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## The Harbor

Passing through huddled and ugly walls  
 By doorways where women  
 Looked from their hunger-deep eyes,  
 Haunted with shadows of hunger-hands,  
 Out from the huddled and ugly walls,  
 I came sudden, at the city's edge,  
 On a blue burst of lake,  
 Long lake waves breaking under the sun  
 On a spray-flung storm of gulls,  
 Masses of great gray wings  
 And flying white bellies  
 Veering and wheeling free in the open.

- Carl Sandburg

## The April Meeting

TIME: 7:30 P.M. PLACE: Twenty-Eighth Street Church of the Brethren

DATE: April 29th

PROGRAM: "A New Kind of Naturalist"

Bill Rosevear, one of our members, will present a talk related to his experiences as an interpretative naturalist at Prince Gallitzin State Park. Born in Altoona, Bill attended Altoona High, served in the U.S. Army and graduated from Penn State in 1974 with a B.S. degree in Forest Science. He was an instructor in map reading and photography while in the army. On his way to a degree at Penn State he first attended school at Mont Alto where he received an associate degree in forestry in 1971. Now Bill is working for the Pennsylvania Bureau of State Parks and lives in Dysart near the park.

Refreshments will be served - as usual. The hospitality committee does a fine job in getting pastries, coffee, tea and other items for our monthly meetings.

## Spring Bird Count

This will be a first for us - a "Big Day" in May - our first venture into counting spring birds. May 11th, a Sunday, members and friends interested may join in an all day count or census within our Christmas Bird Count circle. We will stay in the territory but will not get totals as in the winter effort. Observers will go for the different species. How many different birds can be accurately listed in a 24 hour period. Many groups have conducted such an all day count at this time in May. Many different birds will be passing through on their way north.

John Orr, Al Burd and Don Wharton are heading the effort. Conduct them for details. Some people will be out all day while others will stick to just an hour or two. It doesn't matter too much where you go. Parties will be established with someone experienced in charge. Remember that no one is so good - especially in the spring - & that the greatest care must be taken before calling a bird. A positive identification can be had only when all characteristics, markings, etc. are noted. This holds true especially for new species or those birds that are not too commonly seen by us. A robin, for example, presents no great problem, but what about a worm eating warbler?

We will have the large count map at the meeting next Tuesday for reference. Good guidebooks and binnoculars are needed. Call John Orr (943-5629) for any information beyond what is given here. (Please note that the date is the 11th and not the 4th as listed in the February banquet booklet. May 11th offers a better chance for seeing birds coming through) It is hoped that we will gather afterwards to tally results. An attempt is being made to get the Kiwanis Farm grounds as a post-count meeting place.

## "Agenda Notice"

Please note that at the April 29th meeting a vote will be taken to determine whether our group will offer to host the November 1975 meeting of the Pennsylvania Audubon Council. The vote will be on the delegation of authority to our delegates to make the offer.

## Bluebird Committee Note

Bill Rosevear, chairman of the Bluebird Committee, would like all members of his group to report any activity in the boxes to him. His address is Rd / Dysart, Pa. 16636.

## May Meeting

John Hunter Orr will present a slide program on Mt. Etna - past and present. Many people have not yet had the pleasure of visiting this remarkable historical site that lies just off Rt.# 22 a little beyond Yellow Springs.

## Historical Sites - a Listing

Send or give to Mike Chonko lists of sites - mainly buildings - that are of a historical interest. We are trying to compile an inventory of such places so as to be better able to preserve them. For example, the new highway development (?) in Blair County should be accomplished with minimum damage to our environment. It is possible that a worthy landmark might bite the dust without anyone even noting it. The sites can be from any location within Blair County - and could be lists from surrounding counties.

## Conservation Suggestions

1. Boycott non-returnable bottles and aluminum cans and products with unnecessary packaging.
2. Be informed on conservation legislation and make your views known to your representatives.
3. Make sure your car has a good muffler and pollution control devices. Have your car tuned when necessary.
4. Increase your own education regarding the environment. Read as much background information as possible. Keep up with current events.

## ^ Sand County Almanac

Aldo Leopold's great book can be ordered through the Conservation Committee and Kurt Gansauer (942-3837). The price is \$2.00 (a 40¢ profit for the Society). This is a real "bible" for any conservationist. Both the book and its author helped to get the American conservation movement "off the ground" some 20 years ago.

## A Planting of Trees

Some energetic members of our society brought conservation to the "back forty" (exactly where it belongs) by the planting of tree seedlings at the Lemon House for the National Park Service. It is precisely this kind of action that our land needs most. I would like to thank all individuals who took part in the April 12th planting and Mary Slippey for making the necessary arrangements. I dare say that we had more success than most of the trout fishermen. - Kurt Gansauer (The suggestions above and the comment on Leopold's book are also from Kurt)

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