 828/257-4302; [www.southernforestscience.net](http://www.southernforestscience.net)).
- Dec. 9-12 ***63rd Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference***: Transitions in the Conservation Landscape, Marriotte Hotel, Des Moines, IA. See information on pages 16 & 17 or visit website: [www.state.ia.us/midwest2001](http://www.state.ia.us/midwest2001).

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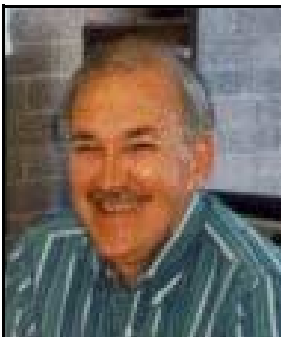
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