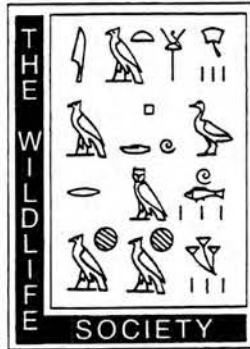
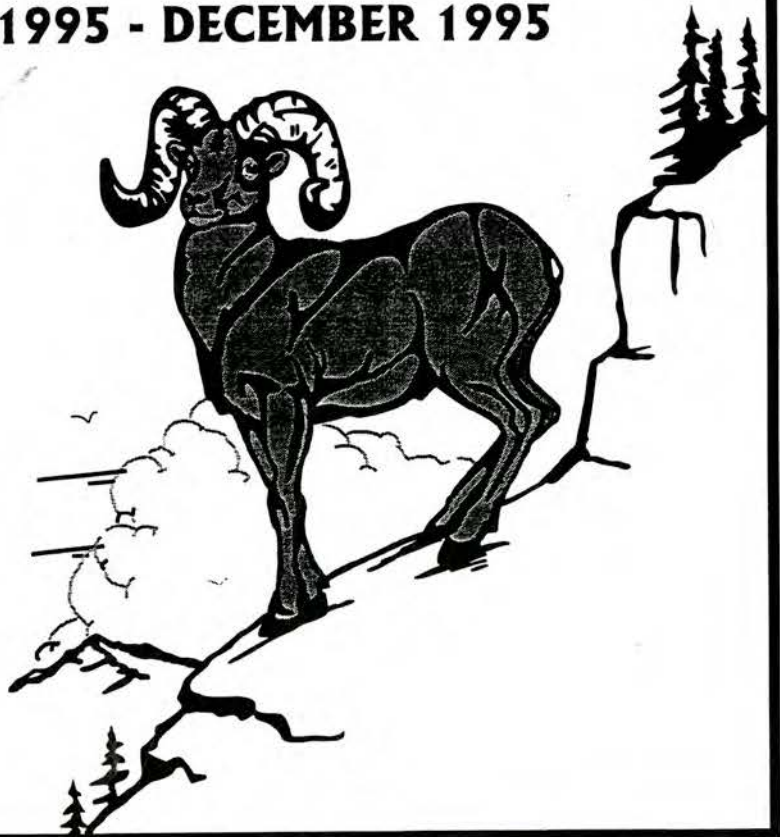


THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY



Sections, Chapters and Student Chapters SUMMARIES OF ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 1995 - DECEMBER 1995



NORTHEAST SECTION

Maine Chapter

New Jersey Chapter

New York Chapter

Pennsylvania Chapter

University of Connecticut Student Chapter

University of Maine Student Chapter

University of Massachusetts Student Chapter

West Virginia University Student Chapter



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The Section donated \$500 to TWS to support participation in the Fish and Wildlife Funding Initiative Campaign.

Section staff assisted the Maryland Department of Natural Resources in preparing the wildlife program portion of the 51st NE Fish and Wildlife Conference held in Ocean City, April 9-12. The theme of the Conference was "Managing Fish and Wildlife Diversity". The Section employed its new table top display for the first time as an aid in disseminating information and to sell fund-raising items.

A new editor and staff was secured for *Northeast Wildlife*, the Section's annual journal. Three editions have been printed to date with the fourth in progress.

The spring executive committee meeting and the annual business meeting were held at the NE Conference. The fall executive meeting was held August 25 & 26 at the Pocono Environmental Center, Dingmans Ferry, PA.

Both the New York and Pennsylvania Chapters submitted bids to host the 1998 TWS Annual Conference. Buffalo, New York was selected.

The University of Connecticut Student Chapter was officially added to the list of chapters within the NE Section. Currently, the NE Section contains 17 chapters (includes 11 student chapters).

The Executive Committee approved an incentive program for student chapters to reward effort directed at passage of the Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative.

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Winter

The Winter Meeting was held at the Pine Tree State Arboretum in Augusta on January 25, 1995. Sandy Ritchie reported that a survey will be distributed to the membership polling them on interests, expertise, and willingness to serve. Results will be presented at Spring Meeting.

The Chapter discussed the possibility of hosting the TWS Annual Meeting and allowed that it would be willing to help, but not take the lead. A mentor program with the student chapter was discussed.

The Chapter was introduced to the Maine Environmental Priorities Project, an effort by Maine DEP to look at environmental priorities in Maine.

Spring

The Annual Meeting was held at the Penobscot County Conservation Association in Brewer on April 27, 1995.

The Chapter took a bold new step in the format of our annual meeting, which consisted of a mini-conference of short topics, presented by various wildlife professionals.

Sandy Ritchie of the Awards Committee suggested establishing an intermediary award for distinguished meritorious service.

The Chapter voted to increase dues from \$6.00 to \$10.00 for professionals, and establish a student rate of \$6.00. The Chapter also voted to establish a student representative from each recognized student chapter in Maine, to serve on the Executive Committee.

The Annual Award of Recognition was presented to Howard Duvall and the Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative for their support to bald eagle and osprey nesting programs at Moosehorn NWR.

Summer

Letters were sent to Representative Sharon Treat and Senator S. Peter Mills urging opposition to L.D. 1217, the Takings Bill.

The Executive Committee voted to provide financial support to Tammy Jackson, TWS Northeast Student Representative, to attend the National Conference with the understanding that she would report to the membership at our winter meeting.

Fall

The Chapter held its fall meeting on 9/14 at the Owl's Head Transportation Museum in Owl's Head. Continuing the format of recent meetings, the afternoon program consisted of short, informative talks on various wildlife-related topics.

The chapter is moving forward with establishing a Student Support Fund, designed to provide financial support for a member of one of Maine's Student Chapters to attend a national or regional conference. The chapter officially launched its membership incentive drive. Keel Kemper reported that a reciprocal membership has been established with the Natural Resources Council of Maine.

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Meetings: Our spring meeting was held in May at the Assunpink WMA. The topic was "Private property rights: the 'takings' issue and the impacts to wildlife in New Jersey". Guest speakers were Dr. William Goldfarb of Rutgers University and Tim Searchinger of the Environmental Defense Fund. Our fall meeting was held in October at Rutgers University. The topic was "Mosquito management and impacts on wildlife". Speakers included representatives from Rutgers University, state and county mosquito commissions and the Division of Fish, Game, and Wildlife. Both meetings were well attended and provided invaluable information to those present. The Chapter also cosponsored a deer management symposium in October with several other groups.

Conservation/Legislative Committee Action: During the past year, the legislative committee attempted to influence several bills which would affect New Jersey's wildlife resources. Comments were submitted on a bill which proposed to allocate funds obtained from a \$5 annual surcharge on the state's nongame licence plate to a private marine mammal protection center. The Committee argued that this action could undermine a source of funding for endangered and nongame work and also set a bad precedent by singling out a single non-profit organization to receive state associated funds. The bill final passed with a \$10 surcharge; with \$5 going to the Nongame Program, \$2 to the Marine Mammal Stranding Center, and \$3 to an account for all non-profit wildlife organizations. Comments were also submitted on a proposed stream cleaning bill and on the Special Areas Mitigation Proposal for the Hackensack Meadowlands at the state level and on the proposed Army Corp of Engineers single family house Nationwide Permit.

Other actions taken included the drafted of letters to outdoors clothing and equipment presidents urging support for the Fish and Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative by attendees at our fall meeting and inclusion of a sample "takings" letter in our spring newsletter.

Donations: During the past year, the N.J. Chapter distributed funds to the following wildlife related projects: Becoming an Outdoors Women Course, Envirothon Program, and TWS Wildlife Initiative Drive.

Membership Survey: A survey taken of Chapter membership revealed that legislative affairs was considered one of our most important area of involvement followed by continued professional education and public outreach. Expanding the coverage of wildlife related news and perhaps becoming quarterly instead of biannually were recommendations for the newsletter.

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The New York Chapter held its 1995 Annual Meeting on 26 and 27 January in Rochester. The theme of the meeting was "Wildlife and Human Populations in Conflict". Presentations covered such topics as the Management Environment and case studies such as suburban goose and deer management, NY's burgeoning beaver population and bird/aircraft collisions at NYC airports. A field trip to a deer "bait-and-shoot" site was well attended. At the banquet, we presented awards for "Outstanding Professional" to Gordon Batcheller, and for "Outstanding Student" to Jeanne Hickey.

Our Fall Field Meeting was held on 8 and 9 September at the Huntington Wildlife Forest near Newcomb in the scenic Adirondack mountains. Staff from the Adirondack Ecological Center and State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY CESF) hosted the trip and focused on the ongoing research at the Forest and in the surrounding Adirondack ecosystem. A "beast feast" including many game dishes was a big hit, as was the animated wildlife quiz bowl that followed. These activities are sure to be repeated in the future.

The Chapter strengthened efforts to provide better interaction between wildlife professionals and wildlife students in New York. Chapter members voted to establish a student member category with a reduced membership fee. We routinely invite student chapter representatives to participate in Chapter meetings and activities. The Student Affairs Liaison kept students apprised of civil service exams for wildlife jobs, the need for involvement in the Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative, and the existence of financial assistance offered by the Chapter and parent society. The Chapter provided speakers to students at SUNY CESF and SUNY Cobleskill (a technical school with a fish and wildlife curriculum.) We are currently soliciting names of professionals and students interested in participating in a mentoring program.

Chapter members voted in 1995 to increase annual dues from \$5 to \$10. The Chapter President wrote the Governor in opposition to proposed budget cuts that would have severely affected the State's ability to conserve wildlife resources. The Chapter's Professional Certification Committee drafted an action plan for review and implementation in 1996. The Publicity and Information Committee produced and distributed three issues of the Chapter NEWSLETTER.

The Chapter financially supported a number of conferences and symposia, including a workshop on fish and wildlife issues in the New York Canal System and a one-day conference on Spruce Grouse.

The Chapter was represented by officers/members at events such as the Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference and TWS Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon.

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The Pennsylvania Chapter of the Wildlife Society (PA-TWS) initiated and was involved with numerous issues, projects, and programs during 1995. Although not successful in all pursuits, we nonetheless have maintained a full agenda and have been proactive and moving forward on a variety of issues. Perhaps most noteworthy was our unsuccessful bid to host the TWS national meeting in 1988. Regardless, I'm proud of the work our board and membership did in preparing the bid and thank our TWS colleagues in New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland for supporting our efforts. Our hats go off to New York-TWS for being chosen to host the 1998 national meeting - the PA-TWS membership is ready to assist them in anyway to ensure that our Society has a successful meeting and hopes that the conference site will be near the beautiful Adirondack Park!

Deer management has become very controversial in Pennsylvania. Management activities of The Pennsylvania Game Commission's Bureau of Wildlife Management has focused on reducing the size of the herd in forested areas of Pennsylvania - particularly the northcentral region. Some sportsmen's groups and legislators have strongly opposed the bureau's efforts to reduce the herd to levels considered by game commission biologists to be appropriate for forested habitats. PA-TWS is actively campaigning in support of the bureau's position to "scientifically" manage the state's deer population.

Our chapter was active in opposing a Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) proposal to kill black-crowned night herons at a state owned fish culture station. Our opposition, along with that from other conservation organizations resulted in a strongly worded statement from the new Executive Director of PFBC prohibiting killing of all birds at PFBC facilities. We thanked the Director for his progressive leadership on this issue.

PA-TWS is attempting to become more proactive in dealing with assaults on progressive conservation laws and issues. We have encouraged our membership to provide factual editorial response to negative and unfounded editorials and other media reports dealing with conservation issues. We are also forming a special subcommittee (under education) to help our members address controversial conservation issues.

I'm delighted that our board has approved funding for a \$500 scholarship to be awarded annually to a Pennsylvania high school senior that has displayed outstanding academic achievement, demonstrated an interest in conservation, and plans to pursue a career in natural resource management.

Our board is in final preparation for our 1996 annual meeting. Prior to our 1995 meeting, we hosted a wildlife capture, handling, and immobilization workshop and this year will be offering a radio-telemetry workshop. Hopefully, we'll be able to contribute to the ongoing professional development of PA-TWS members and other natural resource professionals in the state by making educational seminars a regular component of our annual meeting.

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October 29, 1995 First meeting of the University of Connecticut's Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society

November 1, 1995 Officer elections
Chris Hughes elected President
Melissa Toni elected Vice President
Roxanne Bernier elected Secretary
Kim Sasur elected Treasurer

November 8, 1995 Dr. Barclay was nominated and elected Beneficiary of UCONN Student Chapter TWS accounts

November 29 Dr. Clark gave presentation of jobs in the ornithological and biological fields.

November 1995 Members assisted biologists in deer check stations throughout Connecticut

October 1995 Prepared for charter presentation by Dale May

December 13, 1995 Dale May presented TWS Student Charter to the officers of UCONN Student Chapter

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The University of Maine Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society 1995 activities were:

Annual game banquet in co-operation with the Penobscot County Conservation Association. Funds from the sales of over 100 tickets went towards two \$250 scholarships. Game included beaver shiskabobs, moose, bear, caribou, togue, snipe, brook trout, ducks, and coyote and more.

The Society continued to maintain and gather hatch data from over 85 wood duck boxes.

The Society constructed (under the guidance of Tom Hodgeman) and staffed an educational wildlife booth for the annual weekend-long Sportsman's show.

Regular monthly speakers included state biologists, graduate students, and local wildlife refuge managers.

Hosted the annual "Job Night," allowing graduate students to introduce themselves, discuss their research and advertise for any student job openings.

In October we successfully hosted the annual Northeast Regional Conclave which was attended and enjoyed by just under 100 students.

In December 1995 new officers were elected:

President Doug Smart

Vice President Michael Estabrook

Treasurer Tony McCue

Secretary Scott McPhearson

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February 15, 1995

A Society of Wolves: National Parks and the Battle Over the Wolf. By Rick McIntyer, Park Ranger and Author

March 9, 1995

Carnivores of South Africa. By Gus Mills, Wildlife Biologist from Africa

March 23, 1995

Wolf Ecology in Italy. By Wildlife Biologist Luigi Boitano

April 15, 1995

Field Trip to Roger Williams Zoo.

September 27, 1995

Alligators and Crocodiles. By licensed herpetologist Michael Ralbovsky

October 12, 1995

Birds of Prey: Rehabilitation. By Tom Riccardi, a licensed raptor rehabilitator

November 9, 1995

Social Dynamics in a Color Banded Black-Capped Chickadee Population. By professor Susan Smith

November 14, 1995

The Ecology of Lyme Disease. By Rob Deblinger, Assistant Director For Wildlife for the Massachusetts Division Fish and Wildlife. This lecture gave the opportunity for students to volunteer in deer tick research

November 16, 1995

Hunting Behavior of Lynx and Coyote in the Yukon. By Dr. Dennis Murrar

November 30, 1995

Coral Reef Biology. By Walter Mozgala, a Marine Biology Professor

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The West Virginia University Student Chapter started the year of 1995 planning for their biggest fundraiser of the year. The annual game dinner which is held in March every year was the most successful one to date. Every member within the chapter was involved in making it a big money maker. About 230 people attended the dinner and got to try the many wild dishes that were prepared.

After the game dinner in March the chapter took their annual trip to Pennsylvania to do some black bear (*Ursus americanus*) trapping and tagging in April. This gave the members the chance to get some field experience with the bears. It was an enjoyable weekend with 5 bears being caught.

Shortly after the trip to Pennsylvania elections were held for the new officers. After the election the officers immediately started meeting to plan out the following year. The officers started working together as a team to make the chapter a successful one. The new school year got off to a great start with the first meeting drawing about 50 interested new members. After the first meeting there was a surge of energy from the wildlife department and it was being fueled by an active student chapter.

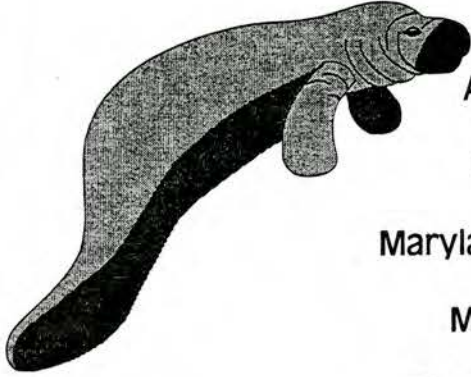
The first order of business was fund raising. The chapter kicked off the year with a mountain bike raffle that raised just under \$1000. That money was used for new shirt and hat designs as well as a new wildlife window decal. These new items were excellent sellers and brought in even more money for the chapter. We then held our annual fall picnic at our advisor's house. This gave the members a chance to meet with the other members in a social situation.

The chapter took a trip to Dolly Sods state park in October to visit the bird banding station at the location. While there we were given instruction on delineating wetlands from a wetland ecologist at the University. Shortly after the wetland trip 5 members of the chapter flew to Maine to participate in the 26th annual Northeastern Regional Conclave. This was the first time the chapter attended the conclave in about 10 years. We were also able to get the bid to host the 1997 conclave, something that we have not done since the 1970's.

In November the chapter held a tailgate party for the members at one of the home football games. It was a good turnout with a lot of food being consumed and we actually won the game. We were also able to have a guest speaker at all of our biweekly meetings to inform the chapter about current events in the wildlife field.

Some other activities that we participated in during 1995 include: an Adopt-a-Highway, blood drive, high school day at the university, and the printing of a biweekly newsletter. This year was one of the most productive and active years to date for the WVU chapter. With the surge of energy this year we only hope to get better in the future.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION



Arkansas Chapter

Florida Chapter

Maryland-Delaware Chapter

Mississippi Chapter

North Carolina Chapter

Tennessee Chapter

Virginia Chapter

Clemson University Student Chapter

Eastern Kentucky University Student Chapter

Haywood Community College

Louisiana State University Student Chapter

Mississippi State University Student Chapter

North Carolina State University Student Chapter

University of Georgia Student Chapter

University of Tennessee Student Chapter

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ARKANSAS CHAPTER

Two Board meetings and the annual Spring and Fall meetings were the Arkansas' Chapter of The Wildlife Society (ACTWS) primary activities for 1995. Some of the primary topics of Board and Chapter work this year were: increasing revenues to enhance ACTWS' ability to support activities and contribute to appropriate initiatives (e.g., SEAFWA mixers, student travel, etc.); initiation of an "Arkansas Deer Study Group" as a standing committee of ACTWS chaired by Dr. Phil Tappe; updating of the ACTWS "Directory of Wildlife Professionals"; more aggressively pursuing avenues necessary to enhance student involvement in Chapter activities; and, solicitation of comments/suggestions which might elicit a greater level of participation in ACTWS by members and other wildlife professionals in Arkansas.

The Spring Meeting was conducted on 11-12 May at Mountain Harbor on Lake Ouachita near Mount Ida. The first afternoon consisted of a tour and in-the-field explanations of Ecosystem Management Demonstration Sites of the Ouachita National Forest (ONF). U.S. Forest Service staff (Bob Raines, District Ranger, and Donnie Harris, Wildlife Biologist) provided an excellent overview of various aspects of the Forest's Ecosystem Management Plan and their ongoing "New Perspectives" field research. Four field sites demonstrating various treatment plots were interpreted for the approximately 35 members and others in attendance. An evening presentation on "Ecosystem Management on the Ouachita National Forest" was presented by Bill Pell, ONF Staff Ecologist. The business meeting followed. The second morning of the meeting was also a field trip which demonstrated the use of breeding bird census techniques which the ONF is using as part of their Ecosystem Management research.

The Fall Meeting was held on 19-20 October at the Arkansas Forest Resource Center of the University of Arkansas at Monticello. ACTWS holds its Fall Meeting at a University as one approach to encouraging student participation. Drs. Bob Blackmon, Richard Williams, Brian Lockhart, and Phil Tappe provided informative presentations about the Center and the forest resource research in which University and Center staff are engaged. TWS Southeastern Section Representative David Guynn's attendance was very much appreciated as was his discussion about what his involvement in TWS has meant to him on both professional and personal levels. He also provided strong encouragement to students to stay involved in the Society as a professional activity. The business meeting followed with election of officers for 1996 and activity on several other points. Friday morning's agenda included topics related to current and emerging technology (computers, GPS, GIS, digital recording cameras, etc.) and its applications in natural resource management. Bob Price and the Program Committee once again did an excellent job in 1995 of organizing two informative and interesting meetings.

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The Florida Chapter installed **Mark Robson** as President during the Spring meeting of 1995. Immediate past-president **Brian Millsap** passed the gavel at the end of the meeting. The current board also includes: **Paul Moler**, vice president; **Diane Eggeman**, Secretary/Treasurer; **Dr. George Tanner**, Southeastern Representative; and **Nancy Douglass and Pete David**, members-at-large. The program for the Spring technical session was a review of issues and a statement of principles governing the restoration of the Everglades Ecosystem. A final version was approved and forwarded to the national chapter. We plan to use this document to guide chapter positions on the endless stream of restoration plans and proposals for the Everglades. During 1996, the chapter will send the statement to key government and elected officials.

The chapter approved the participation of a student chapter representative on the executive board. Student members have always attended general meetings, but we want to encourage a closer relationship with future wildlifers in Florida. **Corey Morea** now represents student interests on the board as a non-voting member.

At the Fall meeting, the membership considered and approved a resolution supporting the Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative. The statement affirms our support for a federal surcharge on recreational supplies to support the conservation and enjoyment of nongame fish and wildlife and their habitats.

Dave Maehr began work on a set of guidelines for a state chapter award to be named in honor of **Herb Kale**. Herb was a longtime chapter member and highly respected ornithologist in Florida. He passed away in 1995, and will be greatly missed by all of us in the profession.

On behalf of the Florida chapter, I would like to welcome all TWS members who may find themselves vacationing or working in Florida to join us at one of our meetings. What better way to network! For information on meetings and events, contact Mark Robson at (407)640-6100. Have a great year.

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The Maryland-Delaware Chapter began the year's activities by hosting a Social Hour at the Northeast Section Meeting in Ocean City, MD. All TWS members attending the Conference were invited to attend and share refreshments with fellow wildlifers. The event was offered as an opportunity for getting to know other wildlifers.

Long time Chapter member Buz Meyer received a 4-H Volunteer Leader Award. He was recognized at the North American Conference this Spring. We all commend Buz for his hard work and dedication working with our youth.

The Maryland-Delaware Chapter awarded the frederick County Forest Conservancy District Board the Chapter's Wildlife Conservation Award for outstanding contributions to the wildlife resources of Frederick County, MD.

The Maryland-Delaware Chapter sponsored a Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative Workshop ("Teaming with Wildlife"). The Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative is probably the most important piece of legislation of our careers. The program featured presentations by Glen Therres, MD DNR; Jim Woehr, WMI; Ken Reynolds, Del. Fish and Wildlife; and Karen Terwilliger, IAFWA. The Chapter donated \$100 to the Parent Society to help fund the effort needed to assure passage of this important piece of legislation.

Also, at the Northeast Section the Chapter exhibited a Display Board showing significant highlights in our Chapter's history. This project was the first time our new board was used. The display and Board was headed up by I & E coordinator Earl Hodil. Additionally at the Section Meeting our Chapter conducted a successful raffle to raise funds for Chapter Activities. Other fund raisers throughout the year included sale of T-Shirts with Chapter Logo.

Two General membership meetings were held in 1995. The Spring Meeting was held at Prime Hook NWR and featured Moist Soil Management Techniques in Use at Prime Hook. The Fall Meeting was held at BCC-IVLA Clubhouse and featured the aforementioned Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative Workshop. Eight Executive Board meetings were held.

At the Fall Meeting the following were elected to Chapter offices for two year terms: President-Elect, Carol Bernstein; Rick Latshaw, Treasurer; Phil Norman, Secretary; Rodger Wolfe, DE Del at large and Donnie Roherback, MD Del at Large. Joe Shugars was elected Newsletter Editor.

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I) Annual Meeting Summary

- ▶ Updates of recent activities of various Federal and State resource management agencies
- ▶ Updates of research activities of the National Biological Service; Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks; and Mississippi State University
- ▶ Panel discussion on the Fish and Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative
- ▶ The *Fannye A. Cook Award* was presented to **Mike Staten** for developing a breeding bird field manual
- ▶ *Certificates of Merit* were presented to **Anderson Tully Company** for supporting the development of a breeding bird field manual; **Harvey Huffstatler** for his work with the Sunshine Bluebird Trail; and **Don Mott** for his research on fish-eating bird/aquaculture conflicts
- ▶ *Certificates of Appreciation* were presented to **Harvey Huffstatler** for his long-time dedication to the Mississippi Chapter and **Wilma Mitchell** for her noted service to the Chapter
- ▶ A plaque was presented to **Cathy Shropshire** in recognition of her tenure as Chapter President in 1995

II) Chapter representatives attended the annual meeting of **The Wildlife Society**, the **Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Conference**, and the annual meeting of the **Mississippi Wildlife Federation**

III) Several Chapter members sent letters of support for the Fish and Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative

IV) A list of Chapter members willing to provide talks/instruction on various resource management topics was developed and distributed throughout the state

V) The Chapter agreed to donate \$500 to the **Dale H. Arner Endowed Scholarship Campaign** at Mississippi State University

VI) The Chapter provided letters of comment to the Corps of Engineers regarding the proposed Mississippi River levee construction project and the National Park Service in support of the construction of a new Museum of Natural Science at LeFleur's Bluff Park.

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NCTWS held its annual meeting in March at Camp Cheerio near Elkin, N.C. A technical session featured an overview of GPS/GIS applications overview. Deserving individuals were also recognized through a recently expanded Awards Program that included special categories for students and non-NCTWS-member individuals/groups.

NCTWS voting membership endorsed a resolution supporting the Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative (WDFI). The WDFI Committee initiated a statewide coalition of conservation organizations and prompted priority actions to increase and diversify the coalition and to generate letters to companies soliciting support of Teaming with Wildlife.

Involvement with TWS Student Chapter was expanded through financial assistance to the Southeastern Wildlife Conclave hosted by the N C State University Chapter; NCTWS also conducted an employment forum for conclave participants. Financial assistance was provided for the Southeastern Section student-professional mixer; during the SE Section annual business meeting, Haywood Community College was awarded its charter as the first Student Chapter of a two-year college. Student Chapter Presidents through invitation became actively involved with the NCTWS Executive Board in an ex-officio capacity.

The Farm Bill Committee participated in collaborative efforts to prepare a wildlife habitat needs assessment for the southeast. Support from key legislators was solicited through correspondence offering specific recommendations that would make wildlife coequal with soil and water conservation.

NCTWS members attended a congressional field hearing on wetlands and endangered species. A Chapter response reviewed by the Wildlife Policy Director was mailed to appropriate legislators.

NCTWS held a summer meeting in conjunction with "The Role of Disturbance in Regional Biodiversity" workshop in July at Asheville, NC. Formal presentations were reinforced by a field trip to the USDA Forest Service Research Station at Bent Creek.

The Wildlife Damage Control Committee forwarded recommendations on training, licensing and regulating nuisance wildlife control officers to the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. Recommendations were adopted and the first Wildlife Damage Control Agent Training workshop was conducted by the committee; due to considerable interest additional workshops will be scheduled for 1996.

The Legislative Liaison Committee provided insights into proposed state legislation affecting wildlife. In response to pending legislation involving Critical Habitat, NCTWS correspondence and chapter testimony to the Senate Agriculture Committee were undertaken in support of NCWRC authority to designate critical habitat.

The Membership Committee continued to expand membership information through an expanded member expertise roster.

The Professional Standards Committee mailed letters to employers of wildlife biologists promoting the TWS certification and development programs. The committee encouraged employers to consider TWS certification in the personnel hiring and advancement process. A draft of the correspondence was forwarded to the SE Section Professional Standards Committee for consideration.

NCTWS Executive Board approved Chapter involvement in a grant proposal for the development of a professional exchange program with Smolensk National Park in Russia. The Exchange Program Committee was given authority to seek grants and solicit membership involvement.

The Executive Board also decided to expand chapter sponsorship of workshops as a fund raising mechanism that would also serve to meet professional development needs. The first workshop was a GPS/GIS training course offered to chapter members.

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The Tennessee Chapter of The Wildlife Society held its annual meeting March 29-31, 1995, at Fall Creek Falls State Park. The theme of the meeting was **"Integrating Traditional and Non-traditional Values in Wildlife Management"**, and was highlighted by excellent presentations by several outstanding wildlife professionals. Presentations were also heard by graduate students of tennessee universities working on various wildlife research projects in the southeast. Ms. Tyler Alley of Tennessee Technological University was presented with the student paper award for her presentation entitled, "Development of habitat quality models for use in assessment of early bottomland hardwood restoration projects." The annual meeting was attended by approximately 100 wildlife professionals and students, and the chapter held its first annual auction, with the proceeds to be used to fund a professional development workshop at some time in the future.

The chapter membership passed a resolution relative to supporting the efforts of the Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative. A copy of the resolution and accompanying letter of support was mailed to approximately 35 vendors in the outdoor recreation industry. Several members of the state chapter have played key leadership roles in Tennessee in making presentations of the Initiative to the public, or providing coordination of activities.

At the 49th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, the state chapter joined forces with the student chapters in Tennessee (University of Tennessee, Tennessee Technological University, and University of Tennessee at Martin) to sell T-shirts as a fund raising endeavor. The state chapter also organized and hosted a very successful Student-Professional Mixer that was attended by approximately 400 students and 150 professionals.

The chapter was also involved in tracking several wildlife policy issues, and provided comments on the Farm Bill, timber prescriptions on TVA's Land Between the Lakes, and land use policies at Land Between the Lakes.

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In 1995, the Virginia Chapter of The Wildlife Society continued to actively support professional development and educational programs, conservation advocacy, and recognition of professional and private wildlife management excellence within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Professional Development and Education: The 1995 annual business meeting and educational program was held in Midlothian, Virginia. The educational program, Wildlife and Fisheries Information Management in Virginia, was cosponsored by The American Fisheries Society, Virginia Chapter, and the Virginia Society of Herpetology. The meeting offered an excellent opportunity for members to familiarize themselves with the Fish and Wildlife Information Management Systems currently maintained in Virginia, status of the knowledge base regarding different faunal groups, faunal information collection and management systems, and perspectives on animal biodiversity management and conservation in Virginia.

At the summer meeting in September, the Chapter held its first joint meeting with the National Capital and Maryland-Delaware Chapters of The Wildlife Society. Held just a few blocks from the Capitol at the Smithsonian's Ripley Center, the meeting centered around the National Fish and Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative, Teaming With Wildlife. This highly successful meeting was organized into three distinct parts. First, a description and status of TWW was provided, with representatives of hunters and anglers, environmental groups, and industry providing their perspectives on the Initiative. Second, presentations were made regarding skills required to build coalitions and make effective presentations to legislators. Third, attendees organized into groups to visit their Senators and Congressmen to inform them of TWW and express The Virginia Chapter's support for the Initiative.

Conservation Advocacy: The Chapter concentrated efforts in spearheading the Virginia Coalition for Teaming With Wildlife. Through the Chapter's efforts, the Virginia Coalition grew to include 18 members, including private businesses and industry, retailers, environmental groups, and professional societies. The Chapter's TWW committee submitted articles on TWW to eight publications, and spoke at numerous meetings to encourage TWW support. The Chapter stimulated a letter writing campaign that generated over 3,000 letters to industry. The Chapter submitted comments to the U.S. Senate and Congress offering suggestions for improving wildlife considerations in the reauthorization of the Farm Bill. In response to proposed legislation in Virginia, The Chapter reiterated past support for retaining and consolidating nongame and endangered species programs within the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. The Chapter also contributed money to support the Virginia Wildlife Federation's reception and wild game dinner for Virginia legislators.

Recognition of Excellence: The Chapter's annual professional Wildlifer of the Year Award was given to Biologist Dr. Joseph C. Mitchell for his highly acclaimed work on reptiles and amphibians. The Citizen of the Year award was given to Russell E. Holland for his many and varied efforts to promote wildlife and outdoor sports.

Other Matters: The Chapter revised its by-laws to include a voting member representing the Student Chapter on the Executive Board. In an effort to economize on mailings of the Chapter's excellent quarterly newsletter, the Chapter applied for and received bulk third class mailing privileges. The treasury remained roughly stable, with a beginning balance of \$4,121.39 and an ending balance of \$3,928.60. Major expenses for the year included purchase of a display board and a \$500.00 allocation to support the Chapter's Teaming With Wildlife efforts. Planning was initiated for the 1996 annual meeting Approaches and Applications of Ecosystem Management at Alton, Virginia.

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership has remained constant at about 45 members. The ratio of graduate students to undergraduate students has changed, though. We have more undergraduates attending meetings and becoming voting members than we have had in the past.

GUEST SPEAKERS

In 1995, the Clemson University Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society held 7 monthly meetings during the Spring and Fall semesters. Guest speakers presented talks on local, regional and national topics. They were:

- Steve Platt, a Clemson PH.D. candidate, talked about his work with Morelet's crocodiles and the American crocodile in Belize
- Chris Thomason from SCDNR spoke on the invasion of flathead catfish in the Edisto River
- Judy Barnes with the S.C. Forest Stewardship Program
- Billy Dukes with the S.C. Furbearer Project
- Danny Allen, Clemson PH.D. candidate, spoke about desert ecosystems

PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

Ten of our members competed the 1995 Southeastern Wildlife Conclave at North Carolina State University in March. Thirteen of our members attended the annual S.E.A.F.W.A. meeting in Nashville, Tenn., in September. Our Vice-President, Eric Darracq, was instrumental in representing the chapter interests at the South Carolina TWS special strategic planning meeting held in October. Several members are making plans to attend the Winter Meeting of SCTWS in March at the Forestry Commission Headquarters in Columbia, S.C.

CLUB PROJECTS

- CUTWS has been planning the 1996 Southeastern Wildlife Conclave which will be held at Clemson's Outdoor Lab in March. Thirteen Southeastern schools have registered to attend.
- CUTWS has taken steps to inform the Clemson University student body and staff about the Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative or Teaming With Wildlife. We held a "town meeting" to distribute information and explain the legislative push. Ms. Cindy Thompson of SCDNR Public Relations presented a slide show on the topic.
- We were awarded contract money from SCDNR to manage beavers in local waterfowl impoundments through the 1996 growing season. Members will begin training for this job in March. We have also raised funds for our club by selling channel catfish, national wildlife refuge calendars and t-shirts.
- CUTWS members volunteered to help SCDNR remove deer jaw bones during the 1995 season. We repaired and surveyed wood duck nesting boxes in the Clemson Forest in the spring through a cooperative agreement with SCDNR. The ongoing project is in its eleventh year.
- Several members have given wildlife talks to local elementary schools.
- As a club, we plan an annual Buzzard Banquet, Halloween party, hiking trips, skiing trips, and more. We have also started an intramural softball team.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Co Advisors: Dr. Tim Fendley and Dr. Dave Otis; Representatives: Ashley Williams and Carmen Dickover; Secretary/Treasurer: Catherine Fulmer; Vice-President: Eric Darracq; President: Ashley Rossi

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995

The EKU Student Chapter of TWS has been involved in a number of activities designed to get our members more "hands-on" experience. Members were involved in doing cliff-line surveys for bats, helping with an Indiana bat radio-telemetry project, stream survey work, operating deer check stations, goose round-up and nesting surveys, wood duck box surveys, deer spotlight surveys, assisting with a deer drive, helping with a quail survey at the Central Kentucky Wildlife Management Area (WMA), and helping with a study of foxes and coyotes in central Kentucky. The club also continued traditional activities such as conducting a deer aging workshop and the annual trash pick-up along the road to the Central Kentucky WMA. The club tried to increase social activities by arranging cookouts and a camping trip that included mist netting, grubbing for reptiles, amphibians, and snails, small mammal live trapping, and a nature walk. For fundraisers the club had a poster sale, created and sold society T-shirts, and had a pot-luck "wild game" Thanksgiving dinner with a guest speaker and raffle of various door prizes. Guest speakers provided additional professional development by discussing peregrine falcon introductions in Kentucky, bluebird ecology, wetlands restoration procedures, bobwhite quail habitat restoration, wildlife management and power company concerns, endangered species on the Daniel Boone National Forest, and Kentucky Dept. of Fish & Wildlife habitat improvement programs for private landowners. Club members attended a number of professional meetings, e.g. Southeastern Wildlife Conclave, Southeastern Assoc. Fish & Wildlife Agencies, small game workshop sponsored by Quail Unlimited, Herpetology workshop, and the joint meeting of the Kentucky Academy of Science and Tennessee Academy of Sciences.

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The H.C.C. Student Chapter's first activity for 1995 was attending the South Eastern Section meeting in September to receive its's charter. The meeting was attended by the Executive Board and Chapter Advisor Dave Dudek.

In October, members assisted the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources' Piedmont Division in annual Deer Check Stations and also conducted an abomasal Parasite Count for the region. Members checked in approximately 800 deer over a two-day period.

Members also volunteered with Biologist Chris McGrath of the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commissions' Non-Game Division. Students participated in a project involving the Northern Flying Squirrel (*Glaucomys sabrinus*). Students assisted technicians in the placement of artificial nesting cavities in areas adjacent to the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Project wet activities were conducted for 125 middle school students by chapter members. Middle school students participated in activities that promoted awareness of aquatic resources, recycling, and the detriments of littering and pollution to wildlife.

The chapter also attended a seminar in stream habitat evaluation presented by one of H.C.C.'s former graduates, Kevin Leftwich.

Students also continued the maintenance of several wildlife management areas on the school's Fowler Forest. Chapter Advisor Dave Dudek provided members with a habitat manipulation seminar that involved the expansion of one wildlife management area. The wood removed was split and raffled by students to fund travel expenses to the South Eastern Wildlife Conclave.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995

The Louisiana State University Student Chapter found 1995 as a year of reorganization. In the spring, we had a crawfish boil social that was successful and brought new interest to our club. Internal disorganization, though, brought inactivity until October when a new faculty advisor was assigned.

With Dr. Frank Rohwer as the new advisor, ideas and organization were quickly found. In November, we had two chapter meetings with guest speakers. The first guest speaker was Dr. Rohwer, who is also the Director of Delta Waterfowl Research station in Prairie Canada. He spoke about waterfowl breeding there. The second speaker was Mr. Gary Lester of the Louisiana Natural Heritage Program, a program through the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. He spoke about endangered species in our state and what was being done to protect them. This is one of the issues his Natural Heritage Program addresses. We ended the semester with a barbecue social.

We found more interest in our club than we could have ever hoped for. So as we ended 1995 on such a positive note, we could only have high hopes for 1996 on what our club might accomplish.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995

In spring, 1995, our chapter sent 6 delegates to the Southeastern Wildlife Conclave. Generous support from the Mississippi State University School of Forest Resources allowed us to attend conclave at a minimal cost to the students by providing transportation at no charge to us. The chapter also provided support to individuals to defray registration and hotel costs. We had a lot of fun along the way to Raleigh, camping in the Great Smokey Mountains. During Conclave, we were successful in winning second place in the Quizbowl competition, and participating in other events.

Starting with the new academic year in August 1995, we began having more regularly scheduled meetings, every other week, with speakers from various agencies in the state of Mississippi and elsewhere. We assisted Tombigbee National forest and the National Wild Turkey Federation in their JAKES event, where youth learned about conservation of turkeys and safe and ethical hunting.

During November and December, we were contracted by Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge to staff their deer check station. Many members volunteered their time, and the chapter voted to use the money to send students to the 1996 Conclave in Clemson. In fact, we raised enough money to send all interested members to Conclave at no cost to them, with a large enough balance to fund plenty of other activities for the upcoming year.

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Throughout the Spring, our members participated in a wood duck management project on nearby Yates Mill Pond to assess the use of artificial nesting sites by wood ducks. Members continued to give educational programs using Project WILD materials at schools throughout Wake County. In early March, we increased awareness of fisheries and wildlife sciences by operating a booth at the Dixie Deer Classic held in Raleigh. We were also able to raise money by holding a raffle for a black powder rifle at the Dixie Deer Classic. From March 16 to 19 we hosted the Southeastern Student Wildlife Conclave which we had spent a large portion of the year preparing for. We increased awareness of fisheries and wildlife sciences and the curriculum at NCSU by operating an informational booth during Agriculture Awareness Week on campus. We gathered in April for our annual Wild Game Banquet where we socialized, shot skeet, honored members, and recognized two students with scholarships from our chapter to help reduce the costs of attending summer camp.

In August, some of our officers talked to incoming freshmen in the zoology and fisheries and wildlife curricula about our chapter. We acquired funds to send four of our members to the SEAFWA Conference in September. Several members were certified to teach Project WILD in October during a workshop on campus. In October, members cleaned and repaired squirrel boxes on campus. Also in October, a few members took a trip to Lake Mattamuskeet for bird watching and fishing. In December, we began preparing the wood duck boxes for nesting activity in the Spring. Our year concluded with the election of new officers. These activities were in addition to our biweekly meetings where we are able to learn more about our interests and field of study from presentations by guest speakers.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995

Our chapter had a very busy and exciting year in 1995. With activities ranging from professional meetings, to fund raising socials, to volunteer opportunities, we have done our best to meet The Wildlife Society's goals of service and professional development.

The year 1995 saw the return of several annual events for the UGA student chapter. Our "Big Buck" contest was a successful fund raiser that crowned Dr. Larry Marchinton as winner. In the spring we held our annual Wildlife Supper featuring a wide variety of game animals as the main course. Students, professors, invited special guests, and family members enjoyed such gourmet dishes as "Sylvalagus Grey Poupon" and "Gator Pate." The supper is our biggest fund raiser and is eagerly anticipated by everyone. In another food-based social, our fall picnic was our first social in this school year. It provided the student chapter with an excellent way to recruit new members, and to hear the summer adventures of fellow students.

UGA students were very active in professional meetings this year. A group of 9 students attended the Student Conclave in Raleigh, North Carolina. Alex Menzel presented a paper on the bats of Lumpkin County, Georgia, Jonathan Day took first in the Dendrology Quiz, and the Quiz Bowl team had a strong showing. We did not win Quiz Bowl, but the Bulldogs will be back this year. Several students had the opportunity to attend the National TWS meeting in Portland. They returned with pictures and rave reviews. At the beginning of the school term, many students spent a weekend in Nashville, Tennessee at the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies meeting. John Kilgo, a graduate student, presented a paper on the use of refuges by deer. Student members are now anxiously awaiting such meetings as the Southeastern Deer Study Group and the Small Mammal Colloquium.

The UGA student chapter was also involved in service activities in 1995. We sold and installed wood duck boxes for several landowners. We have been volunteering our sweat and muscle to help the Piedmont Wildlife Refuge maintain RCW habitat. Several students coached a 4-H wildlife judging team for Oconee County this year. The coaching was a rewarding first-time event for the students and we are looking forward to next years' event.

This has been a busy year for the UGA student chapter. We are proud of our students and their accomplishments and we are proud of our chapter. We now move into 1996 with high expectations of ourselves and we hope that as a group we can make a difference. We are pushing heavily for the passing of Teaming With Wildlife, and our primary goal is to get the word out.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995

The University of Tennessee Student Chapter has continued its outstanding record of developing wildlife professionals for the future. The Chapter has been annually involved with an excess of twenty projects. These projects try to assimilate the current areas of the wildlife profession today. A large amount of the chapter's endeavors are funded through contracts with state and federal agencies providing a steady income that fund expenses of the projects, finances chapter activities, supports trips to professional meetings, and continues an annual scholarship fund.

The Chapter provides an assortment of projects that are divided into three main areas of interest, but encouraged participation of members is in all areas. The interest of the Chapter is in game projects. Over nine projects are provided enhancing the knowledge and technical capabilities of Chapter members. Each project is affiliated with a state or federal agency that provides a contract for services and data collection. As recent as last year, the Chapter added a total of eight non-game projects. Student involvement in the non-game division continues to evolve as the chapter gains recognition by local and state agencies in its enthusiastic approach to providing a great deal of volunteer help in community affairs dealing with endangered and non-game species. This Chapter was developed not only to educate its members, but to educate and increase the public's appreciation of wildlife management. To accomplish this goal services are provided to primary and secondary school classes, information is presented at local conventions, and assistance is given to accommodate public needs in cases of animal damage control.

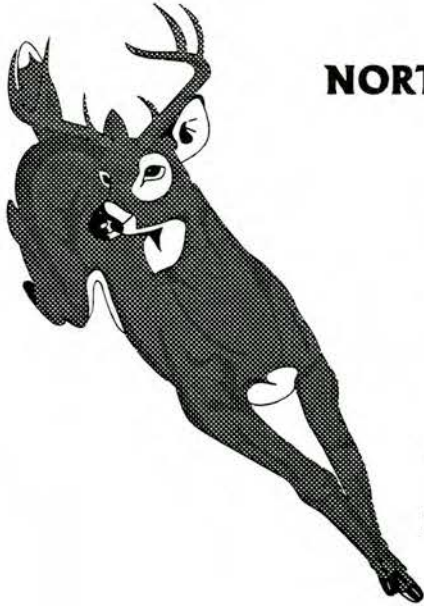
The Wildlife and Fisheries Society has raised and committed \$10,000 to an endowment fund to establish a scholarship for students majoring in Wildlife and Fisheries Science at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. Recipients of the scholarship will be students majoring in Wildlife and Fisheries Science who have maintained an average of "B" or better, and who have participated in field projects and studies through the department or the Wildlife and Fisheries Society. The Chapter continues to pursue alumni in supporting the Wildlife Endowment Scholarship. Over 400 letters were generated to contact and explain the fund.

With the recent surge of participation in the National Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative, students informed 39 outdoor or wildlife affiliated companies on the importance such an initiative towards wildlife research. An excess of 1,500 letters were written through the Chapter and continue to be written. Pamphlets are continually provided for the public to help increase awareness to the beneficial possibilities that are supported.

Two executive officers and four students were able to attend the Second Annual Wildlife Society Conference in Portland, Oregon. Students were able to increase their knowledge on personal areas through attendance of professional papers, a mentor program, and social gatherings. The Chapter along with the University of Davis - California Student Chapter and Greg Sheildwalker hosted an informative program on beginning and maintaining an enthusiastic student chapter, TWS.

The Chapter has begun an intensive recruiting program to increase freshmen and sophomore participation in Society events. Chapter members attended freshmen orientation this past summer to meet and converse with incoming wildlife majors on the benefits of involvement with a student and professional organization as the Wildlife Society. Orientation students were again contacted later through a newsletter that continues to be released quarterly.

In an effort to keep up with today's growing technology the Chapter has obtained an e-mail address (utwild@utkux.utcc.utk.edu) to help keep in touch with other student chapters sharing new ideas and providing support in areas of difficulty. An internet web page (<http://funnelweb.utcc.utk.edu/~utwild>) has also recently been completed allowing students to access a calendar and project list. This web site will hopefully attract the interest of students yet unaware of the Chapters many benefits.



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The Illinois Chapter of The Wildlife Society (ICTWS) held its annual 1995 meeting in March in conjunction with the First Illinois Renewable Natural Resources Conference. The conference was a huge success, with over 400 people from diverse natural resources backgrounds attending. ICTWS sponsored 2 paper sessions, providing opportunities for many students and professionals to present their work and exchange ideas.

As a result of proceeds from a raffle at the conference, the chapter completed its commitment of \$2,000 to the North Central Section's Continuing Education Endowment Fund. Five individual members responded to an additional challenge, adding another \$500 to the Continuing Ed Fund.

The membership voted to join the Illinois Environmental Council (IEC) as a major affiliate group, which allows us to place a member on the Board of Directors and to be active in committees. The IEC is a coalition of groups with environmental concerns which lobbies the state government in support of environmentally favorable legislation. We look forward to being able to offer the perspective of wildlife professionals on varied environmental legislation.

Much of ICTWS' activity this year was centered around the Fish and Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative. We formed a committee that has worked closely with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to gain support for the initiative. Through chapter efforts, the IEC joined as a coalition member, and letters to other state conservation groups garnered additional coalition members. The chapter sent letters to top outdoor equipment companies identified by the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. All members were provided with form letters to send to the top 10 companies, and were encouraged to send personal letters in support of Teaming With Wildlife. We co-sponsored the IDNR's publication of an Illinois-specific brochure explaining the initiative, and made a donation to TWS's efforts for the initiative.

Another committee followed the progress 1995 Farm Bill and provided information on wildlife habitat and CRP concerns at an Illinois meeting of the U.S. House of Representatives Agricultural Committee. A new "Big Rivers" committee is identifying issues of concern regarding the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers.

In October several members joined in a special field trip to sites in Wisconsin. The group visited the International Crane Foundation and Aldo Leopold's shack. Our 1996 meeting is scheduled for February 29/March 1 in Effingham, IL, and the theme is "Prairie Wildlife in the Prairie State".

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The Indiana Chapter of TWS held its spring meeting March 2-3, 1995. The theme was "The Next Generation of Fish and Wildlife Management: Needs and Expectations". This meeting was held in conjunction with the Indiana Chapter of American Fisheries Society. A workshop entitled "Impacts of Forest Management on Neotropical Migrants" was held on March 28 jointly with the Indiana Chapter of the Society of the American Foresters. More than 160 people were in attendance. A fall workshop entitled "Increasing the Awareness of Knowledge of Natural Resource Issues with the Public, Media, and Legislature" was held. This workshop was attended by over 95 natural resource professionals. Both this workshop and the Neotropical Migrant workshop are continuing education workshops being sponsored in part and attended by members of the chapter. Plans are underway for a continuing education workshop in the spring concentrating on species and habitat identification of herptiles and neotropical migrant songbirds, and also in the fall dealing with human land use and habitat needs in streams and watersheds.

The Indiana Chapter has recently revived its Hoosier Wildlife Award. This award recognizes an individual who has made, or is making a significant contribution to professional wildlife conservation in Indiana through research, management, law enforcement, education, or administration. The 1996 recipient of this award is Dr. Russel E. Mumford. A sincere congratulations goes to Dr. Mumford from everyone in the chapter.

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The Iowa Chapter held its winter meeting on 7-8 February in Ames with the topic: "The 1995 Farm Bill: Implications for Fish and Wildlife." The meeting explored what previous farm bills brought us, what we know about the effects of farm practices on wildlife, and prospects for the 1995 Farm Bill. Speakers included natural resource professionals, private wildlife organizations, an economist, a sociologist, a Farm Bureau representative, and a farmer. A truly diverse picture of Farm Bill impacts was presented. The meeting ended with a discussion session on how Wildlifers can impact Farm Bill legislation.

The chapter sent letters to Iowa's congressional delegation supporting the function and importance of the National Biological Survey and urging continued funding. The chapter co-signed with 29 other groups a letter to our congressional delegation to maintain funding for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). That was followed up later in the year with a letter from our chapter supporting continuation and full funding for the CRP, and to make wildlife conservation a clear objective of CRP, along with soil and water conservation. A letter was sent to the Omaha office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to support water level management on the Missouri River that will restore natural river function and habitat for fish and wildlife. We sent chapter comments on proposed eligibility rules and ranking criteria for the 1995 Wetland Reserve Program to the Iowa Natural Resource Conservation Service. The chapter sent a letter to Iowa's Senator Harkin on the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee urging support of the President's budget request for the 1996 North American Wetlands Conservation Act appropriation.

The chapter donated \$150 to Iowa's Resource Enhancement and Protection Alliance and the chapter president attended a gathering at the State Capital in support of funding for this program. The chapter also donated \$300 to the Midwest Student Conclave that was held in Iowa. Another \$500 was donated to the Eagle Lake Wetland Project in northern Iowa as a memorial to Lee Gladfelter, a member who was killed in an auto accident.

The chapter completed its new directory and distributed it to all members in May. Included is a roster of all current members, bylaws, history, Iowa's congressional delegation and top state officials, and a phone tree for communication of urgent issues. The directory is updated and reprinted about every 2 years.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995

The spring meeting of the Michigan Chapter was held in March as part of Michigan State University's Agriculture and Natural Resources Week in conjunction with the Michigan Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. Topics presented at the meeting and banquet were on agricultural methods and farm wildlife habitat management. A student art contest was also included as part of the meeting as well as award presentations to Chris Smith of Lake Superior State for outstanding student and William Robinson for professional achievement.

The fall meeting of the Chapter was held in September at Iron Mountain in conjunction with the Michigan Chapter of the Society of American Foresters. The main topic of the joint meeting was hemlock ecology and management. The Chapter also provided financial support for a MSU graduate student to represent the Chapter at The Wildlife Society 2nd Annual Conference.

In December, The Michigan Chapters had a display at the 57th Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference and provided \$150 in financial support to Michigan Student Chapters that assisted with the Midwest, especially with the student employment sections. Chapter members also assisted in a variety of ways in planning and conducting the conference. The chapter also judged technical and poster sessions for best presentations by students and professionals.

The Michigan Chapter also expressed its support for the Wildlife Diversity Interactive and for a candidate for the Aldo Leopold Award.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995

The Minnesota Chapter held its annual membership meeting during February 1-3, 1995, in St. Cloud. The theme of the meeting, "A River Runs Through It: Sustaining Wildlife Populations of Minnesota's River Basins," focused on natural resources management on a watershed scale, human impacts on river wildlife, and river ecology and society goals. The Minnesota Chapter's annual awards for outstanding contributions to wildlife were presented to Jan Green, one of Minnesota's most eminent ornithologists and conservationists (and perhaps most significantly, a layperson), and the Sportsmen's Coalition for a Clean Minnesota River, a conservation group known for its success in developing grassroots support for the Minnesota River among diverse organizations.

The 1995 North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference was held in Minneapolis on March 24-29, 1995. The Minnesota Chapter planned a Wildlife Issues Forum and coordinated the poster session at the conference.

We held our summer meeting on August 10 in Grand Rapids. Eleven speakers addressed the form, function, and values of forest wetlands. The conference was especially interesting and educational because forest wetlands had previously received scant attention in comparison to the more widely studied prairie wetlands.

The Minnesota Chapter prepared and distributed position statements on conservation provisions to the 1995 Farm Bill and on dog trialing on Wildlife Management Areas. The Chapter also passed a resolution supporting the prescription of silvacultural treatments including prescribed burning, clearcutting, and partial cutting for managing shade-intolerant forest communities.

The Minnesota Chapter participated in a Hunting Ethics and Compliance Roundtable which addressed the issues of trespass on private land and the use of ATVs in hunting. The Chapter sent letters to the Minnesota DNR encouraging an expansion of efforts for conservation of old forest habitats and expressing concern about the implementation of a Short Rotation Woody Crops program in the prairie region of the state. We also actively pushed for the requirement of an Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed expansion of a wood products plant and its associated plans for increased timber harvest.

On a national scale, letters were sent to the U.S. Senate supporting the retention of the scientific and research functions of the National Biological Service. Letters were also sent to Washington asking that the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge be protected from oil drilling. The Chapter participated in a letter writing campaign in support of the Fish and Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative. Finally, we finished the year with a second round of letters to Congress on the conservation provisions of the Farm Bill.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995**MISSOURI CHAPTER NEWS**

David A. Hamilton
Past-President

The Missouri Chapter was active on many fronts during 1995. Our primary project was the establishment of a second scholarship fund to be awarded annually to worthy students working in the broad field of wildlife conservation or biology at any Missouri college. The James D. Chambers Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in memory of the late son of Glenn Chambers, internationally-known wildlife biologist, cinematographer, photographer and long-term TWS member. The Missouri Chapter recently held a fund-raising banquet, which generated over \$10,000 to establish the fund. Interest gained annually from the fund will be granted to the students in the form of a scholarship.

Our chapter has also participated in the environmental analysis for several highway development projects initiated by the Missouri Highway and Transportation Department. We have encouraged the MHTD to give more attention to the environmental consequences of road and bridge projects, beyond the rare or endangered species which are required to be considered by law.

The Missouri Chapter co-sponsored two continuing education workshops at the annual Missouri Forest, Fish and Wildlife Conference. We held a ½-day workshop featuring Hans Bleiker of the Institute for Participating Management and Planning, who spoke on *Conservation Advocacy and Professionalism*. Over 500 people attended the workshop. We also held 2 2-hour workshops on the use of GIS systems in the planning and management of natural resources. The 2-½ day conference (co-sponsored by MO TWS) was attended by over 800 professionals and students in Missouri.

Finally, our Chapter awarded the Runge Conservation Award to the City of Columbia for its innovative use of wetlands in its wastewater treatment plant. This project has gained national media attention for the City of Columbia as an environmentally conscious alternative to wastewater management. Effluent from the treatment plant is discharged to a large wetland unit managed by the Missouri Department of Conservation. The Chapter's most prestigious award, the E. Sidney Stephens Award, went to Raymond D. Evans, primarily for his leadership in coordination among natural resource disciplines and collaborative efforts between wildlife conservation and agricultural interests. More recently, Ray has played a major role in the incorporation of Conservation Provisions in the 1985, 1990 and 1995 Farm Bill.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995

1. Sent letters to the Ohio Congressional Delegation on the following topics:
 - A. Funding for the Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Units.
 - B. Funding for the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.
 - C. 1995 Farm Bill.
2. Sent a letter to the Secretary of Agriculture regarding implementation of State Technical Committees as mandated by the 1990 Farm Bill.
3. Sent letters to members of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee of the Ohio House of Representatives regarding state legislation that would have removed management capability from the Ohio Division of Forestry over their state forests.
4. Two of the chapter's members (Dave Risley and Dave Scott) participated on the TWS committee that developed the TWS position paper on the 1995 Farm Bill. Risley chaired the committee.
5. Co-chaired the Program Committee for the 36th Annual Ohio Fish and Wildlife Conference. Arranged for Dr. Mickey Hietmeyer from Ducks Unlimited national headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee to provide the keynote address.
6. Participated in the development of a "Watchable Wildlife" publication at the request of the Ohio Division of Wildlife.
7. Revised the Chapter's Bylaws as per suggestions from TWS.
8. Joined the list of supporters for the national wildlife diversity funding initiative.
9. Conducted a continuing education workshop for chapter members on Urban Wildlife Management. It was presented by Dr. Lowell Adams, of Urban Wildlife Resources. A total of 51 members participated.
10. Presented the Chapter's annual "Wildlife Awareness Award" at the state science fair. This year's first place project, "The effect of acid precipitation on Algonquin Park waterfowl via the Lake's food chain," was done by Rachel Dunn, a 10th grader from Bowling Green.
11. Nominated Dr. Theodore Bookhout for the Professional Award of Merit. The North Central Section of TWS selected Ted as their 1995 recipient of this award and presented it to him at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in Detroit last December.
12. Last, but certainly not least, prepared to host the 3rd Annual Wildlife Society Conference which is scheduled for October 1-6, 1996 in Cincinnati.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995

The Wisconsin Chapter, along with 11 other professional societies, universities, and agencies from Wisconsin and Michigan co-hosted the "Ecology and Management of Eastern Hemlock in the Lakes States" at Iron River, Michigan on September 27-28, 1995. New information on the status, silvics, ecology, and management of hemlock was presented by some of the top research scientists and managers in the Great Lakes States to over 300 attendees. New insights into successful establishment of hemlock will be of value as we attempt to perpetuate this unique component of our lake states forests. (Of the 1.2 million acres of public forest in Wisconsin, only 0.8% is typed as hemlock.)

Our Chapter has been quite active on a number of legislative matters. We have written numerous letters and/or made telephone calls on a variety of subjects including the federal Farm Bill, Wildlife Diversity Initiative, Taking's legislation, state and federal Endangered Species Act, and the state Public Intervenor's Office. We participated and gave testimony relating to the Wisconsin roundtable - 7th American congress and a state proposed license fee package.

Our annual meeting this year follows the theme of "river Runs Through It" and will be held at La Crosse, Wisconsin, on March 1, 1996. Between two keynote speakers who will address the future of wildlife and wildlife management in our state, we have 14 additional presentations on pertinent subjects from zebra mussels, to elk and turkey research, to endangered butterflies, to contaminants.

Additional items of interest include updating our bylaws (that's interesting?!), being an active member of the 1997 Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference planning committee, lobbying for a commemorative Aldo Leopold. All proceeds go toward our Leopold Scholarship award awarded at the annual meeting.

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The 1995 Iowa State University student chapter officers were installed in January. Most of our spring was dedicated to the planning and organization of the 1995 North Central Section Conclave held on April 7-9 at the Iowa 4-H Natural Resource and Educational Center. The event was a huge success and we thank everyone who participated in the event.

Also, we helped young and old alike at a local ice fishing workshop in February. In addition, we had an information booth on the Iowa Chickadee Checkoff at the student commons.

Club members attended a Bald Eagle Appreciation Day and a Wetland Appreciation Day during March. Members also attended Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative planning meetings and have continued to inform other members and clubs of the program.

Fund raising for the chapter was done through bake sales, T-shirt sales, and a food stand. The food stand is run during VEISHEA, Iowa State's annual spring festival. The weekend was beautiful and the buffalo brats sold well.

During fall semester, the club continued its food traditions and held the annual departmental picnic at a local park. Despite threatening thunderheads, students and staff enjoyed the social function.

Two trips were held during the fall semester. Member organized a canoe trip down the Des Moines River and then camped at Ledges State Park. Members had a great time telling of their memorable outings and stories. The second trip was a winter camping outing to DeSoto Bend for the viewing of snow geese and other waterfowl. Despite an Iowa winter storm, club members arrived at the beautiful national refuge.

Elections were held in November for the 1996 executive board. The board is busy planning another exciting and eventful year.

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- 1/26: TWS meeting--Our speaker, John Zimmerman, professor of biology at K-State, spoke about the importance of Cheyenne Bottoms to many waterfowl species.
- 2/7 We had our first of many Conclave planning meetings. We are organizing this years Conclave because it will be at K-State in March of 1996.
- 2/9 TWS meeting--Keith Sexson, head of the Research and Survey Section of the KDW&P, talked about the importance of biological research in wildlife management.
- 2/19 Many of TWS student members participated in the 1995 Telefund to help raise money for scholarships in the department.

Other Conclave meetings were on 3/7, 3/28, 5/3, 10/12, 11/14, and 12/1. The average attendance of these meetings was 17 members.

- 2/23 TWS meeting--Jim Lucsinger, head of the Animal Damage Control section in the U.S.D.A., talked about wildlife damage control in urban areas.

2/27-3/3 Annual TWS Booksale raised \$328.

Other TWS meetings:

- 3/9--Dave Hiley, refuge manager of Quivera National Wildlife Refuge.
- 3/30--Dr. Dwight Platt, biology professor at Bethel College in Newton, Ks.
- 4/20--Scot Johnson spoke about the sport of falconery.
- 8/31--Organizational meeting
- 9/14--Dr. Tom Martin, professor of biology at University of Montana-Mizzoula.
- 9/28--Jim Ramburg, outdoors editor for the Topek-Capitol Journal.
- 10/12--No speaker.
- 10/26--We showed videos on the effects of human activities on wildlife.
- 11/16--Dave Murphy, Regional Director of the National Turkey Federation.
- 11/30--Elmer Fink, professor of biology at Emporia State University.

The average attendance at these meetings is 35 members.

Other activities:

- 4/7-4/9--20 TWS members attended the 1995 Conclave held at Iowa State University.
- 4/22--Annual Hog Roast
- The annual TWS banquet was in March, our Quizbowland intramural softball games were also held in the spring as well as the trash pick up at Tuttle Creek State Park.
- 4/1--The All University Open House
- 9/16--We held our first ever catfish tournament at Tuttle Creek.

Other fundraisers included our yearly hat and T-shirt sales, our calendar sale, and the pick-up of Bramelege Colesium.

We also had TWS members attend the Wildlife Damage Conference in Mississippi and The 1995 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in Detroit, Michigan.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995

Weekly meetings of the general membership took place throughout the months of December to April. Starting in September, general membership meetings took place on a bi-weekly basis. The highlights of the group's activities in 1995 include:

- Members took part in a whitetailed deer census on Presque Isle Park, a city-run park in close proximity to NMU's campus. Dr. William Robinson coordinated the census, which took place in March. The goal of the census was to determine if the population of deer on the island was greater than its carrying capacity.
- The chapter held its annual fundraiser in conjunction with "Earth Week" activities on campus. Wildlife pins, sweatshirts and baked items were sold during a two day span in April.
- The Chapter held its annual elections during the second week of April.
- The new administration presided at its first meeting in September and set goals for the upcoming school year.
- Dr. John Rebers, biology professor at NMU, attended an October general chapter meeting and updated the group on the current activities of the International Joint Commission on Great Lakes Water Quality, a group concerned with the water quality of the Lake Superior Watershed. Dr. Rebers attended the committee meeting in Duluth, MN. and was able to pass along the content of the meeting to our members.
- Dr. David Kingston, chemistry professor at NMU, presented his research findings on bio-accumulation of toxins in fish in the Manistique River to the group at a general membership meeting in November.
- Members took part in a second deer census on Presque Isle Park in November, again under the direction of Dr. William Robinson.

Various clean-up activities were organized throughout the school year, including a Lake Superior beach clean-up which took place in September. The group is working toward establishing a special area on which we can concentrate our clean-up efforts. In addition, the chapter, with the assistance of the NMU student travel fund, was able to send nine members to the Midwest Wildlife Conference held in Detroit in December. Members had the opportunity to meet with other student chapters and exchange ideas about various topics, not to mention the opportunity to meet wildlife professionals, both from agencies and academia.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995

WILDLIFE STUDIES

SANDHILL CRANE COUNT - (Spring and Fall) Participation by students and the community to count cranes in an assigned areas of Portage Co. In fall members attended a field trip to the International Crane Foundation in Baraboo, WI.

GREATER PRAIRIE CHICKEN PROJECT - (Spring) Students observe booming grounds from blinds and search for new booming grounds. Data is collected on numbers, copulation observations, weather conditions, and disturbances.

RAPTOR ROAD SURVEY - (Spring and Fall) Observations of raptors (species and activity) in a DNR managed land area for prairie chickens. Watching for a correlation between raptor observations and prairie chicken populations.

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK BROADCAST SURVEY - (Spring) A road survey to locate nesting sites of Red-shouldered hawks in Central Wisconsin (a state threatened species).

FROG AND TOAD SURVEY - (Spring) Census of frogs and toads at 10 wetland sites by vocalized calls; data is collected for the state DNR.

COTTONTAIL CENSUS - (Spring and Fall) Live trapping and tagging of urban cottontails on private property near the campus community.

DEER TELEMETRY -(Spring and Fall) Tracking movements of 3 radio-collared urban deer to monitor home range, habitat preference, and behavior.

BLUE BIRD PROJECT- (Spring) Constructing boxes to sell with Eastern bluebird information; repair and monitor area box use.

WILDLIFE ABATEMENT -(Spring and Fall) Offer services to help members of the community with wildlife conflicts.

WOOD DUCK PROJECT -(Spring) Construct and place boxes in strategic extended community locations; clean, maintain, and check use of boxes.

WATERFOWL -(Spring) Monitors uses of floating nest structures to reduce land predation.

FLYING SQUIRREL PROJECT -(Spring and Fall) Students help trap, tag, radio-collar and track Northern and Southern Flying Squirrels in a woodland near campus.

LAND MANAGEMENT

MITIGATED WETLAND -(Spring and Fall) Compiling data on wildlife, vegetation, invertebrate and water quality surveys on a poorly constructed mitigated wetland. Grade school students helped collect invertebrates and pick up garbage in spring.

PRIVATE LAND MANAGEMENT -(Spring and Fall) Work with private land owners (habitat restoration, wildlife habitat evaluation, bluebird or wood duck box placement).

PRAIRIE PROJECT -(Spring and Fall) Collect seeds in fall, separate, and plant in spring to restore native prairies.

AND ALSO....

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE - Working to gather support for the Endangered Species Program and Teaming With Wildlife (Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative) along with other crucial issues that arise. Affiliation with the WI Wildlife Federation.

EDUCATION PROJECT - Presentations for grade school and scout groups on wolves, bears, endangered species, adaptations, and bats. In spring hosted the annual Reptile Show for hands on introduction to reptiles.

NEWSLETTER - Print a semesterly newsletter of project updates, current events and student artwork.

ART SHOW - In spring, hosted our first art show for student wildlife art.

PHOTOGRAPHY - Organized and cataloged the slide collection.

SPECIAL PROJECTS - In spring created a brochure for our student chapter. Began the reprinting process of the book Wildlife in Early Wisconsin - a collection of natural history papers.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995

We have had an eventful year for 1995. Our chapter here at Western Illinois University has made the best of the time that we have had together. We have done activities according to fund-raisers observing of animals, and recognizing special days relating to wildlife.

First, we had two significant fund-raisers last year. We sold calendars with pictures of wildlife on the. This brought in a lot of money, and also gave us more recognition. Also, we participated in campus beautification day. We helped many organizations on campus clean up the debris left over from the winter.

Also, we took many trips last year to help and observe animals and their habitat. In February, we watched the Bald Eagle population migrate to lock and dam 19 in Keokuk. Also, we built owl boxes and watched the owls move in and out of them. Our biggest event of the year was our deer boards. We used these to aid us in our deer checking.

Lastly, we observed special days that related to wildlife. On Biology day, we had volunteers sit at a table with special information on it relating to Biology. Also, on Wildlife Day, we let everyone on campus know what we are about and what we do as an organization.

Fund-raisers, animal observing, and special day recognition are three main activities that we participated in last year. This year we plan to repeat these activities and do many more.

CENTRAL MOUNTAINS & PLAINS SECTION

Alberta Chapter

Colorado Chapter

Kansas Chapter

Nebraska Chapter

South Dakota Chapter

Utah Chapter

Wyoming Chapter

South Dakota State University Student Chapter

University of Nebraska at Kearney Student Chapter

University of North Dakota Student Chapter

University of Wyoming Student Chapter



SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995**THE ALBERTA CHAPTER TWS (ACTWS)**

The chapter continues to experience steady growth and in particular made specific effort to reach out to students in 1995. The Annual Meeting, held at the Forest Tech School in Hinton, was a great success. Among other things, we raised over \$1800 with our annual auction. These funds go directly into the ACTWS Undergraduate Scholarship. Indeed, we offered our first scholarship (to Phil McLaughlin, University of Alberta) in 1995. At the meeting, we also awarded the William Rowan Distinguished Service Award (to Dr. Morley Barrett, Fisheries Director, Alberta Fish and Wildlife) and the ACTWS Dedicated Service Award (to Dr. Mike Dorrance, Alberta Agriculture). We ended the meeting with a career workshop during which students were able to hear from chapter members involved in various sectors of the wildlife profession - from graduate students to managers to private consultants. The positive feedback spurred the Chapter into accepting our first student representative on the Executive.

Much of 1995 was spent preparing for the 1996 Northwest Section Meeting which we will host in Banff in March 1996. We hope to see 250-300 registrants at the conference and thus the background planning was extensive. In terms of promotions, we designed and printed our first brochure and updated our Chapter display. Our Chapter newsletter remains very informative and provides the glue that keeps us all in touch with one another. The Chapter undertook a major membership drive, the results of which are very encouraging. Administrative tasks undertaken in 1995 included the development of protocols and guidelines that can be passed onto incoming members of each ACTWS committee. This will provide better continuity and familiarity with the duties and/or deadlines associated with each committee. As requested by members at the Annual Business Meeting, the Executive developed proposed bylaw changes that will allow an increase in the number of Directors on the Executive (from 3 to 4) and the terms of office for Directors (from one year to two) as well as the establishment of staggered terms of office. The goal of the changes is to avoid having a complete change of Directors each year. We also established a committee to develop guidelines for a scholarship available to students in the technical fields of the profession. All in all, 1995 was a busy year for the Alberta Chapter. Our profile and membership continue to expand and set the stage for bigger and better things in the future.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995

- * Obtained the 1997 TWS National Convention Bid and selected (with TWS) Snowmass Village near Aspen as the convention site.
- * Contracted with an environmental lobbyist to facilitate legislative actions at the state level. CWS provided testimony on two takings bills at the state level and testimony on one bill which would have eviscerated the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW). A legislative breakfast for interaction with legislators has been set.
- * Letters to the CDOW Wildlife Commission were written regarding proposed anti-trapping regulations. Letters were also addressed to Colorado Congressmen and Senators regarding the Farm Bill and the Livestock Grazing Act.
- * A new CWS chapter display was ordered (factory model), designed and completed for multiple use depending on the event. One use will be of an educational bent, another will feature land use planning.
- * CWS Art prints were sold as an ongoing fund raiser.
- * Six CWS news letters, including a President's Column, were printed providing news of chapter activities.
- * A summer meeting complete with a one day symposium on ski area development impacts, and a half day of wildlife inventory field techniques was held.
- * Several CWS members attended the TWS national Convention in Portland and reported on insights gained for hosting such a meeting.
- * Nominations and elections were held for 1996 officers, and CWS chapter awards were solicited.
- * The Land Use Committee provided a CWS land use planning exhibit at the state-wide meeting of Colorado's County Commissioner's. This committee also presented a yearly Land Steward Award to one of the counties in recognition of excellence in planning as affects natural resources.
- * The CWS Annual Winter Meeting was held over a three-day period and included a one day animal immobilization workshop, a one day symposium entitled, "Growth, Land Use, and Natural Resources-Working For a Better Tomorrow", and a half day of technical papers and presentations. An auction and awards banquet was held. Board and general membership meetings were also held.
- * An annual audit of CWS finances was conducted with good results.

KANSAS CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Submitted by: David P. Jones

Title: President

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995

- March 17, 1995 - Spring meeting in conjunction with Society of Wetland Scientists. Student papers were presented.
- April 1995 - Member Charlie Lee presented testimony in Washington, DC regarding the 1995 Farm Bill. Charlie met with representatives Pat Roberts & Sam Brownback, Ag staff of Senator Nancy Kassenbaum, Senator Bob Dole, Secretary of Ag Dan Glickman and the House Committee on Agriculture staff.
- June 1995 - Letter to Senator Bob Dole was written to voice opposition to the Livestock Grazing Act of 1995 (S.852, H.B. 1713).
- June 21, 1995 - Kansas Chapter TWS Board Meeting.
- June 1995 - Member Dave Jones attended Kansas Dept. Wildlife & Parks Commission Meeting to voice support proposal to state-list the Topeka Shiner.
- September 26, 1995 - Kansas Chapter TWS Fall Business Meeting.
- September 27, 1995 - Kansas Chapter TWS & Kansas Chapter AFS jointly sponsored an Endangered Species Workshop. Attendees included state & federal biologists, Kansas Farm Bureau and private citizens.
- August 1995 - 12-15 members of the Kansas Chapter attended the Central Mountain and Plains Section Meeting.
- September 1995 - Two members attended the National TWS meeting. Member Bob Wood was presented the Jim McDonough Award.
- October 1995 - Joined the "Teaming with Wildlife" coalition to join the Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995Program

The third annual Wildlife/Student Professional workshop was held at the University of Nebraska-Kearney in March. Twenty-seven students from UN-Lincoln and UN-Kearney and several professionals toured areas with emphasis on management practices.

The Nebraska Chapter hosted the Central Mountains and Plains Section Meeting at Ft. Robinson State Park in August. Business meetings, technical papers, field trips, and a banquet were held. The Nebraska Chapter also arranged for the Forest Service to sponsor a symposium, Conserving Biodiversity on Native Rangelands, the day before the CMPS. About 100 people attended.

Education

The Nebraska Chapter provided funding and a judge for the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest. We also provided financial support to *Trail Tales* magazine which is provided free to all fourth graders in Nebraska and features conservation and management articles. Members taught a section on deer management at the Nebraska Youth Environmental Summit. The chapter also provided funding for a student to travel to the Wildlife Society National Conference.

Award

The Chapter presented the Professional of the Year award to Karl Menzel a biologist with The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Karl is a leader in big game management and a past president of the Nebraska Chapter.

Scholarship

A \$500 scholarship was awarded to Debra Baker a student the University of Nebraska-Lincoln studying effects of pocket gophers on 2 varieties of alfalfa.

Issues

Chapter Elk Task Force members provided input to Nebraska Game and Parks Elk Management Committee and prepared a positions statement that was approved by the chapter and forwarded to the state. The Agricultural Relations Committee was active and influential as members of the Senator Kerry/Nelson CRP working group and NRCS State Tech. Committee. Two hundred dollars was provided to the Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative of TWS and letters were sent by the chapter president to 11 outdoor equipment corporations. Our congressional delegation was contacted during the year on proposed transfer of Forest Service and Fish and Wildlife Service lands, CRP, and Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995

On 26 January 1995, SDTWS cosponsored the South Dakota Legislative Social, which is held annually in Pierre. The theme for the Social was "Planning for Tomorrow's Future." Other sponsors of the Social included the South Dakota Society of American Foresters, Keep South Dakota Green Association, South Dakota Tree Farm Committee, Project Learning Tree, South Dakota Arborist Association, and the Dakota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society.

The Annual Meeting of SDTWS was held 6-8 March 1995. "Takings Issues: Landowner Rights and Management Considerations" was the meeting theme. Presenters included representatives from the South Dakota Wildlife Federation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Dakota Rural Action, South Dakota Farm Bureau, and Association of National Grasslands. Demonstrations were presented on Geographical Information Systems and ARC/INFO and the Integrated River Basin Environmental Management System (IREM). Paul Mammenga, South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks, Waterfowl Biologist, was selected as the 1995 recipient of the "Professional Award." Jerry Curry was selected as recipient of the Chapter's "Citizen's Award" for his special contributions to wildlife in South Dakota.

SDTWS provided support for the South Dakota Bald Eagle Awareness Day, National Wild Turkey Federation Meeting held in Rapid City, SD, and the TWS campaign for the Fish and Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative.

SDTWS sponsored a letter writing campaign to gain support for the Fish and Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative, and contacted our congressional delegation to support full funding of the National Biological Service. The Chapter also contacted our congressional delegation regarding objections to certain provisions of the Livestock Grazing Act of 1995 and Senate Bill 852, which addresses land management on public grasslands administered by the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. SDTWS contacted the Black Hills National Forest to express our concern with a mining exploration project planned for the Sand Creek Roadless Area, which has been reviewed for possible designation as "wilderness." The Chapter also commented on the reauthorization of grazing permits for the Fort Pierre National Grassland and contacted the Nebraska National Forest regarding land exchanges in Fall River County, South Dakota.

Members of SDTWS attended the Annual Meeting of the Central Mountains and Plains Section of TWS, Fort Robinson, Nebraska, the Second Annual Conference of TWS, Portland, Oregon, and the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference, Detroit, Michigan.

During the Annual Buffalo Banquet hosted by the South Dakota State University Student Chapter of TWS, Diane Granfors was presented the Chapter's "Outstanding Graduate Student Award."

The Education and Information Committee of SDTWS developed a chapter brochure designed to inform the peoples (lay and professional) of South Dakota of the history, membership, and objectives of SDTWS.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995

Visions of Future West - The role of the Resource Manager Stewardship of the West, was the theme for the 1995 Utah Chapter of the Wildlife Society (UCTWS) Annual Meeting. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Utah Section of the Society for Range Management. Over 250 public and private resource managers met to discuss issues and challenge paradigms regarding status quo management. The annual meeting chartered the course for the Chapter's renewed involvement in western resource policy issues. Over the course of the next year, the UCTWS initiated actions to develop policies and position statement regarding management of Utah institutional lands and wilderness. The UCTWS participated on the Utah Governor's Blue Ribbon Citizens Committee on Wildlife Issues. We worked with citizens and organizations from across the state to identify and develop recommendations to resolve critical wildlife issues.

The UCTWS provided comments to the Utah Director of the Department of Natural Resources regarding the appointment and training of new Utah Wildlife Board. This seven person board will set future wildlife policy in Utah. In addition, the UCTWS commented on Utah Division of Wildlife Resources mule deer herd plans, wrote Utah congressional delegation regarding our concerns with the grazing act.

In addition to these activities, the UCTWS worked with the Utah Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) coalition to develop, print, and distribute set of CRP facts sheets. This fact sheets were distributed to all Utah CRP contract holders in order to assist them in making post-CRP land management decisions. The coalition is a broad-based organization that represents 20 public and private conservation and farm/ranch groups. UCTWS members assisted in conducting the Utah 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program. In addition to serving on the Utah Steering Committee, several members coached local teams.

The UCTWS also organized a coalition of Utah environmental and wildlife conservation organizations to initiate a grassroots effort to support the Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative.

In 1995, UCTWS membership approached 250. To encourage membership, the UCTWS developed a membership brochure that was distributed to all present and past members.

At the close of the year, the UCTWS Annual Meeting Planning Committee was busy setting the stage for the 1996 meeting. In 1996, the state of Utah will celebrate its Centennial. The UCTWS is developing an annual meeting program which will highlight the past 100 years of wildlife management in Utah. As part of this effort, the planning committee worked with the editorial staff of the Salt Lake Tribune, the states largest newspaper, to produce six special newspaper segments on wildlife management in Utah. These segments have been combined into one publication which will be distributed throughout Utah as part of the UCTWS Centennial activities.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995

A politically active year is an accurate way to describe 1995 from our Chapter's perspective. Members testified before the Wyoming State Legislature regarding "Takings" legislation and activated a "phone tree" to deal with additional legislative issues of interest to managers of wildlife in Wyoming. A letter was sent to Governor Jim Geringer regarding potential politicizing of the state's Game and Fish Department. Additional letters were sent to the Superintendent of Grand Teton National Park regarding bison management and to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department regarding the management of piscivorous bird.

On the national level, letters were sent to Wyoming's Congressional delegation regarding the 1995 Farm Bill, specifically reauthorization of the Conservation Reserve Program. Additional letters were sent supporting reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act. As a result, Senator Craig Thomas requested the Wyoming Chapter to provide testimony to a Senate Subcommittee hearing on the E.S.A. After consulting with Tom Franklin at National TWS, Wyoming Chapter President Tom Christiansen presented the requested testimony.

For several years one of the Wyoming Chapter's goals has been to be recognized as a source of professional input on natural resource policy issues. In addition to the above listed activities, the 1995 Annual Meeting helped the Chapter strive toward this goal. The meeting's theme "People and Jobs Versus Wildlife and Wildlands: Does it Have To Be This Way?" brought about 100 of the Chapter's professional and student members, state and national political figures and others together to discuss the important issues that face natural resource managers. Participants included Senator Craig Thomas, former Governor Mike Sullivan and Assistant Secretary of Interior Bob Armstrong.

Other activities of the Wyoming Chapter included participation in The Wildlife Diversity Funding initiative and raising additional funds for the Chapter's Memorial Bear Fund. This fund was begun in memory of Kirk Inberg, Kevin Roy and Ray Austin whose plane crashed in 1991 while they were conducting grizzly bear research. Tragedy struck again in 1995 as former Wyoming Chapter Professional of the Year Fred Reed, was killed when his plane crashed after completing a grizzly flight. The fund grew from \$10,000 to \$15,000+ in 1995. Famed wildlife artist Vivi Crandall has agreed to paint a grizzly bear canvas and donate the proceeds from print sales to the Bear Fund. Thus, 1996 should see significant advancement toward the \$100,00 goal for the fund.

The Wyoming Chapter's Professional of the Year award was presented to Gary Butler for his career accomplishments, and the Citizen of the Year award was presented to Mr. Carl Herbel for his volunteer efforts with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. Finally, Chapter members voted to assist the Colorado Chapter in the planning and executive of the 1997 National TWS meeting.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995

The SDSU Wildlife Conservation Club kept busy during the 1995 year. Some of the events that took place were presentations; society meetings, and helping out with National Wildlife Week.

In February, the club members pitched in to help maintain woodduck boxes in Moody County and Conservation Park, which is a small wildlife area purchased by the University. The club also sponsored an ice fishing derby in February. Ten teams participated with each team consisting of two people.

In addition to the SDSU Club meetings, March was the month for both the American Fisheries and the Wildlife Society meetings.

On April 6-8, Conclave was held in Iowa. On April 20, an Ag-Bio banquet was held. The club members finished the Spring semester with a picnic--a chance to socialize and get to know each other better.

The fall semester was a busy one, preparing for the annual Buffalo Banquet. On November 3, the club sponsored the 47th Annual Buffalo Banquet. This event serves as an awards banquet for both graduate and undergraduate students. The evening starts out with a buffalo feed (all you can eat!), then the awards are presented to the students. Finally, we had guest speakers K. L. Kool and Steve Stark from North Dakota speak on "Marketing the Conservation Profession". We had an attendance of 216 people, all which seemed to enjoy this event. The club also had a bowling party in November.

We have several committees within the Conservation Club. These include: Buffalo Banquet, Fisheries, Recycling, Service Projects, Education and Conservation, and Budget and Finance. In December, we volunteer to serve on these committees, and we also elect officers for the new year. It was a great year in 1995, and we are looking forward to another great year in 1996!

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995

The student chapter members at Kearney started out the year by attending the North Central Conclave at Iowa State University. Later on in the spring members helped the Fish and Wildlife Service give Sandhill Crane tours. Members then attended the student professional workshop held in Kearney, Nebraska. The workshop dealt with wetland preservation.

The chapter had many fund raising activities. These included: selling T-shirts, calendars and wrapping fits for Cabela's.

In the fall we undertook a project to replace identification samples of plants at the Fort Kearney State Park.

The chapter ends each semester with a wild game feed. This is attended by student members and University faculty.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995

Despite severe winter weather, which managed to cancel a couple of wildlife meetings and scheduled events, this academic year has been busy for our student chapter. Our primary focuses have included diversifying our chapter, sponsoring lectures, fund raising, and helping with the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society's annual state meeting.

We have attempted to pull in people from numerous majors to participate in our student chapter. I am glad to say we have been successful. This year we have several students from geology, aviation, and we also have recruited several law students.

We have sponsored several speakers, again from diverse backgrounds. These lectures are open to all UND students and the public. The first lecturer for our academic year was Dr. Patricia Kelley. She is a professor of Geology and Geological Engineering at UND. She also is the departmental chairperson. Our second speaker was Dr. Donald Poochigian, a professor from the UND Philosophy Department. Our next scheduled speaker on March 7th is Professor Grijalva from the UND Law School.

The largest annual lecture we sponsor is the Glenn Allen Paur Lecture. For this lecture there is an annual theme. This academic year's theme is on fish. We are hosting Dr. Bruce Barton from South Dakota State University. This year the lecture is scheduled for the 15th and 16th of April 1996. At this lecture, there is a memorial scholarship awarded to a Fisheries and Wildlife student by the Paur family in memory of their son Glenn.

In December, we took all of the student chapter members to a presentation at Career Services on campus. This was very informative and will hopefully aid in future job-seeking.

Our most recent project was volunteering at the North Dakota Chapter's state meeting. This year it was held in Grand Forks from February 7th to the 9th. We worked at the registration desk and helped out wherever needed.

Our next project will be to check and clean out wood duck boxes along a coulee west of Grand Forks. We also plan on starting an annual bowling tournament with the geology student organizations.

We have our next officer elections on April 11, 1996. So far, this academic year has been fun and eventful for our student chapter.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995

March

Fundraiser-

Sold raffle tickets to win wildlife art print

Hosted The Wildlife Society's Western Students Conclave

April

Assisted with Children's Museum's "Wildlife Safari"

Maintenance of designated wildlife areas on the campus of the University of Wyoming

Held elections for officers for the 1995-1996 school year

October

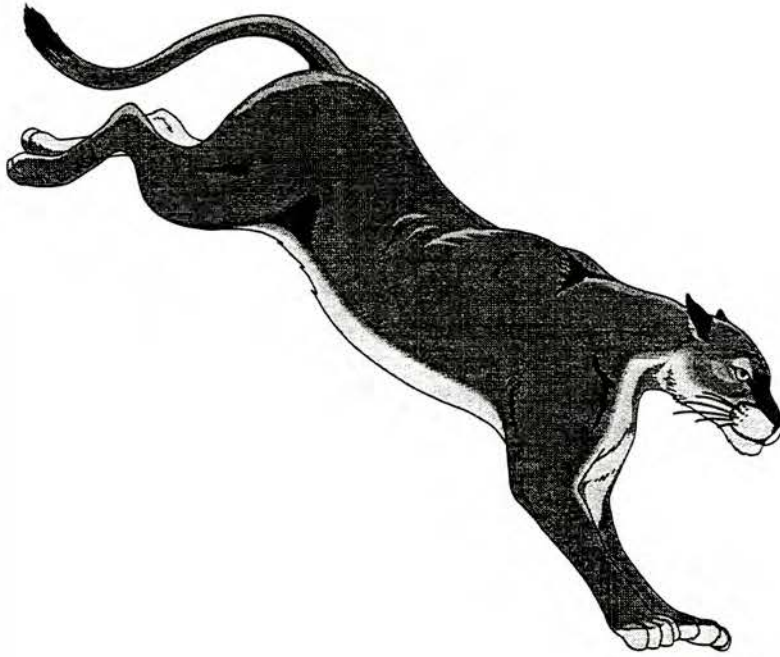
Fundraiser-

Sold raffle tickets to win a flyfishing combo

November

Held a wild-game dinner potluck

Along with these activities we held biweekly meetings to discuss business and usually hosted a guest speaker



SOUTHWEST SECTION

Texas Chapter

Southwest Texas State University Student Chapter
Stephen F. Austin State University Student Chapter
Texas A&M University Student Chapter
Texas Tech University Student Chapter

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995

The Southwest Section of The Wildlife Society was re-formed in 1994, and hosted the annual Wildlife Society meeting in Albuquerque that year. During 1995, the Section concentrated on establishing its own annual meeting fashioned around professional development workshops for members. The annual meeting was held December 7 and 8, 1995 in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The meeting consisted of a workshop on applications of geographic information systems in wildlife management. Approximately 70 people attended the workshop.

Officers of the Southwest Section for 1995 were: Charles A. DeYoung, president; Bruce Morrison, past president; Vashi "Tice" Supplee, president-elect; and Kerry Mower, secretary-treasurer. Southwest Section Council Representative Phil Zwank also served on the section executive committee.

Elections for new officers were held for 1996, and through succession or election, new officers for 1996 are: Vashi "Tice" Supplee, president; Charles A. DeYoung, past president; Doug Slack, president-elect; and Michael Tewes, secretary-treasurer.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995

The Texas Chapter has had an active year. Our membership is up, currently numbering 460 paid members. Our chapter finances are in good shape. Our 1995 meeting was held in Kerrville with a record attendance of 377. The meeting was a great success.

The Chapter has a full slate of committees which have been active throughout the year. Prior to the end of Steve Demarais' term, we hired an Executive Director, John Jefferson, to act as liaison between the Chapter, the Texas Legislature, and the various other conservation organizations in the state. John has served us well in that capacity.

We have sponsored or co-sponsored several workshops and camps this year. Our Activities Committee conducted a workshop on Applied Modeling for Wildlife Managers during July. It was limited to 24 participants and was a successful effort. Our Wildlife Ecology Camp for high school students held here at the Welder Wildlife Foundation in July was attended by 22 young people from throughout the state. We feel that this is one of our most important activities and will continue to hold an annual camp at the Welder Foundation facilities. We co-sponsored a 2-day symposium entitled 'Coyotes in Texas: A Compendium of Our Knowledge' held in San Angelo in mid-December.

Bi-annual meetings of our Executive Board were held in conjunction with the Kerrville meeting in February and the Wildlife Ecology Camp in July. Written and oral reports were submitted by all committee chairs, Chapter finances were discussed and found to be in good order, and plans were finalized for our next annual meeting in Wichita Falls in late February-early March, 1996. The Executive Board has encouraged involvement of student chapters by allowing non-voting representatives from each student chapter to attend board meetings.

Chapter officers have been active in matters involving conservation issues in the state. The Chapter is a charter member of the Texas Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) Coalition. Our cooperative efforts have helped push GLCI through the U. S. Congress and get funding for the initiative into the 1996 Farm Bill. Texas Chapter members became involved in the political process by encouraging Texans to vote in favor of the Wildlife Tax Evaluation Amendment to the Texas Constitution which allows lands being managed for wildlife to be evaluated for tax purposes at the same rate as agricultural lands. In addition to joining the Fish and Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative, TCTWS contributed to TWS' request for funds, and many members wrote to the companies listed in the material sent by IAFWA. We participated in the 'Project What's Right' raffle of WLFA.

The Texas Chapter has lost three prominent members to untimely deaths in 1995. Dan Boone, Biologist, Non-game Program, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, passed away in March; Tom Tacha, Wetlands Ecologist, Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, passed away in May; and Sam Beasom, Director, Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, passed away in August.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995

The year of the 1995 was a very productive one for the SWT Wildlife Society. As usual, meetings were held every other Thursday with guest speakers present. Some of these speakers included.

1. Kevin Dees who spoke about getting a job in wildlife related fields.
2. Robert Perez, a SWT graduate student, spoke about his participation in a quail mortality study in South Texas.
3. Kim Ludeke from TP&WD, spoke about GIS applications.
4. John Jefferson spoke about wildlife photography.
5. Dr. Tom Brandt from the San Marcos National Fish Hatchery and Technology Center spoke about Fountain Darter Research.
6. Mark Kainer with Hicks and Company spoke about working for an environmental consulting agency.
7. Pat Morton and Peggy Horner from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Endangered Resources Department spoke about their research work with bats.
8. Dr. Randy Simpson spoke about his work on a ranch in South Texas.
9. Bill Montgomery spoke about wildlife of the Trinidad.

Besides meetings and usual business, our chapter participated in many different activities as well. We maintained the nature trail and took some elementary students on guided tours. We also helped out with the Wildlife Diversity Conference held at SWTSU. This year we took a number of steps to promote The Wildlife Society here at SWT. We made a promotional video, designed a homepage, and made a display booth. We set up the booth at the Wildlife Diversity Conference and at the Wildlife Expo held in Austin. The booth, as well as our promotional efforts, turned out to be a real success. For fundraising activities this year, we held a raffle. We also sold hats, t-shirts, and calendars. Other activities throughout the year included a field trip to Colorado Bend State Park, a Bar-B-Que at University Camp, a behind the scenes tour at the San Antonio Zoo, and a tour of the Buckhorn Museums (Hall of Horns).

The year of 1995 was, indeed, a very busy year for our chapter. Our membership is increasing and we have a number of activities planned for the upcoming year that we are looking forward to.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995

Activities for 1995
for
TWS Student Chapter
at
Stephen F. Austin State University

- *1. 1995 Sportman Extravaganza for the Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept.
- *2. Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society Annual Meeting
- *3. Southeastern Wildlife Conclave
- *4. Que Pasa Ranch in Navasota, TX; installed bluebird nest boxes
- *5. Que Pasa Ranch; installed wood duck nest boxes
- 6. Texas Forest Service; volunteer work for booth at Texas State Fair
- *7. South Boggy Slough Hunting Club; collected deer data
- *8. Skeet Shoot Contest
- *9. Beast Feast; mixer
- *10. Crawfish Boil; mixer
- *11. Fish Fry; mixer
- *12. Regional FFA Wildlife Clinic; helped with high school competition
- *13. State FFA Wildlife Clinic
- *14. Deer Spotlight for Cypress Lake Hunting Club; collect deer data & checking

*Cody White was involved. Cody is President of the Chapter.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995

The 1995 Year has been a very active year for the Texas A&M Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society. We began the year with a bang by participating in the College of Agriculture and Life Science's (COALS) Chili Cook-Off. Our outstanding team won the honorable prize of "Worst Chili". However, in softball, the "Slackers" (whose namesake is Dr. Doug Slack) placed 7th out of 76 teams. The Western Student Wildlife Conclave in Laramie, Wyoming, proved to be an exciting trip, with our team placing 3rd in the Quiz Bowl competition. The Wildlife Biology Society hosted a Career Fair in March for all students with inquiring minds about job opportunities and internships. Seventeen potential employers participated in this all-day event and made the Career Fair an overwhelming success. Texas Chapter meeting was held in Kerrville, Texas and twenty undergraduates made the effort to attend. A wonderful time was had by all!

Spring Break provided an opportunity for club members to participate in a WBS sponsored trip to Big Bend. Students shadowed a variety of wildlife biologists and other scientists. While working with these people, we had a chance to use different types of tracking and capturing systems, commonly used in the workplace, such as banding and radio telemetry. Upon return from Spring Break, the club once again became active in on-campus activities. As a club, the Wildlife Biology Society participated in Big Event. Big Event is the largest student-run organization on campus. One weekend in the spring is designated for this event, and every organization participates in doing service projects for the community, such as painting and roofing houses, cleaning parks, or mowing lawns for needy families.

Our biggest event in the spring is the Wild Game BBQ on Parents' Weekend. With the help of all of our members, we BBQ wild meat donated by various individuals and corporations. We also have raffles for anything from movie passes to firearms. It is a great opportunity for members to socialize and to bring their parents to meet the faculty and students within the department.

The fall semester is just as busy!!!! In between NCAA football games, WBS held a Domino Tournament, a Fun Day and BBQ and participated in the Wild West Olympics sponsored by C.O.A.L.S. In these Olympics, our team took 1st place in the "barrel racing" competition. In September, we went to the Texas Wildlife Expo in Austin, sponsored by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. At the Expo, the WBS manned a information booth about the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at Texas A&M University. Erik Estrada (Paunch from "C.H.I.P.s") even visited with us for a while. One major development this semester was the creation of a live animal educational program done in conjunction with the Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History. The WBS is responsible for the care and maintenance of a bald python, savannah monitor lizard, an African pygmy hedgehog, and a very large bullfrog. These animal were donated to the Wildlife Biology Society by Mr. Jim Dunlap of the Plano Independent School District. To finish out the fall, the WBS "Slackers" participated in intramural flag football for the first time. While our record was not the best (to say the least), we never quit trying for that elusive touchdown!

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- February 2, 1995.....Chapter Meeting--Discussion of upcoming semester.
- February 16, 1995Chapter Meeting--Speaker: Joe Kraai
- February 23-25, 1995The Wildlife Society Annual Texas Meeting
- March 7, 1995Chapter Meeting--Speaker: Dan Claudle and officer
nominations
- March 9-12, 1995Western US Student Wildlife Conclave
- April 6, 1995.....Chapter Meeting--Officer elections
- April 8,1995Lake Clean-up
- April 30, 1995Annual Spring Barbecue
- September 7, 1995Annual Fall Barbecue
- September 21, 1995.....Chapter Meeting--Speaker: Gene Miller
- September 23, 1995.....Wildlife Seminar at the Matador WMA
- October 14, 1995.....Lake Clean-up
- October 26, 1995.....Chapter Meeting--Speaker: John Dennis
- October 28, 1995.....Project Wild Seminar
- Throughout deer hunting seasonBig Buck Contest--a fund-raiser
- November 16,1995Chapter Meeting--Speakers: Students speaking about
summer jobs
- November 16-21, 1995.....Canned food drive for local food bank.
- December 2, 1995.....Chapter Christmas Party
- Throughout entire year.....Selling hats and T-shirts as a fund-raiser
- Throughout entire year.....Intramural Activities

NORTHWEST SECTION

Idaho Chapter

Montana Chapter

Oregon Chapter

Washington Chapter

Oregon State University Student Chapter

University of Alaska Student Chapter



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The highlight of 1995 for the Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society was our sponsorship of a Symposium on "Status and Recovery of Federal Candidate Species in the Western U.S." at the Society's national meeting in Portland, September 12-17. Greg Green chaired the symposium, which introduced and clarified various actions affecting nearly 500 wildlife taxa currently on the list of Candidate species, including the Candidate Assessment Process and the Prelisting Conservation Agreement. The symposium also examined approaches that various organizations and agencies use for species recovery and protection, especially in Idaho and Washington. The Symposium was particularly timely, as at this meeting the USFWS representative formally announced that the Service was dropping all C-2 species and reclassifying them as "species of concern".

Many members of the Northwest Section attended the national meeting in Portland and had a great time. The Section provided \$950.00 to help defray costs for four students from Northwest Universities who were giving presentations at the meeting. During the meeting, Northwest Section officers participated in the Leader's luncheon and workshop. Following lunch, TWS's strategic plan was discussed, along with discussions on how chapters and sections might incorporate strategic planning into their activities.

The section is planning to sponsor a major national bison symposium in Montana during 1997.

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Annual Meeting: The annual meeting was held in conjunction with the Northwest Scientific Association at the Idaho State University/University of Idaho Center for Higher Education in Idaho Falls, March 9-11, 1995. The opening session was a one-half day symposium on wolf recovery in Idaho. Other sessions included general wildlife management topics, nongame species, riparian management and upland game/waterfowl. In the general business meeting the membership agreed to expand its scholarship program to include Boise State University; approved the creation of a Special Recognition Award for an individual, group or agency/organization whose actions significantly benefited wildlife in Idaho; and charged the Conservation Affairs Committee and the President to become more active in conservation issues.

Natural Resources Issues: The chapter president expended considerable effort toward making the chapter more active and visible in conservation affairs. The greatest effort was given to the Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative. Letters were sent to the top 40 companies that deal in affected products and through working with the nongame section of the Idaho Fish and Game Department, chapter members were mobilized to help support the Initiative. Letters were sent to all members of the Idaho congressional delegation concerning revision of the Endangered Species Act, conservation provisions of the 1995 Farm Bill, the Fish and Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative, grizzly bear recovery in Idaho, and support for the Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Units. Chapter members served as information sources and observers at timber health/supply hearings, endangered species hearings, grizzly bear recovery hearings, and trumpeter swan meetings. The chapter went on record as opposing the transfer of authority for management of western public lands.

Financial Support Provided. The Idaho Chapter contributed funding for scholarships at two state universities, provided partial support for a bat conservation meeting and workshop, and gave financial assistance to the state 4-H Wildlife Habitat Contest, the Inland Empire Youth Camp and to the parent Society for support of the Fish and Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative.

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In February, our annual meeting, entitled "Change Within the Wildlife Profession" attracted almost 200 members. The format included a plenary session followed by our business meeting and a choice of two workshops. The two workshops, *Conflict Management, Negotiation, and Partnering Skills*, and *Development and Application of Conservation Strategies and Habitat Conservation Plans*, were well received. In September, it was the Chapter's pleasure to host, with the Washington Chapter, the Second National TWS Meeting, the largest gathering of wildlife professionals in history (over 2,200 people attended). More than 130 Chapter members participated in various aspects of this historic meeting. The Oregon Chapter was awarded **Chapter of the Year** at the Portland meeting.

The Oregon Chapter developed a strategic plan that outlines the Chapter's goals and objectives and sets the Chapter's agenda for the next 5-10 years. It is an ambitious plan and will ensure consistency and growth in the Chapter's numerous activities.

Our Legislative Affairs Committee provided testimony on a number of bills, and with the exception of the State Endangered Species Act, were successful at killing most of the anti-environment legislation. Our efforts on the State Endangered Species Act moved the legislation from the original "extinction bill" to its current form, even though we could not support the final bill. Our lobbyists and policy analysts **Steven and Debra Kafoury** arranged meetings with state representatives **Peter DeFazio** and **Jim Bunn**, and **Senator Hatfield's** staff. Steven Kafoury also met with Governor **Kitzhaber** and 12 members of the Oregon House and Senate. The Legislative Affairs Committee also met with the directors of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Division of State Lands, and with the Governor's Natural Resources Assistant and Watershed Advisor to present the Chapter as a source of scientific information in policy decisions. At the request of Senator Hatfield's staff we provided analysis and comment on the Livestock Grazing Act. The Chapter provided \$500 for a state-wide poll to determine the level of support for a ballot initiative for funding nongame programs and habitat protection. The Chapter endorsed the National Diversity Funding Initiative and participates on the state's Action Committee for the initiative.

The Chapter's Conservation Affairs Committee developed guidelines for a new resolutions process. We finalized the wording on our first resolution, *Rangeland Management*, which was approved at the 1996 annual meeting. We provided comment on the U.S. Forest Service's proposed revision of rules guiding National Forest Land and Resource Management planning. We provided testimony before the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission supporting listing of the Marbled Murrelet under the State's Endangered Species Act. We corresponded with the President of Oregon State University regarding publication and subsequent OSU representation of a controversial report suggesting that grazing benefits salmon. We were invited to a stakeholders meeting of OSU's College of Agricultural Sciences, which will determine the direction of the College's research, education, and extension over the next few years.

The Chapter continues to be on a sound financial basis. We provided 30 cases of wine for the reception at the National Meeting in Portland. Six students received scholarships totaling \$2,000 at our annual meeting. We provided \$1,000 to the educational efforts of the Oregon Eagle Foundation, \$500 for publication of the 15th Trumpeter Swan Conference Proceedings, \$500 to the National Diversity Funding Initiative, \$500 to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for an advertisement for the nongame check-off, \$1,000 to support a student at the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society's Inter-tribal Summer Practicum for high school students, and \$300, spotted owl tapes, and habitat maps to the Songbird Celebration. Because the number of requests for Chapter support increases each year, we developed proposal guidelines for groups seeking Chapter support, which will standardize the process in the future.

The Education and Information committee is developing a brochure about the Chapter, and our Awards and Nominations committee developed guidelines for two new awards recognizing private landowners and organizations whose efforts benefit wildlife. The brochure and new awards will be presented in 1996.

Finally, the Chapter had substantial efforts in communicating with Chapter members this year. We produced a high-quality newsletter totaling 66 pages this year. We developed a Chapter Home Page on the World Wide Web and initiated an Oregon Chapter internet discussion group to which 45 have subscribed.

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May 5 and 6--Shrub Steppe Workshop-Richland, Washington

May 26--Board Meeting

September 12 - 17 Co-sponsor Annual TWS Meeting in
Portland

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This past year has been a virtual whirlwind for our Chapter! After initially starting the Chapter with only \$318.28 in our account and maybe 5-6 active members, we have blossomed into a 85 dues paying member club with our \$5,000.00 in our account! If we were a business, we'd be selling stocks!

Due to new leadership vision and foresight, various changes took place this year. The first change was that all meetings were heavily advertised around campus; this provided a good cross section of interests to attend our meetings. We also network with other related Clubs on campus. This provided a lot of income for the chapter! It also provides great free advertising all over campus and the world!

Another change was the set up of our Chapter organization: we blended it into a Fish and Wildlife Club which also included the Fisheries majors (and the student Chapter of AFS) as well. This way we can reach everybody at once, and we pinch-hit speakers with this too, one meeting we have a fisheries issue, one meeting we have a wildlife issue. A volunteer/mentor program was also set up this year and is off and running. This way, the Club can serve as a resource for Grad students, professors, etc. that are looking for help. We also receive calls from professionals looking to hire persons as well. It's like a referral service for Club members, and it's successful as members are getting out into the field doing everything from bird banding to habitat survey. We made the gaining of hands-on experience our #1 priority this year and that's really showing in our efforts!

Committees were formed in the Club, such as education and fundraising, and the Education committee is working on Project WILD where they will contact local vendors to get a percentage donated to non-game wildlife management and preserves. We also participate in Museum Days, where 1500 schoolchildren learn about Wildlife from pelt collections, skulls, and bird wing displays. We are also a resource for local organizations such as the Corvallis Environmental Education Center and the Boy Scouts, and do talks at local elementary schools about Fisheries and Wildlife. We have really become very publicly active in the community.

Our main drive this year was our Alaska field trip, in which 22 members split the transportation costs with the Club and are going to Alaska for 10 days during Spring Break. We will be staying in Forest Service bunkhouses and will be volunteering on various projects such as Deer pellet counts, goshawk survey, fish passage construction, grouse capture, and stream survey. We are really excited about this trip and have aggressively sought and found funding for it, raising half the monies ourselves through T-shirts and other fundraising activities. This will definitely be the showpiece for us.

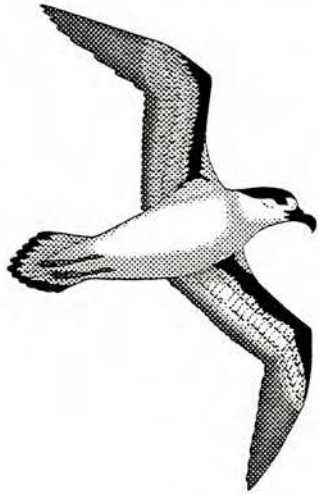
In closing, it has been a wonderful, fun, and exciting year and may the tradition continue with next year's chapter!

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The University of Alaska student chapter of the Wildlife Society has been very active this past year. Last spring, we had several different resource professionals speak to our group during our regular meetings. Also, we organized our annual game dinner which was a success with over 150 people (faculty, students, wildlife professionals) attending.

This past fall, we again have asked a number of speakers to address the club on such varied topics as the management of caribou and wolves in Alaska, and the study of vegetation/grazing by geese on the Y-K Delta of Alaska. Several of our members also took part in a trip to Denali National Park to view Dall sheep and other wildlife.

Finally, during the past year, we continued a project we started in 1992 building, erecting, and monitoring 150 nest boxes for goldeneye ducks. Funding from Ducks Unlimited has enabled us to buy materials and has allowed one of our members to take data on the nesting birds during the summer months. In the winter, when the sloughs are frozen over, students snowshoe out to the boxes to clean and check them.



WESTERN SECTION

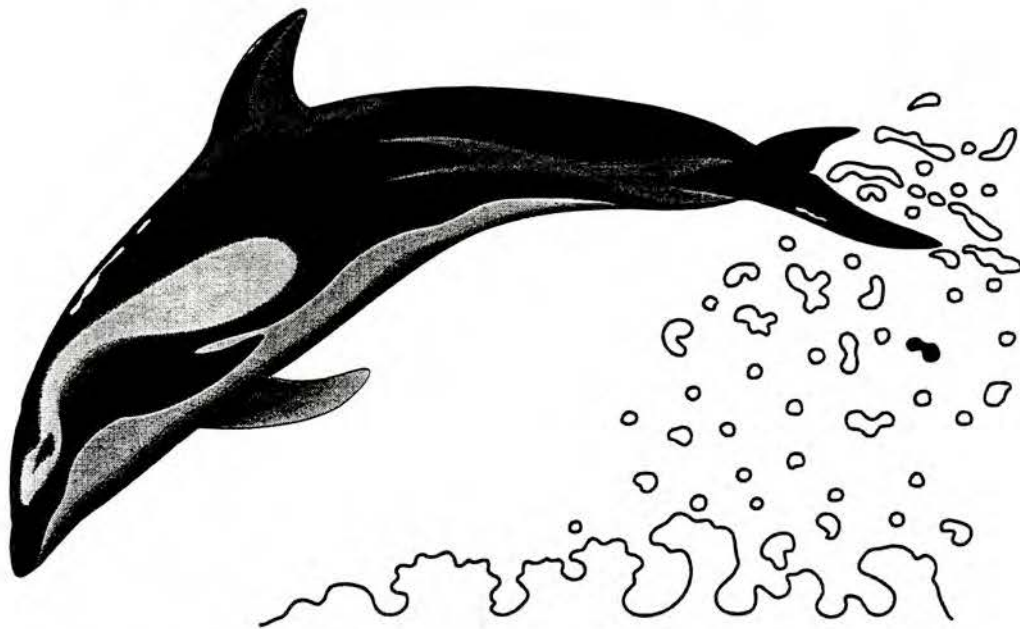
Hawaii Chapter

Nevada Chapter

San Joaquin Valley Chapter

Southern California Chapter

University of California-Davis Student Chapter



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HAWAII CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

The Hawaii Chapter Board "moved" to Hawaii Island in 1995, because the Officers were all (with the exception of Past President Paul Conry) Big Island residents. Board meetings were held at the State Tree Nursery in Waimea, this location necessitating the least total amount of driving for Board members living in Hilo, Volcano, Kona, Hawi, and Waimea. General Chapter membership was apparently at an all-time high, with about 85 local members on the roster in November.

The Chapter co-sponsored two workshops with NBS, the Variable Circular Plot Workshop held in Honolulu in April and the Wildlife Disease Workshop held on the islands of Maui, Hawaii, Oahu, and Kauai in September. Both workshops were well attended, with approximately 40 attendees at the April workshop (including participants from American Samoa and Saipan) and 90 attendees for the disease workshop.

The Chapter was again a sponsor for the Hawaii State Science Fair for students. On the University level, President Marie Morin, Past Pres. Paul Conry, and member Tim Ohashi met with Dean Alan Teramura of the College of Natural Sciences at the Univ. of Hawaii at Manoa about initiating a Wildlife course at the undergraduate level. In spite of the huge budget cuts, the Dean agreed that we should assist them in working toward the University having enough wildlife credits to satisfy the wildlife Certification course requirements. The first course, "Wildlife and Plant Conservation", is scheduled to be taught by member Professor Sheila Conant in the fall of 1996.

The membership decided that networking was an important function of the Chapter, and two after-hour professional exchanges were held on Oahu, one sponsored by The Nature Conservancy and one by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. On Hawaii (Big Island), an informal family barbecue/overnight and a rainforest hike were organized.

Written testimony was provided by the Board to the State Legislature for an Oiled Wildlife Resolution, and letters written in support of a new proposed endangered Alala National Wildlife Refuge and against opening the Arctic NWR to oil and gas development.

The annual general membership meeting was held in July in Honolulu in conjunction with the Hawaii Conservation Conference, which is attended by many of the Chapter members.

The 1996 Board was elected in December and is composed of President Mark Tobin, President Elect Dave Smith, Past President Marie Morin, Secretary Tonnie Casey, Treasurer Linda Elliot, and Chapter Representative Michelle Reynolds.

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Following is the 1995 annual report for the Nevada Chapter-TWS:

1. Membership as of December 1995 was around 40.
2. Officers were:
 - Phil Davis, President
 - Kent McAdoo, Past-President
 - Gary Zunino, President-Elect
 - Jim Yoakum, Section Representative
 - Curt Baughman, Secretary-Treasurer
 - Don Klebenow, Newsletter Editor
3. Treasurer receipts total some \$10,000.
4. Activities:
 - A. Annual Meeting: The chapter met all day 14 January 1995 in Reno, Nevada. Approximately 35 members were in attendance. Various papers on wildlife management and biology were presented.
 - B. Summer Meeting: A field trip to elk habitat was the major theme of this meeting.
 - C. Public Rangeland Management Act of 1995. As recommended by the Parent Society, all Chapter members were sent copies of this pending legislation and encouraged to send comments to Nevada Congressmen.
 - D. Chapter representatives attended and participated in the following conservation organization meetings; Nevada Biodiversity Advisory Committee, Sagebrush Coalition, and California Grazing Reform Alliance.
 - E. Position Statement: One of the most time involved actions of the Chapter was the forming of an ad hoc Rangeland Committee that produced a 1-page position statement entitled "Wildlife/livestock relationships on rangelands in the Great Basin". Copies were distributed to all Chapter members, congressional delegates, and various conservation organizations.
 - F. Environmental Assessment: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service issued an Environmental Assessment regarding a proposed coyote control program on the Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge and the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge. The Chapter reviewed the EA and sent a two-page report of findings.
 - G. TWS Annual Meeting: The Chapter sent a representative to The Wildlife Society annual meeting in Portland, Oregon.
 - H. Western Section Newsletter: In response to a previously published article relative to the Chapter's position statement on wildlife/livestock relations in the Great Basin, President Davis submitted a response reply thereby clarifying the Chapter's strategies in accomplishing this endeavor.

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The San Joaquin Valley Chapter (SJVC) of The Wildlife Society met four times in 1995 to conduct business. These meetings were informal and often conducted over dinner. The SJVC and its membership continues to play an active role in evaporation pond issues, California Wildlife Initiative Funding and other programs. Most importantly, the SJVC continued its established practice of providing funding for research projects occurring in the San Joaquin Valley, California. Two \$500 grants have been solicited to local and surrounding universities. Applications will be reviewed and the grants awarded at the April business meeting. previous grants and projects have include a \$500 research grant awarded to The Head Start Program for conducting work on southwestern pond turtles, a \$400 grant for work conducted on various riparian mammals, and \$100 grant awarded for a Giardia project. The grant applications look promising for 1996 and it is likely that this program will be continued into 1997.

Toward the end of 1994, a briefcase fund raiser was initiated and was carried through 1995. Overall, the fund raiser was not as profitable as the SJVC would have hoped. Although the quality of these briefcases were top notch, peer support was not. The SJVC had to sell the majority of the briefcases at or near cost hoping to break even. The SJVC appreciates those individuals who did support the chapter's fund raiser and committed to a purchase.

Efforts to organize a conference on *Ecosystem Management, A Search for Common Ground* to be held at the Visalia Convention Center, Visalia, California never quite materialized. Deposits were made for facilities and contractual agreements were signed; however, key-note speakers would not commit to the dates selected. Many of the targeted key-note speakers claimed scheduling conflicts. Furthermore, the local political climate for such a topic was believed inappropriate and the chapter board elected not to continue with this conference. The SJVC submitted a request for a partial refund and much to the credit of the Visalia Convention Center, it was granted.

Meeting attendance has increased steadily this year. Two factors can be attributed to this success. The first is having a central meeting location and the second is guest speakers. Hopefully this trend will continue, encouraging participation, and bringing the SJVC membership closer during 1996.

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The Southern California Chapter has been busy preparing for the Fifth Mountain Lion Workshop, which was held on February 28 through March 1, 1996. The last four were held in Sparks, Nevada (1976), Zion National Park (1984), Prescott, Arizona (1988), and Denver, Colorado (1991). We co-hosted this international workshop with the California Department of Fish and Game. Doug Padley (Past President of this Chapter) and Steve Torres (CDFG) co-chaired the event with a lot of help from the Local Committee.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995

January 28, 1995 - Snow Day

February 6-10 - Endangered Species Week; tabling
24 - Wildlife mixer; social gathering
26 - Sacramento Bufferland Tree Planting

March 1 - Murphy Pizza Night; fundraiser
11 - Marine Mammal Center field trip

April 8 - Putah Creek Restoration with RIO; tree planting
21-22 - UCD Picnic Day; tabling and WFCB Museum Display

May 5-6 - Western Section Meeting at Tahoe National Forest
19 - Movie Night; "Interview with a Vampire"; fundraiser
20 - TWS Garage Sale; fundraiser
21 - Steinhart Aquarium field trip

June - present Small Mammal Project at Hedgre row farms; long-term research project

September 12-17, 1995 - TWS International Conference in Portland

October 7 - Wildlife mixer; social gathering
18 - Student Activities Fair; tabling and fundraiser
21 - TWS Davis Student Chapter 1995 Symposium
26 - College of Agricultural and Environmental Sci BBQ

November current 1996 Symposium Committee
Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative Campaign
T-shirt and calendar sale by Reflections of Nature
4 - Quail Ridge restoration field trip
11 - Sacramento Wildlife Refuge birding field trip
18 - Sacramento Bufferlands tree planting

**general meeting held every other week of each month (2 times a month)
officers meeting held every other week of each month (2 times a month)
committee meetings held as necessary