

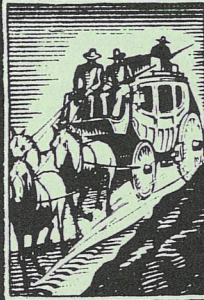
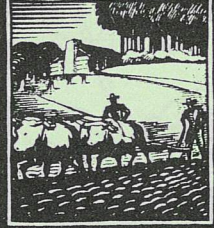


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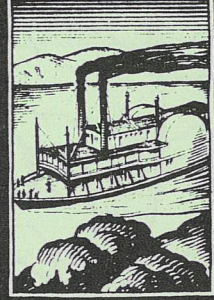
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**L**ITTLE more than one hundred years ago Indiana was a wilderness. Majestic hardwood forests, untainted waters and abundant wild life combined to make our State a wonderland of unspoiled natural beauty.



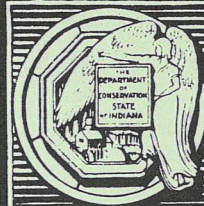
Our grandfathers were pioneers. For a century their descendants have prospered. The wilderness has become a rich country with teeming cities, busy factories and farms. But the great forests have vanished, our waters have become polluted and much of our natural wealth has been wasted.



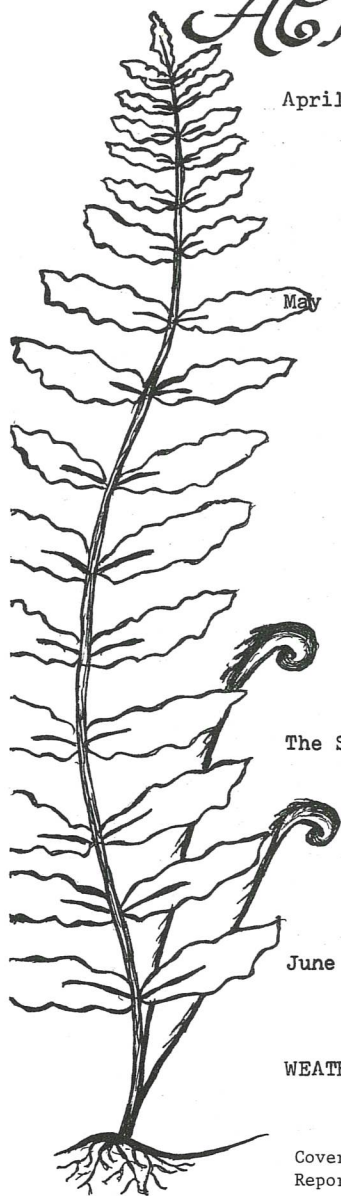
Today we need retreats from the modern scene and opportunity for stimulating recreation. We need to conserve our few remaining unspoiled natural areas and restore many others.



Let us plan and preserve for future generations a heritage of natural riches which should be their birthright.



# 1985 Calendar ACRES 25th Spring



- April 27 -- Workday and Hike at McNabb Walter Woods, Davis Road. Drive SR 37 to Cuba Road, turn north, drive to end of Cuba Road, turn right onto Davis. Meet: 9:00 a.m. at the Woods. Bring: Sack lunch, beverage, heavy gloves, shovel, rake, bow saw, loppers.  
In charge: Larry Bieberich
- May 11 -- A wildflower hike and tour of three ACRES preserves and Fox Island Nature Preserve.  
Meet: 8:00 a.m., west side of Rogers parking lot next to Wayne Township Fire Dept.'s Community Room where the Waynedale LIONS invite us to their pancake and sausage breakfast (\$3.00 for all the cakes you can eat). We will carpool and  
Hike: begins 9:00 a.m. at Fox Island. The Alliance and Audubon members join us for the day. Fogwell, Hammer Woods and Acres Along the Wabash offer beautiful springtime surprises.  
Bring: sack lunch, beverage, camera  
Naturalists: Bob Weber, Pat Bolman, Judy Esterline
- The Sundays of May 5 - May 19 - June 2 - July 7 - August 4 - Sept. 1 and October 6 at WING HAVEN which will be open 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. for members and friends. A parking area will be marked, an information sign set up and hosts/hostesses will be in the Studio Cabin to answer questions. Bring: camera to capture nature.
- June 22 -- IDNR Natural Areas Conference at Tri-State College, Angola. See details elsewhere in Quarterly.

WEATHER POLICY: Rain doesn't stop any ACRES events. Come prepared.

Cover art from Indiana Recreation Study Report frontispiece of June 1938.



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SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL NATURAL  
AREAS PRESERVATION GROUP. (RE)JOIN

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You fill in the membership card and keep it. Return the address portion with your remittance in the return envelope provided, marked for the membership category you select. Indicate suggestions for new members on the back of the return portion. They will be sent information about ACRES.

ACRES MEMBERSHIP IS JULY 1 to JUNE 30!! The number in the upper left corner of your address label tells you when your membership expires, e.g. 85 indicates that your membership is current through June 30, 1985.

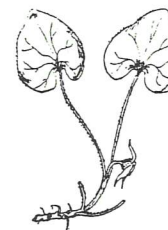


INDIANA NATURAL AREAS CONFERENCE AND FIELD DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 1985  
Best Hall, Room 229  
Tri-State University  
Angola, Indiana

Sponsors include the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, ACRES and a host of other organizations dedicated to outdoor interests.

Registration starts at 7:45 AM EST, presentations (excellent in our experience, Ed.) begin at 8:30 AM and stop at 12:15 PM. Field trips start at 1:30 PM EST. Lunch is on your own. Cost of Conference is: FREE! Register by June 7 to get your best choice of field trips. A field trip registration form is enclosed for your convenience in this quarterly. Trips are over by 5 or 6 PM and you provide your own transportation to the trip and leave from there for your home. Be prepared for wet trails.



ACRES, INC. - Dedicated to the Preservation of Natural Areas in Northeastern Indiana

A successful organization usually has at its core a group of a few dedicated members who form and create its direction and guide the outcome to success. Some twenty-five years ago a few interested people gathered with the idea of preserving natural areas in Allen County, Indiana. Those same people have seen the wonderful success in preserving areas all over northeastern Indiana. Some of the original members were Jim Barrett, Bill and Ethyle Bloch, Jane and Tom Dustin, Florence and John Klotz, and Bob Weber. All of these original members remain on the Board of Directors while John Klotz serves on the National Advisory Board.

Not long after meeting informally, ACRES was incorporated March 2, 1960. In those first years, there were about a dozen members who made numerous field trips to natural areas in Allen County. Originally called Allen County Reserves, the name was changed when an elderly woman, Edna Spurgeon of Noble County, unexpectedly offered a parcel of beech-maple climax forest as the first preserve. The first property has been followed by sixteen more areas, the latest of which is Wing Haven near Pokagon State Park. On November 10, 1984, ACRES had an open house at Wing Haven with the annual dinner meeting following that evening at the Potawatomi Inn. In contrast to this rather large gathering, the early members remember the first dinner meeting as very small: a potluck held at the Shoaff Park Shelter House.

At the organizational meeting, John Klotz was elected the first president, a position he held for some ten years. He was followed by Jim Barrett for the next two years and then Bob Weber carried on for another eight or nine years. Ted Heemstra is ACRES' current president. Since the first president, John Klotz, was then on the faculty of Concordia Senior College in Fort Wayne as a biology professor, he arranged for the annual dinner meetings and programs to be held at Concordia.

After the first four or five years, planned field trips were organized and new members attended. The seventeen nature preserves are watched over by volunteers including Ted Heemstra, Ed Eberhardt, Art Eberhardt, Lee Casebere, and Fred Wooley. Volunteers also maintain trails and fences through annual work days at the various preserves.



The power of the written word has played its part in the continuity of ACRES. This has happened in two ways: the ACRES Quarterly bulletin, now in its twenty-fourth year, and the weekly newspaper articles in the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette titled "Of Bogs and Logs" which were written by John Klotz. These were published for a number of years in the early life of the organization.

The ACRES Quarterly has never left the home of Tom and Jane Dustin, the originating editors of the publication. Tom first typed the newsletter in their home at 106 West Wildwood in Fort Wayne while Jane found a local Fort Wayne Art School faculty member, Ruth Gibson, to create the art work for those first covers. It was a shared job at first before Jane took over the many hours of finding suitable material and of typing needed yearly. The permanent address of ACRES, Inc. has been 1802 Chapman Road, Huntertown, Indiana where the publication has been issued for years. The bulletin announces meetings, field trips, and other preservation concerns. Consistent with those first covers, Jane has always used local artists, mostly members of ACRES or their families. Every ACRES member receives the Quarterly and sharing them with others can bring new members.

In the early years of the organization, John Klotz, now Dean of Academics at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, wrote a weekly column entitled "Of Bogs and Logs" for the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette. Each article about a flower, animal, tree or natural event was told in an exciting and entertaining manner. These articles became quite popular with the general public. John's wife, Florence, illustrated later articles with fine line drawings. The column always carried the subtitle "a public service feature of ACRES, Inc., dedicated to the preservation of natural areas in Northeastern Indiana". ACRES role was sometimes explained and the offer of more information brought many new members. This was perhaps the most successful means of gaining interested new members. Remember, this was in the days before most nature organizations were so active. The written word has a powerful influence on people. "Of Bogs and Logs" and the ACRES Quarterly have both contributed to create and maintain an appreciation for natural areas and their preservation for future generations. An example of "Of Bogs and Logs" follows:

#### Cedar Creek's Real Identity

The red cedar, which gives its name to Cedar Lake in DeKalb County and to Cedar Creek which flows through the northern part of Allen County, isn't a cedar at all. It's a juniper, with the technical name of *Juniperus virginiana*, but its aromatic wood has gained for it the popular name "cedar." Usually at maturity it is not over 40 or 50 feet tall, but in exceptional cases it may be

twice that height with a trunk two or three feet in diameter. There are two varieties of the tree: a southern and a northern form. Ours is the northern form.

When young, the red cedar's top is narrow and spire-shaped, but with age its branches elongate and bend outward finally forming a wide, irregular tree with a pyramidal or rounded top. It is a slow growing, long-lived tree and may attain an age of three hundred or even four hundred years. The tree is frequently buttressed at the base. The leaves are scalelike, though on young trees and on vigorous shoots they may be needle-like. The bark is thin-an eighth to a quarter inch in thickness-and fibrous, splitting lengthwise into strips.

The red cedar is a widely distributed tree. Originally it seems to have been restricted to the banks of streams and the bluffs of deep ravines. Now it is a common tree along fences, on dry gravelly slopes, in dry open woods, and even on rich bottomlands, growing best on lime soils. Its fruit is about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch in diameter, not a cone as you might expect in an evergreen, but a round, bluish berry with a powdery bloom that rubs off. It ripens the second season after it has formed, and each berry contains from one to four seeds.

These berries are the favorite food of a number of birds who eat them greedily and who are responsible for spreading the seeds of the juniper. The cedar waxwing gets its name from the fact that it is often seen on the red cedar: it really ought to be called the juniper waxwing. Mammals also help distribute the seeds by eating the berries. Some people believe that the berries and leaves have medicinal properties. When roasted the berries are sometimes used as a substitute for coffee, but they are not very satisfactory in this role.

The wood is light and fragrant, a purple-red in color. It's close grained and brittle, not very strong, but quite durable. For this reason it is sometimes used for fence posts. It is also used to make mothproff chests, wooden ware, and lead pencil coverings. Indeed for a number of years the Fabers maintained their own forests of the red cedar in Germany to supply wood for the pencils which they manufactured. Oil of cedar is distilled from the leaves and wood of the tree and is used as a perfume. The leaves sometimes cause a dermatitis in sensitive people.



The following is excerpted from a letter by long time members Hy and Lorrie Goldenberg about their experiences in Israel:

"We live in a small town on the Southern lower slopes of the Carmel; about 35 Km south of Haifa, overlooking the Mediterranean, are enjoying life here, and have a lot of friends. We take an active interest in helping to preserve nature, but it's a tough battle. The Arabs with their goats and sheep nibble everything to death & then the rains & wind scours the earth revealing the limestone base. Then too, the naturalists make mistakes. They have planted many pine trees, when they should have planted trees that were more indigenous to the area. Then there's the matter of security, & so the Army builds roads & runs rough-shod over ground that is very fragile & has taken thousands of years to create. If security was not the all pervasive factor, more could be done to protect the wildlife.

Israel has another problem, it has served as a home place to gather Jews from all over the world, & as a result, many of the people who came from No. Africa & the Arab countries are very backward & have no appreciation for protecting the land, so they misuse & destroy much. They also in their primitive ways litter like crazy. However despite all the terrible problems, we believe that someday Israel will educate the people & turn things around.

Last year we went walking through a nearby wadi & found a field of red & orange tulips growing in the wild. A little research revealed that the tulip originated in these parts, & was brought to Europe, U.S., etc. where it is much prized."

If you are interested in preservation of natural areas outside northeastern Indiana, and most of you are, you might be interested in an article in the January 14, 1985 New Yorker titled "The Rain Forests." The New Yorker has run a series of articles on the major food grains of the world recently which have been enlightening.

Don't forget the Non-game Wildlife check-off spot on your Indiana Income Tax return.

When you are not on an ACRES hike or work day, you might consider some of the events on Saturdays and Sundays at Fox Island. A Wildflower Watch will occur from 1:30-2:30 each Saturday and Sunday in April and May until May 12.

Merry Lea will be open on April 14, May 12, and June 9 (Sundays). For other special days, contact Goshen College and Larry Yoder at 219-533-3161.

Stockbridge Audubon is running a full series of field trips. Contact Anna Hostman, 1213 W. Wayne, Fort Wayne, IN 46804 for info.

An article about National Advisory Board member, Durward Allen, appears in the March 1985 Audubon magazine.

Don't forget the Wing Haven Sundays this spring. The weather will be warmer than the VERY BRISK chill experienced by those on the February field trip. The grass will be green, the birds will be singing and the flowers will be in bloom. Altogether you and nature will have a delightful time in a lovely setting.

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