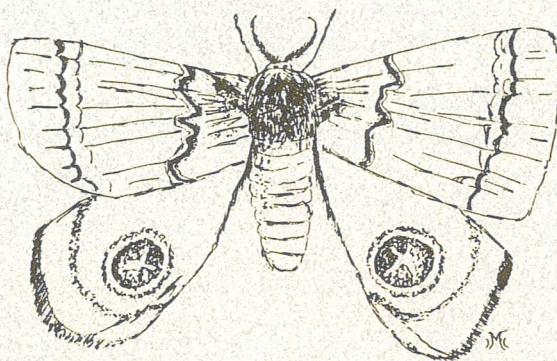
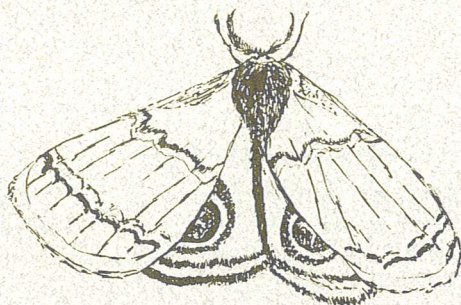




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ACRES Welcomes New Members:

Karen Dietz Allen
Michael & Karin Allen & Family
Mr. and Mrs. Clifton L. Baumgartner
Susan L. Beck
Gordon Bloom
William & Margaret Bloom
Richard Dean Brewer
Bill & Margaret Briney
Shirley Champion
Don C. Cleary
Kim A. Collins
Roger B. Coon
Ellen Cranor
Geza Csapo
James W. Foster
Ted Gilliom
Karen Hoagland
Melvin & Mary Hochstetler
Dorothy W. Hunt
Terry & Caroline Kindsvatter

Lindsay and Brian Lantz
Michael H. Meyers
Bob & Pam Ogg
Laurie Proctor & Gary Parkins
Roger, Nan, & Mariesa Rang
Julie Samek
Mr. & Mrs. Carlton Sauder
Mary Frances Schneider
David Seyler
Dorothy Skurka
Randy & Carole Smith
Sharon Solloway
Chris Thomas
John & Tam Vogel
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Williams
Mary Anna Wyall

Organizations:

Central Indiana Land Trust

In Memory

From time to time people remember and honor loved ones and special people by making gifts to ACRES in their names. We feel it is appropriate that they be recognized in the **Quarterly** and plan to make this a regular part of each issue. We respectfully submit the following names and proudly carry on our important work in their names.

William B. Van Gorder
Pauline Van Gorder

Marjorie Smith
The Fish Family

Clarice Adams
Patricia McNaghy

Monica Agnew
Jim & Pat Barrett
Tom & Jane Dustin

**Memorial Gift to Wing Haven
Nature Preserve in Memory of
Samuel O. Dungan II**

Dale & Judith Zinn
Phil & Judy Gibson

John F. DeFries, M.D.
Patricia McNaghy

About the Cover - This issue's cover and other artwork throughout the issue was done by ACRES Project Coordinator Carolyn McNaghy. In addition to her many roles with ACRES, Carolyn often contributes articles, photographs and artwork to the **Quarterly**.

ACRES Open House a Big Success!

The ACRES Open House held at our new home at the YWCA complex in Fort Wayne, on March 28, 1993, was a big success. For many long-time members it was a feeling of having our organization taking a big step forward and coming of age. No longer do we store records and work out of our kitchen, bedroom, and basement offices. ACRES has a home!

ACRES memorabilia from over 30 years of hard work was on display, the newest ACRES project, Bicentennial Woods, was highlighted. Refreshments were shared among friends, and a silent, but spirited, auction brought in additional funds in a fun way. ACRES would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for donating items to the silent auciton.

Wild Birds Unlimited Framemakers

Bill Weldon, Artist, The Orchard Gallery of Fine Arts

**The Kroger Company
Frame Art Gallery**

Young's Greenhouse & Flower Shop

Shady Park Nursery

The Framery

Frank's Nursery and Crafts

The Landscape Gardener

Angola Lumber Company

Coplen's Coleman Camper Center

Hyde Brothers BookSellers

Roots Camp'n Ski Haus

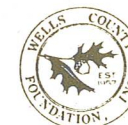
ACRES Board of Directors

Other Special Friends...

In the past three months, four other organizations have made special contributions to ACRES projects, programs, and operations. We thank you!

**The Journal-Gazette
Foundation, Inc.**

**The Wells County
Foundation, Inc.**



Field Trips & Special Events

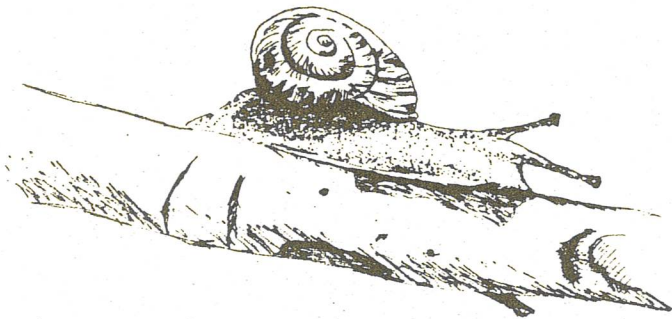
August 1 Wing Haven Nature Preserve Open House (1pm to 5pm).
SPECIAL EVENT! Join ACRES Board Member Bob Weber at 2:00pm for a photography workshop at Wing Haven. Learn some basic nature photography techniques and then take a hike to improve your skills!

When: 2:00pm

Where: At the Wing Haven Preserve, 400N, 1/2 mile east of SR27, Steuben County.

Bring: Your camera and hiking shoes. (this year, bug juice recommended!)

Contact Person: Bob Weber (747-6030).



August 14 Kekionga Voyagers Canoe Club/ACRES Outing.
Canoe the Mississinewa River through beautiful scenery to the Seven Pillars Landmark, an ACRES property!

When: 10:00am

Where: Meet at the Mississinewa River dam at the Frances Slocum picnic area..

Bring: Lunch and a life preserver.

Contact Person: Else Matott (745-7877). PRIOR REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Please call if you can come!

September 18 Vandolah Nature Preserve Field Trip.

Enjoy the end of summer hiking in this beautiful, and one of our newer, ACRES preserves.

When: 11:00am

Where: Meet at the Preserve, located north of Fort Wayne on Vandolah Road.

Bring: Comfortable walking shoes and bug juice.... and a friend!

Contact Person: Else Matott (745-7877).

October 3 Wing Haven Nature Preserve Open House (1pm to 5pm).
WING HAVEN OPEN HOUSE SPECIAL EVENT I:

A Program by the Wild Wings Raptor Center.

Raptor rehabilitators Laura Edmunds and Jane Fink will give a live demonstration of hawks and owls and talk about the importance of protecting these beautiful and fascinating birds. Come to a one hour program, outside, at Wing Haven. If the weather is inclement, we'll be in the studio/visitor center.

When: 2:00pm

Where: Wing Haven Nature Preserve.

Bring: Lawn chair or blanket to sit on, and your camera.

Contact Person: Carolyn McNagny, ACRES office (422-1004).

WING HAVEN OPEN HOUSE SPECIAL EVENT II:

A Special Field Trip to see Fringed Gentians.

From Wing Haven, we'll carpool and travel to the nearby home of ACRES member, Eva Claphan, to see the spectacular show of Fringed Gentians that grace her Green Lake shoreline. These beautiful blue flowers are one of the few to bloom in the fall.

When: 4:00pm

Where: Meet at Wing Haven.

Bring: Your camera.

Contact Person: Carolyn McNagny,
ACRES office (422-1004).



October 9 Stockbridge Audubon/Tippecanoe Audubon/ACRES Outing... "Birds of a Feather" Hike.... or, "Someone should know what it is..."

If you don't know a coot from a peewee, come and learn about the birds as we hike the beautiful 350-acre Crossland Boy Scout Camp located on Robinson Lake.

When: 8:00am

Where: Meet at the parking lot of the Crossland Boy Scout Camp.

From Fort Wayne, take US 30 to Larwill and turn north onto SR 5. Drive to where SR 5 and Lincolnway (old US 30) intersect and turn west. Go about 2 miles and Crossland is on the west side of the road. Or, meet at 7:15am at the Day's Inn parking lot at the intersection of US 27 and US 3 (near Seyfert's) in Fort Wayne.

Bring: Binoculars, bird field guides, and hiking boots.

Contact Person: Carolyn McNagny, ACRES office (422-1004).

November 7 Wing Haven Nature Preserve Open House (1pm to 5pm).

Persons interested in work days, please call Bob Weber at 747-6030.

Bicentennial Woods Update!

Good news has been abundant on the Bicentennial Woods project, which was featured in the Spring 1993 issue of the **Quarterly**. ACRES has acquired an option to purchase a beautiful 80 acres old-growth woods north of Fort Wayne. ACRES is pleased to have such an exceptional candidate for the Bicentennial Woods project.

Thanks to the hard work of ACRES board member, Dave Gall, ACRES has received donations or pledges of over \$20,000. ACRES has a fund drive goal of \$300,000 to purchase

the Bicentennial Woods. We will need the dedication and support of the ACRES membership to reach the fund drive goal.

If we each give as generously as we are able, the Bicentennial Woods will become a reality. What a wonderful way to honor the Fort Wayne Bicentennial and our natural heritage!

To receive a Bicentennial Woods brochure, please contact the ACRES office at (219) 422-1004, or write to: ACRES, Inc., 2000 North Wells Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46808.

Anna Brand Hammer Reserve Gets a Big Boost from the Boy Scouts!



The Anna Brand Hammer Reserve in Wells County has been the benefactor of a Boy Scout Eagle project and the wonderful cooperation and hard work of the reserve's volunteer land stewards and the boy scouts.

Scout troop 148 from Bluffton was coordinated by Eagle badge candidate, Justin Gerdorn. On May 5,

1993, 35 scouts showed up and built five bridges, spread wood chips, and put up trail and tree markers. The preserve's stewards, Pete and Pam Oleson, were on hand to help with the work and tree identification.

Pictured left to right are ACRES board member, Dave Deimling, Justin Gerdorn, and Pete and Pam Oleson.

Special ACRES Programs!

ACRES Project Coordinator, Carolyn McNagny, had an exceptionally busy spring. In addition to her normal duties and full schedule, she managed to pull

together the ACRES Open House and lead several special activities for children. Below are a couple of her adventures with some young, future stewards of our earth.



In late April, ACRES Project Coordinator, Carolyn McNagny, offered a tree planting demonstration at the YWCA campus on Wells Street. Three classes of the YWCA Nursery School and their teachers planted ten trees and promised to visit them. Fun was had by all! We thank Kroger Company and Art Eberhardt for donating the trees.



As a special event in May, Carolyn McNagny led an environmental education program for the Coesse School's third grades at the Crooked Lake Nature Preserve. Indiana's native flora and the quickness of live salamanders were explored. The hike ended with a scavenger hunt.

The Back Page...

In May, I had an opportunity to be a speaker at the annual meeting of the Beaver Creek Wetlands Association in Dayton, Ohio. I learned that this ambitious and dedicated group has been in existence only since 1988. In that time, the BCWA has garnered the support of nearly 1000 members and has acquired and preserved 400 of a targeted 1000 acres! All of this has been done through the spirit of cooperation between various governmental agencies, private businesses, and the general public, that typifies successful land trusts.

Just last week, I recieved the recent newsletter of the Sycamore Land Trust in southern Indiana. This fledgling group of under one year announced the procurement of its second property and gave report of more successes to come.

Many of us get the newsletters and journals of the granddaddy of land trusts, *The Nature Conservancy*. This group continues to move forward on many fronts in non-confrontational and very professional and business-like manners.

While viewing the constant controversies that surround some environmental topics, such as the logging/spotted owl issue of the Pacific northwest, it is comforting to know that groups like ACRES and the ones I mention above can go quietly ahead and do good work by preserving land forever. And it is so easy to be a part of this good work by simply being a member. Thank you to all who renewed your memberships for this year. If you haven't yet, please do. The work is too good to pass up.

- Fred J. Wooley, Editor

The ACRES Quarterly welcomes letters, articles, artwork, black & white photos, and anything else of interest to our readers. Send any and all items to **Fred J. Wooley, Editor, ACRES Quarterly, 180W., 400N., Angola, Indiana, 46703-9502.** Deadline for the Autumn issue is **September 1, 1993.**

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