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July 5th NATURE ROCKS, Saturday, July 5, 8 pm, Ottawa Metro Park Amphitheater, 2632 Ada Road, Lima. Join award-winning singer and songwriter Chris Rowlands for an energetic, fast-paced concert. Get ready to laugh, sing, and dance along to Chris's funny, foot-stomping style. The entire family will enjoy this blend of music, art, and comedy. Chris is Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm's outreach naturalist. You don't want to miss this performance. [2008 Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District Summer Program Series] All programs are free and open to the public. In case of rain programs will be held in the Miami shelter house. Call 419-221-1232 for more information.

July 8th ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PICNIC, Tuesday, July 8, Ottawa Metro Park, Miami Shelter (on your left as you enter the park, reserved from 5 pm until dark). We'll eat at 6:30 pm. The Park is located on SR 81 just east of Marimor. The chapter will provide fried chicken. Members and their guests should bring a dish to share, table service, and a tablecloth. **NEW THIS YEAR - BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE.** That way you can have what you want to drink. Don't forget your favorite bug spray, folding chair(s) if desired, and unwanted recent AUDUBON issues for Square Fair giveaways. The picnic offers a welcome opportunity to get to know your fellow Audubon chapter members. Feel free to arrive early and enjoy the park's amenities. You can walk the perimeter trail or around the lake, try your luck on the Disc (bring your own frisbee) Golf Course, swim (adults \$5/children 3-12, \$3, under 3, free) until 8 pm weather permitting, or bring your fishing pole (no license required for the retention pond by the Erie Shelter, but required for fishing in the lake). Restroom facilities available.

July 12th RAPTORS IN THE SKY, Saturday, July 12, 8 pm, Ottawa Metro Park Amphitheater, 2632 Ada Road, Lima. Join Park District volunteer Susan Fowler for an evening of hawks, owls, and falcons. Live birds, owl calls, and storytelling will be part of the evening. Susan is a Tri-Moraine member. If you missed her at a chapter monthly program meeting, here's your chance to see Susan and her birds of prey in action. [2008 Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District Summer Program Series] See July 5 write-up for more Series information.

July 17th & Aug 21st UPPER MAUMEE VALLEY NATURALISTS CLUB PROGRAM MEETINGS, Thursdays, July 17 and August 21, 7 pm, The Wassenberg Art Center, 643 South Washington Street, Van Wert. Meeting topics TBA. Watch for local media announcements or for information about the group and more details about upcoming events contact: Jean Perchalski, publicity chair, at 419-232-4108, 419-231-0495 (cell), or jeperch@roadrunner.com; Lyn Warren, president, at 419-749-2999.

Aug 1st & 2nd TMS BOOTH AT SQUARE FAIR 2008, Friday & Saturday, August 1 & 2, Town Square, Lima, noon to 5 or 6 pm, maybe later due to new location. Drop by and say hello. We'll be in the "Community Groups" tent on West Market Street (parallel to the Civic Center). JAMPD and TMS are cooperating on a "Backyards for Wildlife" theme. TMS will also feature its expanded mini-bookstore and a variety of free materials. Volunteers will answer questions and provide information. Volunteers needed. If you can help, call Carol at 419-227-9231.

Aug 23rd "O" IS FOR OWLS, Saturday, August 23, 8 pm, Ottawa Metro Park Amphitheater, 2632 Ada Road, Lima. Enjoy an evening of storytelling, owl calling, and facts and fiction as we explore the owl world. Local storyteller Rita Essick will regale us with tales of these marvelous birds. Live birds will be present. [2008 Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District Summer Program Series] See July 5 write-up for more Series information.

Aug 30th BATS...BATS...BATS, Saturday, August 30, 8 pm, Ottawa Metro Park Amphitheater, 2632 Ada Road, Lima. Join retired Professor Carl Hoagstrom for an evening of bats - fact, fiction, legend, and lore. There will be a hike to a bat nursery and you'll learn how to build a bat box. Dr. Hoagstrom is a TMS member and many of us enjoyed that terrific 2007 monthly program he gave about Lawrence Woods State Nature Preserve (Hardin Co.). [2008 Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District Summer Program Series] See July 5 write-up for more Series information.

Sept 13th



On September 13th (Saturday) TMS will man Wapakoneta's recycling center open to the public from 9 a.m. until noon. The chapter receives the proceeds from all recyclables handled. Aluminum cans pay best. For additional information or if you can help, call Bob or Carol Bertrand at 419/227-9231. Aluminum cans (dry & crushed if possible) can be donated at the July 8th picnic and or the Sept. 2nd monthly meeting.

ST. MARYS RIVER - GRAND LAKE ST. MARYS IMPORTANT BIRD AREA HABITAT PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION PROJECT

Additional birders are coming on board for the bird-monitoring phase of this project, but more are needed. For information and/or to volunteer your help contact Eric Juterbock at 419-995-8360 (day), 937-468-2606 (evening), juterbock.1@osu.edu, or surface mail at OSU at Lima, 4240 Campus Drive, Lima, OH 45804. As this project matures we will need volunteers knowledgeable in everything from wildflowers to butterflies and photography to graphics so whatever your area of expertise your help will be appreciated. A steering committee assists Tri-Moraine in developing the project. Steering committee members include Carol Bertrand, Jill Bowers (St. Marys), Jay Frysinger (Celina), Eric Juterbock, Tim Kennedy (Mendon), Gary Steinbrunner (Fort Recovery), and Lyn & Wayne Warren (Convoy). Things are perking. Dedication of the IBA is set for May 2009. On June 16 the chapter was notified by Audubon Ohio that it has been awarded an \$1,100 mini-grant for its project proposal "Signage for the St. Marys River - Grand Lake St. Marys IBA Project." This will expand the chapter's visibility in Auglaize, Mercer, and Van Wert Counties thereby helping to attract more volunteers, further coalition building, and help build momentum for the IBA dedication.



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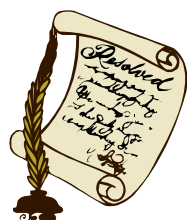


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PRESIDENT'S CHAPTER NOTES.....Peregrine falcon chicks named Bullet (male) and Twilight (female) were banded by Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife officials in Lima's Town Square on May 24. John R. Daley, Tri-Moraine's treasurer, took photos. Thanks John for sharing!.....A big thank-you to Don and Mary Rosenbeck for heading up another successful Environmental Education Weekend, the chapter's 29th, May 2 - 4. 56 bird species were identified compared to 60 in 2007 and 58 in 2006. Two species only sighted once in the previous 28 years were the Acadian Flycatcher (2000) and a Solitary Sandpiper (1997) spotted in the newly constructed wetland area. Those of you who have attended EEW know that Saturday night always features a woodcock walk. The open area the woodcocks prefer has seen the onslaught of autumn-olive, a fast-growing shrub or small tree reaching up to 20 feet tall. The shrub produces large quantities of small, round red fruits that are readily eaten and spread by birds. Don

donated three days in late May to tackle the problem using his own muscle and equipment. Camp Myeerah is infested with this invasive non-native plant species. A management plan is needed.....In 2002 Christina Schaefer (Lima), a biological sciences major, was awarded a TMAS summer scholarship to attend OSU's Stone Laboratory to take Introductory Aquatic Biology. Married this past December she recently moved to Idaho and is working for the Teton Science School in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.....New Audubon Adventures classrooms are being recruited for 2008-2009 and renewals keep coming in from this past year's AA teachers.....TMAS board meeting, Tuesday, July 29, 7 pm, Evelyn Prater's (Harrod).....Yea for Ohio's ratification of the Great Lakes Compact! Thanks to those of you who contacted your state senator to urge his support.....Those partaking of Big Birding Day on May 12 tallied 87 species.....Your board of directors at its May 27 meeting cast the chapter's ballot for Alan R. Dolan (Canton A.S.) as the chapter nominee to the NAS Board of Directors from the Central Great Lakes Region (IL, IN, MI, and OH). Nine of the 36 members of the National Board are nominated through the regional election process.....Your chapter was represented at the June 10 Media Relations Workshop designed for nonprofit organizations by The Lima News and LimaOhio.com.....We all enjoy refreshments after the monthly program meetings. A round of applause for those who provided all those scrumptious delights during the chapter's 2007-2008 year: Fern Albertson, Carol & Bob Bertrand, Jean & Duane Boyd, Jackie & Bill Light, Kathy & Jeff Rinehart, Anne Smedley & Family, Priscilla West, and all orchestrated by hospitality chair Evelyn Prater.....Audubon Ohio State Assembly, October 18-19 in the heart of Mohican Country (Bellville), in partnership with the Black Swamp Bird Observatory, the Ohio Ornithological Society, and the Greater Mohican Audubon Society. Hold those dates! Registration packets available in August.....Carol M. Bertrand



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