



THE CHAT

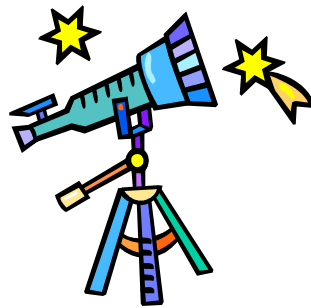
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MONROE AND RANDOLPH COUNTIES*

Val Germann, Astronomer – A Tour of the Heavens Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Meeting at the Unitarian-Universalist Church
2615 Shepard Blvd. Columbia

The November meeting is sure to be a star gazing one for each of us. Val Germann, Astronomer and a member of the Central Missouri Astronomer's Association, will speak about the observatory at Wild Haven and take us on a tour of the heavens at our monthly meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 18 at 7:30 pm. Mr. Germann is a retired professor from Columbia College and

brings a wealth of knowledge



and enthusiasm about the space surrounding our beautiful spin-

ning planet. Astronomers and other scientist continue to probe more deeply into the complexities of the galaxies as we seek answers to the age old questions how did it all start. This is a great night to bring the whole family.

CAS Board Meeting at 6:00 pm in the lobby of the Church. All are welcome.

Thomas Hill Lake Field Trip Saturday November 21st 7:30 AM

Field Trip guides Bill Clark and Edge Wade have planned the monthly field trip for Tho-



mas Hill Lake with a possible side trip to Long Branch Conservation Area depending on both the birds and weather. Lunch will be at Kaseyville Store. The group will return to Columbia between the hours of 3—4:30 pm. There will also be a stop for those interested at the Buffalo Meet Store in Huntsville. The group will depart from the South West corner of the Parkade Plaza Parking Lot.

Wear weather appropriate clothing, bring water, and all of your bird watching gear including, of course, you camera. Each trip is filled with the unexpected sightings and the joy of adding to your birding history. Bill Clark can be reached at 474-4510 for additional information. As always, each trip is open to CAS members, family and friends.



From the President

Ah, the leaves are turning beautiful shades of yellow, orange, and red and there is a chill in the air. Fall is coming and going as I write this article and that could only mean one thing! No, not trick-or-treaters and turkey, but instead it means it is time to get ready for the Christmas Bird Count! December will be here before we know it and it is time now to start planning for the count. If you helped out last year - great, and if you can help out again this year - even better. I know the holiday season is a busy time for many folks, so add this to your calendar quick before it fills up. The date of the Christmas Bird Count this year is December 19th, and see the article inside by co-compiler Susan Hazelwood for all the details. And don't think to yourself, "I

am not a good birder so I am not going to help out" because we can use everyone's help. Just because you think you can't identify the bird doesn't mean you can't spot it and point it out to others in the group. The more eyes and ears the better. You could also be the record keeper for the group keeping a tally of the day's birds if you don't want to help identify birds. So, add the Christmas Bird Count to your calendar and get a hold of Susan to let her know you can help out. Don't forget there will be a chili supper that evening to warm your cold bones. See you out in the field on December 19th!

Submitted by Vanessa Melton,
President

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Secretary
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Board Members—3
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CAS Treasurer's Report September 30, 2009



Summary	Month	Year to Date
Income	\$2,143.96	\$5,140.70
Expense	\$1,693.72	\$4,795.21

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News and Notes

CACHE

The CACHE Wednesday morning trips continue with Bill Clark meeting at Parkade Shopping Center, southwest corner, at 7:30 a.m. until noon.

National Audubon 2010 Calendars can be ordered through CAS beginning in November. A variety of sizes and styles will be available.



Bonnie View is invited to join. Contact Sarah Lange, President of the Fairview Neighborhood Association at jimlang@socket.net



to be updated on all activities related to this Park. Include your name, address and e-mail address.



Volunteer Editor Opening



As of February 1, 2010 CAS is looking for a volunteer to step forward to prepare the monthly newsletter, *The Chat*, and to oversee the mailing of it. The newsletter will also be forwarded to the web site and the email processing. The current editor will provide training on the current publishing and mailing aspects of the job. Please contact Vanessa Melton if you are interested or know someone who might enjoy this type of volunteer activity.

The CHAT is now available via email. If you are receiving *The Chat* by U.S. Mail and would like to help CAS keep down costs by getting your *The Chat* in email form instead, please email Edge Wade at edgew@mchsi.com to request the change.

Green Power Update

Alternatives for Columbia

Tuesday, November 17 at the Columbia Public Library, Friends Room, beginning at 6:30 pm for refreshments and the program at 7:00 pm, you can learn about the potential of renewable energy sources to supply the future electricity needs of Columbia and Missouri and reduce our global warming emissions.

Friends of Bonnie View Park

The Friends of Bonnie View Park is a new organization to facilitate communications on Bonnie View Park issues. Anyone with an interest in

Membership to the Columbia Audubon Society and

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Columbia Audubon Society Membership and Dues Form

National Audubon Society Membership Form

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Local dues are voluntary. Your local dues support functions such as *The Chat* and the Christmas Bird Count. Membership is for 12 months beginning with the day you join or renew.

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There will be no regularly scheduled meeting in December. Instead chapter members are strongly encouraged to participate in the annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC). The date is Saturday, December 19, 2009.



Prior to the bird count, there will be an organizational meeting at Susan Hazelwood's home, 3005 Chapel Hill Rd, at 7:30 PM on Thursday, December 3th. Section leaders, individuals interested in becoming section leaders and those wanting to learn more about the count should attend. Everyone is welcome to come.

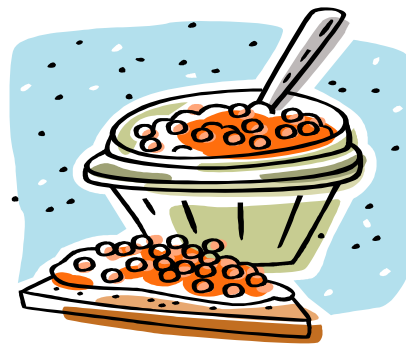
Besides section leaders, counters, recorders, spotters, and drivers are needed for the count. You do not have to be a birder to participate. We also need stay-at-home folks who count birds at their feeders. See sidebar.

If you would like to participate, call Susan Hazelwood at (573) 445-4925 and leave a message. If you have previously participated and know which team you want to join, let Susan or your section leader know. Otherwise, Susan will assign you to a section in need of additional observers and counters.

The Columbia CBC covers a 7.5 mile radius centered on Rock Bridge Elementary School. We split into approximately 13 teams. Each team is assigned an area within the circle and each team will bird their area for most of the day.

We will conclude the day with the annual compiling session and chili dinner. They will take place at 6:00 pm on Saturday December 19 at the

Community of Christ Church located at 1111 Fairview Road in Columbia (formerly called the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints). It is south of Fairview Elementary School. The room will be open at 5:00 pm for food set-up. We usually have venison and buffalo chili and meatless chili, too, for those who have a preference along with veggies and desserts. The cost of dinner has yet to be determined but it is based on the cost of



beverages, paper products, ice, and room rental. If you have questions about the chili dinner please phone Vanessa Melton at (573) 864-3905 and leave a message. She will return your call.

The compiling session will be lead by Jim Gast following the chili dinner. It is a chance for all to hear about what birds were most common and what species were missed. We'll also learn if there were any unexpected species found.

The Christmas Bird Count is about "Citizen Science" at work. It reflects volunteers (citizen scientists) collecting data for scientific use. Our data from years past was prominent in the US Fish and Wildlife Service's first ever, *2009 State of the Birds Report* to Congress and 40 years of CBC data was the backbone of Audubon's *2009 Birds and Climate Change* report.

Submitted by Susan Hazelwood and Jim Lang.



November 2009

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 CACHE	5	6	7 Wild Bird Center Bird Walk
8	9 Veteran's Day	10	11 CACHE	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 CACHE CAS Meeting 7:30 PM	19	20	21 CAS Field Trip to Thomas Hill Lake Wild Bird Center Bird Walk
22	23	24	25 CACHE	26 Thanksgiving 	27	28
29	30					

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Wednesdays, November 4, 11, 18, 25
7:30 am til about noon
South side of Parkade Parking Lot
Contact Bill Clark 474-4510
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A Tour of the Heavens

CAS Field Trip

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Songbird Station 573-446-5941/447-3646

2010 Chapel Plaza Court Suite D
Intersection of Forum and Chapel Hill

Upcoming Events: November 6, 7, & 8 weekend
long 15 year anniversary celebration....many activities
planned.

The Wild Bird Center 573-449-8777

2703 E. Broadway
At Broadway and Hwy 63

Upcoming Events:

Bird Walks: November 7th and 21st
leave at 8:00 from The Wild Bird Center

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Christmas Bird Count
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CAS November Meeting

Wednesday, November 18th, 7:30 PM



Val Germann, Astronomer

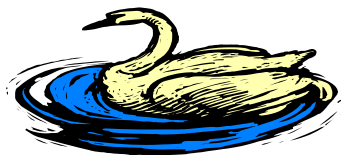
A Tour of the Heavens

CAS Board Meeting at 6:00 pm

We're on the Web
columbia-audubon.missouri.org

Nature Areas Meeting

There will be a meeting on December 3rd at 6 pm to discuss the future of the three Nature Areas – Wild Haven, Albert Area, and Russell Property at the Unitarian Church. This WILL NOT be a meeting to discuss the Bonnie View Park/Russell issue, but instead we will be focusing on the management plan for each property such as removing cedars and other invasives, restoring natural habitat, to mow or not to mow, and topics such as that. Whether or not there is a nature center or city park close to the Russell property in the near or distant future does not factor into what we do on the property now or even in the future. It is still owed by Columbia Audubon and always will be there for us to manage. So, if you have participated in workdays in the past and have any thoughts on what should be done contact the person responsible for that property and share your ideas. Come to the meeting, and if you can't make it call or email Vanessa Melton at 573-864-3905/vanndawn@yahoo.com.



**The Citizen Science/
Conservation Program
for Trumpeter Swans**

Though restoration of Trumpeter Swans throughout historic breeding areas of the Midwest and Great Plains has been highly successful, most of the flocks remain vulnerable. Historically much of the interior population migrated to favorable sites south of the 40th parallel. Today, a small percentage of the flocks are exploring and possibly pioneering routes into their historic winter range. Trumpeter Swans are showing up in new locations, some they have not frequented for over 100 years. Audubon members and fellow birders are asked for help to document and then monitor winter habitat use in twenty states of the Central, Southern and eastern U.S. Observers are asked to register with TRUMPETER WATCH, a program of The Trumpeter Swan Society. Identification guidelines and data forms to be printed for field use can be found on line. Photographic documentation is useful. Find out more about this Citizen Science project on The Trumpeter Swan Society website trumpeterswansociety.org today! Peg Abbott, former director of Audubon Camp in the West, coordinates the program.