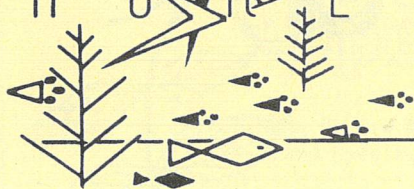


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Wing Haven Wanderings....

Mowing grass is not often a favorite task for many. In my case however, it does have its rewards... especially when I am out on the old field trails of Wing Haven; and especially when I am out on them on a clear, early-September, late afternoon.

Such was the day on September 8. Even though I am on the back of a noisy garden tractor, a ride over the trails, through the late summer meadows, in their full splendor of tall grasses and flowers, is a beautiful sight. I go slow, to cut well and take in all of the views.

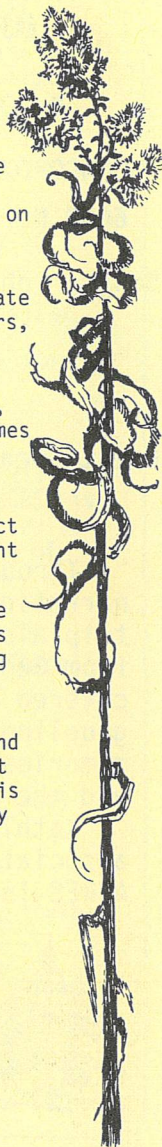
Just as I pulled on to the meadow trail past the parking area, I was met by a huge five-foot tall, goldenrod plant with its plumes of deep yellow flowers leaning over into my path. From my position, it was head high and perfect for viewing. As I slowed to push it aside, I noticed an all-green, praying mantis on one of the plumes. I turned off the tractor and watched this huge insect as it had a honey bee pinched in the first joint of its left front leg.

I watched closely as it ripped into the bee, starting from the head and working towards the stinger. At one point it turned its head, as only this insect can do, and looked at me with those big eyes and triangular face -- so human-like, so fascinating! It turned back and continued munching.

I wondered what would happen when it reached the venom sack and stinger... "certainly not!", I thought. Sure enough, just as it got down to where I figured the bee business end began, the mantis dropped the carcass and moved on. Was the mantis full, or do they not like to eat that part of this insect?... If the latter is true, did this mantis sometime find out the hard way?...

The Autumn, old-field trails of Wing Haven are beautiful. Come November, we will be mowing them to maintain this type of habitat. Before then, however, come out to feast your eyes on the mosaic of colors in the fall fields. Goldenrods and asters are blooming full and swaying with the golds and browns of flowers and grasses already gone to seed.

- Fred Wooley, Naturalist/Caretaker



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Field Trips & Special Events

October 14 LaGrange County Nature Preserve and Nature Center
*** Grand Opening! *** ACRES Members Welcome!!!

For details and schedule of events, see page 5.

When: Noon to 4:30pm.

Where: LaGrange County Nature Preserve and Nature Center. Take I69 to SR 20. Go west to 500E and turn left (south). Go to 100S and turn right (west). Nature Preserve is ½ mile down road on left (south) side of road. (hint: do not confuse 500W in Steuben County with 500E in LaGrange County!)

Contact Person: Sharon Partridge (463-4022 or 463-7825)

November 3 ACRES Annual Dinner

For program details, see page 2.

When: Dinner at 6:30pm; Program at 8:00pm. Come early to mingle and check out sales table!

Cost: Dinner: \$10 a plate. Program: Free.

Where: Concordia Seminary Dining Hall, 6600 North Clinton, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

For Reservations: Call Don and Mary Stump (483-0279 or 484-3986.

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ELECTION

Nominations for ACRES Board Members may be made up until October 13, 1989 (see instructions in the Summer Issue of the ACRES Quarterly).

A ballot will be sent to all members in good standing no later than November 1, 1989. The annual election is held December 5 at the ACRES office, at 1802 Chapman Road, Huntertown, Indiana, 46748, at 8:00 p.m. Mailed ballots must be received by the Secretary no later than December 4, 1989. When you receive your ballot, please fill it out and send it in!

Report from the Field....

Wing Haven Clean-up/Work Day

by Paul McAfee

The clean-up/work day at the Wing Haven Nature Preserve in Steuben, County, on September 9, turned out to be a smashing success. "Too smashing!", commented Ted "Wildman" Heemstra. Ted provided the day's entertainment by leaping off of a runaway garden tractor, James Bond style, glancing up just in time to watch it careen off into a protected nature preserve. Nothing was damaged, to the preserve or the tractor, and after being treated for minor injuries, Ted jumped back up on that old horse and drove it back to the shed.

It was decided that it would be just as easy to carry the boards for the new dock down to the lake. Providing manpower for that job, were Art "The Mule" Eberhardt and Ted "Wheelbarrow" Wehrenberg. Providing womanpower were Art's wife Marion and sister-in-law Nancy. Ed "The Fish" Eberhardt headed up the project and spent most of the day in the water nailing the dock together. He had spent the previous year sinking the posts of the dock a little at a time until they are now sturdy enough to hold an elephant, or a whole entourage of nature lovers. Funding for this project was available through the generous donation of Judy and Larry Esterline.

Paul "Hi, I'm Bob Vila" McAfee spent the whole day planing two sticky doors of the studio into submission. Rich "Purple Loosestrife" Dunbar and cohorts sallied about the lake on a search and destroy mission of the dangerous, alien invader, purple loosestrife plant. No one was hurt and the mission was declared a success.

Bob Weber was the master of ceremonies for the day. He did a very good job of making sure that no one had to stand around waiting for work to do. Although he drove us hard, he did provide refreshments and a hot kettle of soup for lunch to build up our strength.

Everyone had a smashing good time, especially the nice, pleasant lunch out on the back deck of the studio. Please do not miss the next action-packed, fun-filled adventure at the Wing Haven Corral.

Paul "Scoop" McAfee is a very hard-working, dedicated member of ACRES and the Stockbridge Audubon Society and volunteer docent at the Ft. Wayne's Children Zoo. Thanks for the report Paul. Sounds like I missed quite a day!
- Editor.



9. provide a small resting bench for the new dock
10. provide one or two new weather-worthy picnic tables
11. provide a sturdy, comfortable rocking chair
12. re expose a small section of flagstone patio near the residence
13. provide a few low children's chairs to be used around a low worktable
14. lay up two short sections of rail fencing
15. help build our W.H. species list by choosing your favorite plant or animal group and reporting your finds
16. lay up a modest-sized field stone fire pit for cookouts
17. do selective carpentry repair to outbuildings
18. finish cataloging our library
19. write articles suitable for use in our ACRES Quarterly
20. sketch organisms or natural features suitable for the ACRES Quarterly
21. help plan and supervise a children's nature education program for an open-house date

22. act as a hostess or host for a Sunday afternoon open house at W H
23. give us your suggestion for another project you would like to do at W H



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After reading through the list of projects needing help at Wing Haven I/we would like to offer the following help:

I/we need further advice about:

You can reach me/us by phone at _____

WING HAVEN NEEDS YOU

Dear ACRES Member,

We want our Wing Haven Nature Preserve to offer you very special pleasure and satisfaction. You probably already know that it offers you trail hiking, boating and canoeing, put-back-fishing, cross-country skiing, and a fine old log cabin studio (an 1800's tavern and stage coach stop) for relaxing, reading, visiting and nature education.

Actually these offerings need some refined help from you and we want to add more, including some attractive family picnicking facilities.

Because of the need to enhance our program for you, we've prepared this request for your help. There is a variety of projects from which to select. If you, or you and others, are willing to tackle one or more of the following projects, please use the attached card form, put a 15¢ stamp on it, and mail it to Bob Weber. He can be contacted by phone at 747-6030 if you want to talk over any arrangements.

You may address these projects according to your own time schedule for the most part; no need to wait for a specific workday schedule for others.

1. complete a set of wooden steps already started on a trail hill
Two people would be best, using simple carpentry tools.
2. set some trail-sign posts. A post-hole digger, etc. needed.
3. cut about 100' of trail into a steep slope. A shovel and level would be needed.
4. install a screen insect barrier at top edge of privy walls
5. restore an oak captain's chair
6. paint a few studio items
7. block up all little entryways of studio against little critters
8. repair chinking between logs of the studio cabin. Instruction available.

Name _____
Address _____

affix 15¢
stamp here

To:
Bob Weber
3649 Algonquin Pass
Fort Wayne, IN. 46809

SALE ITEMS-

BOOKS:

PLAIN OL'CHARLIE DEAM	\$12.95
Pioneer Hoosier Botanist	
PULSE OF THE FOREST	10.00
PLANTS OF THE CHICAGO	16.00
REGION Swink & Wilhelm	

Pocket Nature Guides: Trees	\$2.00 each
Flowers	
Tracks	
Ferns	
Winter Twigs	

Nature Notes - two each of four designs, plus envelopes. 2.50 pack

Stationery - ten design sheets, ten plain, plus ten envelopes 3.00 pack

"Wing Haven" Fold Notes - six self-mailers plus stickers
Fred Wooley, artist. 2.00 pack

Patches (embroidered) 1.75 each
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From: _____

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A one-year gift membership to ACRES, Inc. has been given in your name! Welcome to a growing number of people who are concerned about, and dedicated to, the preservation of natural areas in northeastern Indiana. ACRES has acquired over 20 properties, which are managed as "living museums" for educational and scientific study, and for public enjoyment.

With your membership, you will receive the ACRES Quarterly newsletter. The Quarterly is an update on ACRES projects, volunteer work days on the properties, and upcoming field trips. It also contains field notes on various Acres properties as well as general natural history articles.

An ACRES, Inc. brochure and membership card are enclosed.

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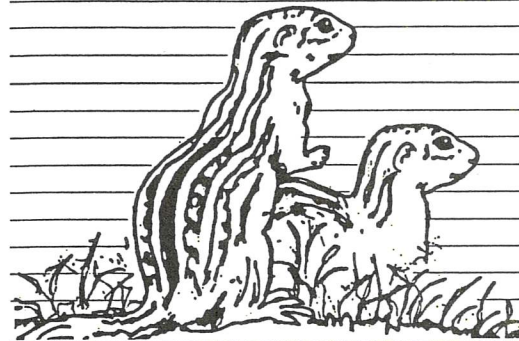
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Thirteen lines

News and Notes from the LaGrange County Parks and Recreation Dept.

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AT THE

GRAND OPENING

OF THE

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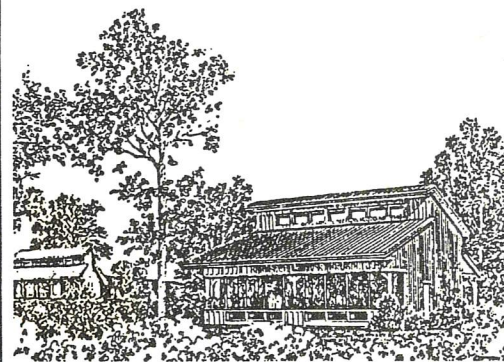
ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING THE OPENING CEREMONIES

Saturday

- 12:00 — Opening Ceremonies
- 1:30 — Film "The Great Blue Heron Story"
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- 2:30 — Children's Story Time
- 3:00 — Guest Presentation: Roger Krner—
Wild Edible Plants
- 4:30 — Film "Bluebirds — Bring them Back"
- 7:30-9:30 — Campfire Program — Night
Creatures

Sunday

- 11:30-12:30 — Chili Dinner
(Cost \$2.00/meal)
- 1:00 — Make-It and Take-It Children's
Crafts
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Lou Ann Homan — Storyteller



Help LaGrange County celebrate this wonderful event and learn about some cooperative efforts between LaGrange County and ACRES Inc.!

(taken from front page of LaGrange County's Parks and Recreation Department Newsletter, Fall 1989. LaGrange County Naturalist, Sharon Partridge, Editor.)

ACRES SALE ITEMS

... just in time for Christmas!

Just a reminder here to bring your checkbook to the November Dinner Meeting to pick up a few stocking stuffers! On sale will be note cards, stationery, pocket-sized field guides, and these two, new, fine books reviewed below by Bob Weber. (Items also on sale at Wing Haven Studio the first Sunday of every month, 1:00pm to 5:00pm.)

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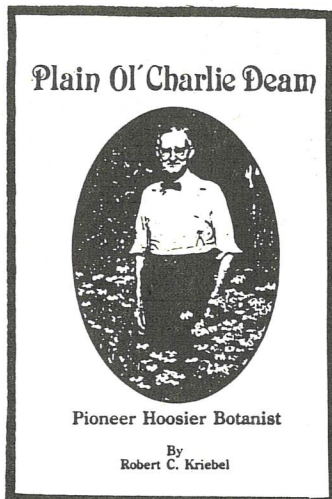
Plain Ol' Charlie Deam by Robert C. Kriebel is a fascinating collection of stories and photographs about this unique man who grew up in Bluffton to become one of the most respected plant taxonomists in our country. His life was simple, but his ways and thinking were colorful and meticulous. After beginning his career as a pharmacist, he traveled every township of every county in our state at least twice to collect and identify plants. Four books -- Trees of Indiana, Shrubs of Indiana, Grasses of Indiana and, the benchmark model for state floras, Flora of Indiana -- resulted from Deam's dedicated and careful work.

This current book is captivating with its entertaining stories about the philosophy, wanderings, colleagues, and work of this remarkable first State Botanist and State Forester for Indiana. Because I personally knew and visited with Deam on several occasions during the late forties and early fifties and knew most of the university botanists and foresters who are often mentioned in the book, I could hardly wait to get my copy of this book. Get yours now; you won't be disappointed. They're just \$12.95 while they last.

The Pulse of The Forest is a colorfully illustrated guide to the vitality and variety of life in our broadleaf woodlands. I have seldom seen a more attention-holding, written ecological approach to the woods ecosystem. James Jackson, the author, has studied well and long known the creatures and forces of the forest community. He writes of seasonal forces, life among the limbs, activity in the forest floor -- "Creatures of the woodland floor are bankers for the green world above." -- forest enemies, forest uses, and more.

As a commentary on the book jacket says: "Brilliant photography zooms in on nature's tiniest details, and backs away to present panoramic vistas."

Acres is fortunate to be in possession of a few of the last issues of this book, and we offer it at a price well below what one has come to expect for such quality. They're \$10.00 while we have them.



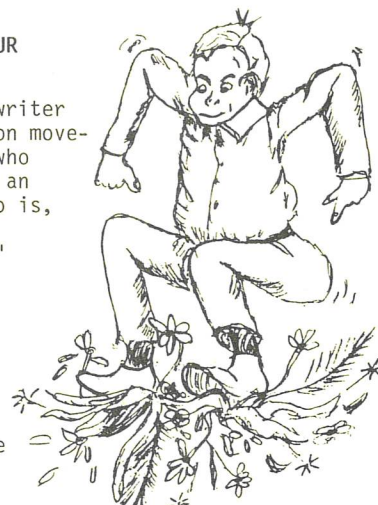
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ACRES NEEDS EVERYONE'S HELP TO TAKE CARE OF OUR NATURAL AREAS.

Paul Quinnett, a psychologist and outdoor writer in Cheney, Washington, claims "the conservation movement needs a term to describe those citizens who mistreat, abuse, destroy, or otherwise act in an anti-environmental fashion. It is someone who is, at best, ignorant, and at worst, greedy and criminal in his/her behavior toward the land." His name for such a citizen is an **Enopath**. The "path" part is from the word pathology, as in disease or sickness. **Eno** can mean this is no nice person.

An ACRES member is a good conservationist, and would never be an Enopath. There are Enopaths out there, however, around our nature preserves. As ACRES members, we all have to be watching for and reporting these Enopaths. If any member does see, or find, mistreatment at any of our preserves, please report your findings to the ACRES office or to any Board Member.

Article and drawing by Ethyle Bloch. Ethyle is a long-time, very active member of both ACRES, Inc. and The Isaac Walton League.



And now, a word from our sponsor...

This summer, ACME Printing Company of Fort Wayne, Indiana printed an excellent, tri-fold, 11X17-inch, brochure as a donation to ACRES, Inc. The brochure is entitled "**Impromptu Preserves**" and is made up of article reprints from the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel. Copies will be available at the Wing Haven Studio, the annual fall dinner meeting, and by mail, through the ACRES office. Thank you very much ACME Printing!

Membership - Membership - Membership

Thank you to all who remembered to re-member! To all members, elections are coming up and we want you to be able to vote. Check to see what your expiration date is on your mailing label. Only those reading 6-90 will be eligible to vote. You can share ACRES with relatives and friends at a very economical price! Consider a membership for the upcoming holidays, a birthday, or graduation. Share your awareness of natural areas and your concern for being good stewards of the land!

- Mary Anna Entwisle
Membership Chairperson

Merry Lea

SUNFLOWER FESTIVAL

October 7 and 8

- Sorghum • Applebutter • Indian Corn
- Whole Wheat Flour • Fresh Baked Bread
- Sunflower Heads • Sunflower Seeds
- Bird Feeders

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday
noon-5 p.m. Sunday

Also featured:
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THE BACK PAGE

Think Globally... Act Locally

The above phrase has become very popular in recent years. Environmental problems are world-wide. Acid rain, toxic wastes, soil depletion, overcrowding, ozone depletion, water pollution, the list goes on, and these things know no political boundaries. The warblers that delight our spring field trips may have a nice stopover in one of our northeast Indiana preserves, but what awaits them in their northern breeding grounds, or this winter down in their tropical rain forests?... We work hard here, maybe contribute a few dollars elsewhere, and we hope.

The heart of ACRES' dedication is acting locally. We acquire bits of natural areas here in our little corner of the world and manage them for their own sake, for the wild things they hold, and for all future generations to enjoy.

We have now taken one more step in acting locally, in how we bring to you this newsletter. It is a small step, but important nonetheless. Beginning with this issue, the **ACRES Quarterly** will be printed on recycled paper. Initially, this may be more expensive, but we, at ACRES, feel it is important to lead by example. If more people use recycled paper, it becomes more in demand, more in supply, and the price will go down. More demand will also mean more markets for the recyclable paper some of us are stashing away and hauling off to the recycling centers.

It is one small step in the long trip to a more healthy planet earth. We hope you agree and join us in all of our local efforts.

- Fred J. Wooley, Editor

The **ACRES Quarterly** welcomes letters, artwork, black and white photos, and anything else of interest to our readers. If you are out enjoying one of our preserves, drop us a note, let us know what you discovered and enjoyed! Send any and all items to **Fred J. Wooley, Editor, ACRES Quarterly, Rt. 2, Box 108, Angola, Indiana, 46703**. Deadline for the winter issue is December 15, 1989.

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