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## Meetings/ Field Trips 2007

**January** Christmas bird counts Parsons, Prairie Park, Joplin and Mined land

**Meeting Topics**  
**January 25, 2007**

"FOR THE LOVE OF BIRDS, ART AND SCIENCE AND OTHER OBJECTS OF DESIRE" by Harry Krug, Professor Emeritus and Former Chairperson Art Department, Pittsburg State University will present a slide show lecture on the serigraphic fine art prints of Harry Krug. Dr. Krug promises to share his love of travel and nature through stories and award winning exhibition selections.

**February 22, 2007**

"Barrier Islands: Biological History of Isolation." by Dr. Steve Timme of Pittsburg State University. Timme will present a power point program.

January 2007

**Newsletter of the Sperry-Galligar Audubon Society**  
Crawford, Bourbon, and Cherokee Counties, Kansas

**Volume 11 Issue 1**



What wonderful members to work on the parade and the bird seed sale

**GREAT JOB**



## SGAS Annual Birdseed Sale

**By Bart Lawson**

On Saturday the ninth of December, the Sperry-Galligar Audubon Society held their annual birdseed and crafts sale at the Meadowbrook Mall in Pittsburg.

As new members of the Sperry-Galligar group, Patsy and I had never had the pleasure of participating in this activity.

Wow, what an eye opener! We thought we were just associated with a group of dedicated bird watchers, conservationist, and all around nature buffs. Well, we were correct in that assumption. However, we found that we were also among some folks that are extraordinarily talented in other areas, as well. The delicious selection of goodies that were for sale included candy, cookies, and cakes. I personally gave some of them a taste test and they were every bit as good to eat as to look at. Also for

## MEETING TIME

We will begin our meetings at

**7:30 P.M.**

**Yates Hall Room 102.**

**On the last Thursday of the month**

*(Bird Seed Continued from page 1)*

sale were a variety of crafts. Several of the ladies had gone together and created some beautifully crafted corner pieces that fit the season perfectly. Not to be outdone, several men had made available birdhouses, bird feeders, even live traps for nuisance critters. I was attracted by some beautiful line drawings of birds. I was curious as to where these had been ordered. So I picked one up and turned it over and what do you know, it was the real deal. By the real deal, I mean it and the other drawings were done by one of the club's own members, Diane McCallum. My big mistake was not grabbing up all the drawings before the crowd arrived. Later, I thought I was going to have to arm wrestle a lady just so I could bring a couple of these drawings home.

Bob tells me that the birdseed sale did very well. So there will be some funds available to help with some local conservation projects. That will make the cold that the men fished out in the mall's parking lot loading bags of bird seed into cars and pickups--seem not quite so bad. Thanks guys.

## Tuckerbees Honey

by Jim Oberbeck

Those present at the December meeting of the Sperry-Galligar Audubon Society at PSU were treated to a very informative program on Honey Bees by Tim Tucker of Tuckerbee's Honey. Tim presented a program centered on the topic of how bees communicate with each other to find food sources. The research done by Karl Von Frisch and Martin Lindauer concerning behavioral science was discussed as it pertains to honey bees and their ability to communicate. The Round Dance and the Tail Waggle Dance were discussed. The method in which bees can communicate to other bees the direction and distance to a food source was very interesting indeed. Tim Tucker gave the group detailed information about the dances and the way the bees orientate direction based on the location of the sun. The program was very enlightening to those present and is just another example of the many excellent programs presented to the members of the Sperry-Galligar Audubon Society at our meetings at Pittsburg State University. Dorothy and I look forward to all the meeting as we always learn something new and exciting. Dorothy has even held a snake thanks to Bob Mangile.

PS: w without the picture I would have never believed it had happened!!

## Hello Birders,

Thought I'd remind some of you birders that on New Year's Day (January 1, 2007) there was the Christmas Bird Count in the Mined-land area near West Mineral, Kansas (by Big Brutus. Inexperienced birders teamed up with the old timers.) They packed a lunch, water, binoculars and birding field guide book and dressed warmly. Most of the time was spent in the car Between 5:00 P.M and 5:30 P.M., when finished counting birds for the day, there was a compilation party (where we tally up what we saw) at the Liz & Bob Mangile's residence in Pittsburg, KS. Word was they had soup, chili, sandwiches and apple pie on the menu.

## Looking Good



The snow is gone but progress is looking good for PSU's avian building. They were hoping for a roof for Christmas and there it is!

We got all the stats together on the feed sale and this is the results:

|                     | 2005     | 2006     |
|---------------------|----------|----------|
| <b>Feed</b>         | \$203.42 | \$310.38 |
| <b>Baked/Craft</b>  | \$515.45 | \$529.55 |
| <b>Total Profit</b> | \$718.87 | \$839.93 |

\$121.06 Difference in profit from last year

## GREAT FEED SALE!!!!!!

Thanks to everyone for their hard work and all the crafts and baked goods.

Liz Mangile

Hello People,

Hope you all managed to have a nice Christmas.

Here are some links to some good early PK for our next meeting/program.

[http://www.joplinindependent.com/display\\_article.php/admin21167152309](http://www.joplinindependent.com/display_article.php/admin21167152309)

<http://www.centros.com/2006/DynawebContent/DisplayItemView.aspx?VID=41&ID=848>

[http://www.joplinindependent.com/display\\_article.php/admin21167152309](http://www.joplinindependent.com/display_article.php/admin21167152309)

<http://www.kantv.com/calendar/default.asp?action=date&date=1/25/2007>

Links: one takes you to the schedule of events with information about the Mined-land and other area CBC's; one brings up a map of the bird count circle. Events schedule with Christmas Bird Counts listed and contact information. <http://www.apexcorp.com/%7Emangile/SgasFieldTr.htm> Map of the Mined-land Christmas Bird Count circle. <http://www.apexcorp.com/%7Emangile/Sgas/CHCKSML.gif>

## Check Out the Web Site:

[www.apexcorp.com/~rmangile/Sgas/indx.html](http://www.apexcorp.com/~rmangile/Sgas/indx.html)

For Last Minute Field Trip Notices.



**Officers  
2006-07**

**President - Steve Ford  
Secretary - Diana McCallum,**

**Vice President - Jim Brumfield  
Treasurer - Liz Mangile**

## Minutes of the Board Meeting 12/7/06

by Diane McCallum

Members present were Steve Ford, Bob and Liz Mangile, Barb Robins, Jim Brumfield, Mavis Benner, Roger Willis, Carol Newcomb and Diane McCallum.

The meeting began with a brief overview of the previous meeting's minutes by Diane.

Liz distributed a financial statement for November 2006. She reported a beginning balance of \$5,780.32 and an ending balance (as of 11/10/06) of \$5,758.11.

Steve thanked the board for their help in the Christmas parade and in making crafts for the bird seed sale. Members made suggestions for the parade next year.

The board then reviewed plans for the bird seed sale on Saturday, Dec. 9. Bob reported that KAMO had everything ready and the truck would be in the mall parking lot a day early. Roger said he would contact the mall to notify them of the truck's early arrival.

Mavis announced that Rick Hildebrand will be available to attend upcoming meetings due to a change in his schedule.

Steve then mentioned that Delia Lister has a DVD of "An Inconvenient Truth," the movie about global warming with Al Gore. Steve suggested a viewing party, and after a discussion about possible times, he decided on Friday, Dec. 15, at 6:30 at the Fords' house.

Steve also reported that Pegg Smith would like SGAS to find a differ-

ent newsletter editor. Delia Lister is considering the position but anyone who wishes to volunteer should contact Steve Ford or any board member.

The Christmas Bird Count will be held on Monday, Jan. 1, starting at 7:00 a.m. at the Express Lane Convenience Store near Scammon. The group discussed a possible informal party afterward and the Mangiles volunteered to host it at their house at 6:00.

Bob will collect the forms for the wildlife habitat program.

Roger discussed his idea for a backyard birdwatching program. He handed out a brief description and a tally sheet. This will be an informal program, with members invited to discuss their sightings at later meetings. Bob said he could send out the tally sheet by e-mail.

Liz suggested handing out the leftover bird seed packets from the parade at the general meeting.

Bob mentioned information from Martha Price about bundles of trees available to order from the Kansas Forest Service.

Bob also presented a handmade wooden flute that was donated by Gary Reed for fund-raising purposes.

The group briefly discussed the budget for treats at the general meetings. Jim reported that the speaker at the January meeting will be Harry Krug, an artist who works with nature-related themes.

The meeting was then adjourned.

## Minutes of the General Meeting 12/7/06

by Diane McCallum

Steve Ford opened the meeting with a reminder for attendees to sign up for the door prize.

He then reported that the Christmas Bird Count will be held Jan. 1, beginning at 7:00 a.m. at the Express Lane Convenience Store in Scammon. Participants don't need to be knowledgeable about birds and can pair up with more experienced birders. The results will be sent to the national Audubon Society. The Mangiles will host a compilation party at their house at 6:00 that same day, with soup/chili and refreshments.

The annual Bird Seed Sale will be held Saturday, Dec. 9, 9:00 to 5:00 at Meadowbrook Mall. KAMO will provide the seed and several members will contribute crafts and baked goods. Volunteers were needed both inside and outside, and were asked to sign up with Bob Mangile.

There will be a showing of the movie "An Inconvenient Truth" (starring Al Gore) at the Fords' house on Friday, Dec. 15, at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

This evening was the first deadline for the backyard wildlife habitat program. The next deadline is March and completed forms may be given to Bob Mangile anytime between now and then. There will be a presentation in May for those who were accepted.

Martha Price provided information from the Kansas Forestry Service about "wildlife bundles," groups of trees that are attractive to birds and wildlife, available for sale.

Jim Brumfield announced that the speaker next month will be Harry Krug, an artist whose experiences in nature are reflected in his artwork.

Roger Willis made a presentation on an informal program called "Your Yard Bird Count." Participants are encouraged to learn to identify the birds in their yards and keep a list. Roger provided a suggestion sheet and a tally sheet, and he said people might be asked to report at the next meeting what they have seen. Bob Mangile pointed out that this program goes well with the SGAS Birder Certification Program and the Backyard Bird Count, to be held in February.

Steve reported on the SGAS participation in the Pittsburg Christmas Parade and thanked Carol Newcomb for the use of her trailer, as well as those who handed out bird seed packets.

Steve also thanked Carol Newcomb and Barb Robins for providing the refreshments for the meeting.

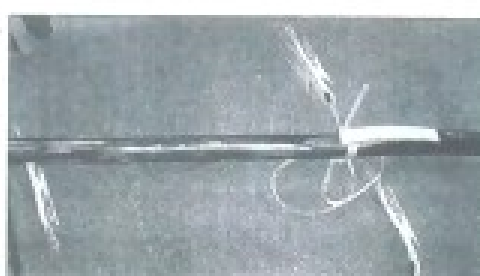
Jim Brumfield then introduced Tim Tucker, a past president of the Honey Producers' Association and current board member of the American Beekeeping Association, who gave a presentation on bee behavior and the "bee dance." He also offered honey and honey-related items for sale.

After the program, Steve reported that Delia Lister passed the final test for her Master's.

The door prize winners were Emmett Sullivan, Steve Ford and George Weeks. Prizes were donated by John and Julie Hartley.

The next meeting will be on January 25, 2007.

About two months ago Gary Reed, of Joplin, MO, participated in a joint Chapter Field Trip to Neosho Wildlife Area near St. Paul, KS. Gary makes Native American Flutes and during our Field Trip he selected tree limb and said he would make turn it into a flute and give it to Sperry-Galligar Audubon to raise some money for the Chapter. Well, a few days later it came to me in the mail. Unfortunately no one in our group seems to know the



value of the flute but John Hartley did managed to play a few notes on the flute at our last meeting. We do not know what the flute is worth so if anyone has any suggestion on how to use this beautiful flute to raise money for our Chapter please let us know. It is a real beauty, to say the least, but it seems that most of our members have a problem banging on a drum, much less playing a flute. Help us if you can!

