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FALL FIELD TRIPS



PIGEON RIVER FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA

Saturday
SEPT. 18

Hike portions of this diverse and interesting area under the leadership of Lee Casebere, one of our ACRES members who has spent many hours studying and photographing there. We will visit woodlands, sedge meadows and tamarack.

MEET: 9:30 AM (share-the-ride)
Heritage House (Route 3) parking lot.
or
10:15 at the Wildlife area office, Mongo.
BRING: Sack lunch, drink, camera, boots, rain gear and friends



DOERMANN PROPERTY - HUNTINGTON COUNTY.

Sunday
OCT. 10

Tour this delightful acreage on Clear Creek on which Dr. and Mrs. Paul Doermann have lavished much love. Dr. Doermann will guide us.

MEET: 1:30 PM at US 24 and I 69 Marathon station. (share-the-ride)

or
Meet at US 24 and Flaxmill Rd. on the Huntington Bypass. 2:00 PM

BRING: camera, rain gear, snack and friends



THE ROPCHAN WILDLIFE REFUGE

Saturday
NOV. 20

Field Trip and Formal Dedication .
ACRES most recent acquisition is the gift of Sam and Adeline Ropchan.

DEDICATION PROGRAM LEADERS: Pat Pichon & Kay Hough.

FIELD TRIP LEADERS: Bob Weber & Pat Bolman.

MEET: 9:30 AM at southeast end of Mariott Inn parking lot (US 27 and I 69).

BRING: Sack lunch, drink, rain gear, camera binoculars and friends



QUARTERLY COVER ART. is copied from an old lithographic color plate in a volume entitled "Report on the Birds of Pennsylvania", published in 1890. This book is from the library of Rolland and Catharine Maxwell and other prints from this book have been reproduced into the NOTEPAPER which ACRES has for sale. An ACRES bargain at \$1.00 per pack (eight different prints and envelopes). Buy Some!

THERE HAS BEEN A WEDDING !! On August 3, 1976 at the Strawberry Valley Nursing Home in Ligonier, Indiana, Lloyd W. Bender married Nellie Grace Barkley Schlemmer. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Flochart, Trinity Church of Albion and Lloyd and Nellie are in residence at Lloyd's home on the Elkhart River. Lloyd says he is "King of the Golden River" and Nellie is Queen.

ACRES INVITES YOU TO A "BELLING"
sun. SEPT. 26 3 o'clock

A PANTRY SHOWER

Bring spices, recipies, dried fruit, preserves, jams, jellies, favorite canned goods (small sizes for two). All wholesome goodies to fill the Bender's winter larder. (Nothing frozen, please as Benders do not have a freezer.) To get to Benders, take the River Road west just south of Albion to the first house west of the river. If you cannot join the joyful party and would like to send along a pantry parcel, deliver to Eberhardt's, 1621 Randalia Drive, Fort Wayne, Ind. 46805 (424-2462). by September 25.

ACRES ANNUAL BANQUET

NOV 5

CONCORDIA SENIOR COLLEGE
Main dining Hall

6:00
PM

\$4.50
Plate

Decorations by Merry Lea
Environmental Center - Gary King,
Naturalist in charge.

Phone reservations by November 3 to:

Regina Flath - 483-5063

or

Margaret Aulick - 483-3531

DINNER TIME: 6:30PM

PROGRAM TIME: 8:00PM

ACRES is delighted to welcome back Florence and John Klotz as guests and speakers at our Annual Dinner Meeting. JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA & THE FALKLANDS, a slide-talk by the Klotz's, will highlight their visit with us. Both John and Florence were ACRES founders and charter members and both served on ACRES Board until leaving for St. Louis in the summer of '74. John Klotz served as ACRES President for ten years and wrote the "Of Bogs and Logs" column - a favorite Journal Gazette feature. Florence often illustrated the column. If you are unable to come for the banquet, you are welcome to come to Room 201 at 8 o'clock for the talk.

THE ROPCHAN WILDLIFE REFUGE NEWEST AND BIGGEST !

The ACRES Board is finishing acquisition details on the 180 acre ROPCHAN WILDLIFE REFUGE just south of Fremont, Indiana. The Sam and Adeline Ropchan Memorial Land Acquisition Fund, established by the Ropchans last year made this wonderful acquisition possible.

The area tops the Marsh Lake watershed and contains rolling woodlands, tamarack marsh and open wetlands as well as the entire glacial lake known as Cemetery Lake. One hundred acres of this area was owned originally by the Helen Skelton family. Helen, former naturalist at Pokagon State Park, has been an ACRES member and friend since 1962. Two forty acre pieces were purchased from the Huss and Penner farms which complete the south portions of the 180 acre parcel. The Ropchan Wildlife Refuge is ACRES largest Nature Preserve.

Check the Fall calendar for details of the November 20 Field Trip and Formal Dedication of the area. Plan to join us and get acquainted with the eleventh ACRES Natural Area. The Indiana Division of Nature Preserves has indicated that the area merits dedication under the Nature Preserves Act and ACRES will proceed with this by the end of the year.

NEW OLIN LAKE ADVISORY COUNCIL FORMS to carry on and "finish the job" on The Olin Lake Project. Advisory to ACRES, The Nature Conservancy and The Indiana Division of Nature Preserves, the new group will assist with Preserve management, community liaison, completing the Nature Preserve dedication of the shorelands held by the Purdue Research Foundation and adding other necessary lands to totally protect the lake habitat. The ACRES/TNC Olin Lake account has a balance of \$5,500.00. Currently serving on the Advisory Council are: Mr. and Mrs. David Rohrbaugh, Dr. and Mrs. Donald Welsh, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Bell, Mr. Alvin Lambright, Pat Pichon, Sister Ursula Stample, Frank Webster and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shenk, Mr. K. Gregory.

BIRDS OF FOX ISLAND -

A field check list is now available from Stockbridge Audubon, 1213 W Wayne, Fort Wayne 46804 or from Fox Island Park, 7324 Yohne Road, Fort Wayne, Ind. 46809.

election

IF YOU ARE A DUES-PAYING MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING:

YOU MAY MAKE NOMINATIONS UP UNTIL OCTOBER 13 (see details).

YOU WILL RECEIVE A RETURN-BY-MAIL BALLOT BY NOVEMBER 20.

YOU MUST VOTE BY MAIL BY DECEMBER 16 or YOU MAY VOTE IN PERSON ON DECEMBER 17, 1976 8 PM, 1802 Chapman Rd., Huntertown.

SELECTION OF DIRECTORS

There will be 18 directors. Three are appointed for staggered three year terms, one by the Department of Public Instruction of the State of Indiana, one by the Indiana Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, and one by the Indiana Park and Recreation Association. These appointees give broader public representation on our Board.

Fifteen directors are elected by the dues-paying members in good standing, five each year for three year terms. The procedure is as follows:

1. The statutory annual membership meeting will be held at 8 PM on December 17 1976 at 1802 Chapman Rd, Huntertown, Indiana. At this meeting ballots will be counted, members present may vote in person and the elected directors will be determined.

NOTE* This is not the annual dinner meeting at which we have a speaker. The Annual Dinner Meeting will be held November 5 1976 6:30 PM at Concordia Senior College.

2. Between September 13 and October 13, dues-paying members in good standing may nominate directors as follows: Any ten members in good standing may nominate a member of the Corporation by a written instrument which is a) signed by the 10 members, b) contains the nominee's written consent to serve if elected, and c) is delivered to the Secretary at 1802 Chapman Road, Huntertown, Indiana 46748 on or before October 13.

3. If more than five members are nominated, the five nominated by the largest number of members shall be the nominees.

4. If less than five nominations are made by the members, then between October 13 and October 29 the Nominations Committee will nominate enough persons to make at least five. The Nominations Committee may, but need not, nominate enough to make a total of ten nominees.

5. Each nominee may submit a statement of his qualifications which will be sent to members with the ballot. Such statement must be received by the Secretary before November 13.

6. No later than November 20 the Secretary will mail to members entitled to vote a ballot and the statement of the nominee's qualifications, together with a short reminder of the voting procedure.

7. Members may vote by mailed ballot. Members do not need to attend the annual meeting on December 17. However, if a member does attend, he may vote in person and cancel any ballot he may have returned by mail. There are no "write-in" votes accepted for anyone not nominated pursuant to the foregoing procedure.

*** To be effective, a ballot returned by mail must a) be enclosed in an envelope signed by the voting member, b) not be marked for more than five persons and c) be received by the Secretary NO LATER THAN December 16

IF THERE IS A CHECK BY YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS
YOUR DUES ARE DUE
BE A VOTING MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING!



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Share-the-Expense.	25.00
Family	10.00
Regular.	5.00
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Plus the opportunity to give to the
ACRES LAND ACQUISITION FUND.

One vote allowed for each
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Year	No. & Members Total Dues	ACRES'S OPERATING EXPENSES					Cost per Mem
		Taxes	Maint. Repair	Print.	Mail.	Off. Expense Meet Exp. Misc. Total	
'73-'74	524 \$1543.00	455.59	218.13	410.03	169.83	115.36 53.25 129.94 1702.23	3.24
'74-'75	463 \$1466.50	500.67	165.82	270.70	235.72	445.03 164.65 1399.76* 3165.85	6.83
'75-'76	455 \$1774.00	251.87	134.19	405.95	221.04	467.78 146.75 446.99 2074.57	4.60

* Includes pmt. to CPA of \$779.00 for preparation of income taxes for 2 years.

NOTE: Above figures do not include volunteer services for: some legal, labor, gasoline, materials

Excluding the large gifts of cash and land to Land Acquisition, the following monies were received from
the general membership: '73-'74 year: 1513.44 '74-'75 year: 1273.00 '75-'76 year: 2241.50

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LONIDAW	Noble	Frank Kirschner- Kendallville
FOXFIRE WOODS	Allen	Jane Dustin- 637-6264
ROPCHAN MEMORIAL NATURE RESERVE	Steuben	Pat Pichon- Howe 367-2150
HANGING ROCK NATURAL AREA	Wabash	Hy Goldenberg-Huntington
LLOYD W. BENDER MEMORIAL FOREST	Noble	Ed Eberhardt- 424-2462
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RESCUED RIVER-

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Hints for Helping Orphaned Wildlife

By Guy R. Hodge

Each year HSUS receives hundreds of requests for assistance and information concerning the proper care and handling of orphaned wildlife. The following guidelines were developed by HSUS in counsel with the American Veterinary Medical Assn. to assist humanitarians in the rescue and treatment of orphaned animals.

1. Do not remove the animal from the area in which you find it unless it is injured or in immediate danger. Watch the animal periodically from a distance for several hours to ascertain if its parents return to care for it. Birds that have fallen from their nest should be returned to it as soon as possible. Contrary to popular belief, adult birds will not reject their young after they have been handled by humans.

2. If the animal requires medical care or protection, its most immediate need will be warmth and shelter. Place the animal in a cardboard box with a cloth-covered heating pad set at a low temperature. A hot water bottle or several glass jars filled with warm water may be used as a substitute. Orphaned birds will also require a nest. Place a small plastic food container filled with ruffled facial tissues in the box.

3. Feed and care for the animal's special needs. Consult a veterinarian, local zoo, nature center, animal shelter, or local wildlife organization for suggestions on the diet and special needs of the animal. Songbirds should be fed at approximately 2-hour intervals. Most mammals will eat less frequently. If necessary, force feed animals with a plastic medicine dropper by gently prying open their mouths with your thumb and index finger.

4. Avoid unnecessary handling of the animal. Remember it is a wild creature, and it is your responsibility to prepare it to return to the wild. Handling may cause injury, or may result in the animal becoming accustomed to humans and pets, resulting in lack of caution toward man and predators once it is returned to the wild.

5. If you are unable to keep or care for an orphaned animal, ask your local animal shelter, zoo, or nature center to accept it. If one of these facilities cannot help, they may be able to direct you to an individual who is experienced in caring for orphaned wildlife.

For further information, consult "Care of the Wild, Feathered & Furred: A Guide to Wildlife Handling and Care," by Mae Hickman and Maxine Guy (Unity Press).

Editor's Notes: HSUS is Humane Society US. The book by Hickman & Guy referred to is on file with ACRES and at Fox Island. Would you be interested in helping the local humane shelter get a wildlife care area? Call the ACRES office.