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Someone has said that there are four kinds of 'BONES' in every organization.

There are the WISHBONES, who spend their time wishing someone else would do the work.

There are the JAWBONES, who do all the talking but very little else.

Next, there are the KNUCKLBONES, who knock everything anyone ever tries to do.

And finally, there are the BACKBONES; who get under the load and do the work.

- from a Pittsburgh Press
Dear Abby column (7/2/78)

NEW SEASON BEGINS AT FORT ROBERDEAU

First meeting of the new season will be Tuesday, September 26th

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Kiwanis Farm building at Fort Roberdeau.

PROGRAM: Slides of Fort Roberdeau - Al Burd will present a series of photographs to catch up the natural element of the new Blair County outdoor ed facility.

"More than Trees" - a new, beautiful color film on tree critters. A fine Game Commission film.

Nature Walks - Al Burd and others who have been working with the nature center will be available to conduct hikes over the series of winding trails at the site. Members are encouraged to bring along the neighbors - bring some friends - for an early evening outing. Come as early as 6:00 p.m. for the trails.

"Regular Meeting" - Will take place at 7:30. This will give everyone who wants to a chance at hiking through the woods. If you haven't visited the outdoor ed center and the trails this would be a fine time to do so. The meeting will include the two-part program of slides and film. In case of rain everything is still on - the building is large and dry and there is a nice fireplace inside. Refreshments will be waiting for you. Let's get our new year off to a great start!

DIRECTIONS: Go up the Kettle from Pleasant Valley Blvd. and Kettle St. Travel on down the valley until reaching the large signs for "Fort Roberdeau". (a good no. of miles down to where the valley opens wide.) At the signs turn left up a road between two fields. Bear to the right and onto the newly paved county road (see signs again). This last lane curves up to the fort. Parking is along snow fence in field that lies between the fort and the Kiwanis building above.

RIDES: Double up if you prefer to. Call John Orr (943-5629) if you need a ride. He can pick up people. Some may want to park at the super market lot at Kettle St. and the blvd., car pooling it from there.

Financial Report \$553.64 - Savings & Loan
 549.29 - Bank Account
 \$1,002.93 - Total

After roughly five years, our group has come back solidly in the black with monies for month to month operation as well as for special projects. First, a lot of credit goes to Martha Sullivan who served as our treasurer those years following the film series failure. The Audubon films were outstanding and were enjoyed much by all who attended them, but the crowds did not materialize and our indebtedness ran close to \$800.00. Martha worked hard managing our funds that we might get out of debt. With her direction and the hard work of members, a lot of money was made at festivals and sales within our group.

New Dues Structure New rates were a necessity. Audubon magazine explained them. We are left to pay them. There is a grace period this month only for those now renewing. Anyone devoted to the cause - committed to helping - certainly can justify to themselves a few dollars increase. It may take some a little hard but a dues increase can be budgeted in the great order of things we pay out for. Priorities play a large part here and the few dollars should be no problem when the end results of our contributions are considered. It's worth it to fight for the conservation of our resources.

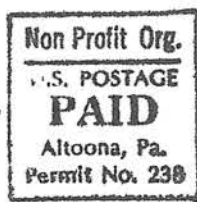
The following is a breakdown of the dues structure:

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| \$13.50 | - Student Membership |
| 13.50 | - Senior Citizen Membership |
| | \$3.50 of the above two categories goes to us as a dues split. |
| \$15.00 | - Senior Citizen Family Membership |
| | \$5.00 of this category goes to us as dues split. |
| \$18.00 | - Individual Membership |
| | \$6.00 dues split to us. |
| \$21.00 | - Family Membership |
| | \$7.00 dues split to us. |
| \$30.00 | - Sustaining Membership |
| | \$10.00 dues split to us. |

There are five other higher categories. New membership brochures have arrived and will be available to members at meetings this fall. Take some for those whom you know are interested.

Nominations Needed President, Bill Rosevear, has asked for nominations from our membership for the position of director on the Board of the Blair County Soil and Water Conservation District. We are a cooperating agency of the District - just like the Forestry Service, etc. Contact Bill Rosevear at 674-5021 by October 6th.

- Notes & Dates:
1. Door Prizes - key chains with egret - and bird prints - will be given out at meetings monthly.
 2. Alaska Land Issue: Call Alaska Coalition Hotline after 11:00 p.m (39¢) - 202-547-5550 - to get latest update.
 3. Beaver Dam - Bill Rosevear can tell you where to find it at Prince Gallitzin.
 4. Future Dates: October 31st - Peggy Goodman - Audubon Camp in Connecticut
 December 17th - Christmas Bird Count
 April 24th - Annual Banquet



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