Our president, Marty Floyd, needs to know when and where the members would like to hold meetings. In what months do you want to hold meetings, do you want evening meetings, and on what night; do you want Sunday afternoon meetings and where, and so forth? At present we hold meetings at the Museum at 7:30 third Sunday afternoons in January and February; second Tuesday evenings at 7:45 in March, April, September and November; and 6:00 p.m. potluck supper meetings on the second Tuesday of June, July, and December. No meetings are held in May, August and October. Will you please indicate your preference in the space immediately following this paragraph and mail to Marty Floyd, Museum of Science and History, MacArthur Park, Little Rock, 72202 or call him at 664-1814.

Tuesday or other evening Where?
Sunday Afternoon Where? What months?

We need a host for the wildlife speaker for the night of Thursday, March 25. Anyone who would like to put the speaker up overnight, please call Henry Halberg at 663-1812.

Our January and February meetings have started the year off with a bang. Andrew Pursley, Game management Agent for the Fish and Wildlife Service, gave us a good talk on the trials and troubles of enforcing the federal laws that protect our wildlife. People shoot eagles and cougars in Arkansas, loons in North Carolina, ducks and doves are baited, and alligators are poached and harrassed everywhere. We have only three enforcement officers in Arkansas. Chuck Preston, curator of the Museum of Science and History, described caves and cave life, with emphasis on Blanchard Caverns, at the February meeting.

The Holla Bend field trip in January continues to be very popular with people and birds. Sixteen Bald Eagles is a new high for the trip; which plus 300 Snow and 200 Canada Geese, 1 Bewick's Wren, 100 Brewer's Blackbirds, and of all things, a Sandhill Crane, adds up to a fine trip. We probably had a new people high too, 50 plus.

We held our first bus field trip on February 21, to White River National Wildlife Refuge and Arkansas Post National Memorial. The best show was a field filled with about 300 Canada Geese, 8 White-fronts, and 4 Snows (3 Blue form). Since the bus trip proved so successful and a good energy conservation measure we are having another in March; see the list of trips below.

The January and February wildlife films were just about the best ever. Tom Sterling's "THE MARSH - a quiet mystery" was delightful. Bower Rudruds's "TREASURY OF EAST AFRICA" gave us wonderful views of animals in the great national parks and game reserves. Those leopards were fantastic. We have one more film, on Thursday, March 25.

At the February meeting the Society voted to give the Zoo a 12-room Purple Martin house and collapsible pole. It has been delivered. There will be another bird-identification course for beginning birders this spring. Contact Marty Floyd at the Museum, 376-4321, for details.

The Society has awarded two $300.00 scholarships to the Wisconsin Audubon Nature Camp. The recipients are Mrs. Pamela Williams Compton, of North Little Rock and Miss Bonnie Stocks, of Lonoke. Mrs. Compton is an Environmental Education Field Trip Teacher in the Little Rock School System, working on the Aldersgate Project, for grades 3, 4, 5, and 10. She also teaches summers at the Museum of Science on the NESA Program. Miss Stocks is a Biology teacher at Lonoke High School. She sponsors the Photography and Ecology Clubs. She also sponsors the Lonoke activities of the Future Teachers of America, of which she is the State Advisor. She takes her biology students on an Easter vacation field trip to St. Joseph's State Park in Florida.

MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS
Tuesday, March 9, 7:45 p.m.: Regular meeting at the Pulaski Heights Baptist Church at Kavanaugh and Cedar. Members are to bring their 10 best slides for the program.
Saturday, March 20, 8:00 a.m.: Bus trip to Millwood Lake, price $3.50. No refunds. One bus only, can accommodate about 46 people. Meet at Park Plaza Shopping Center, Mattieham and University, near First Federal Savings and Loan. Return by 6:00 p.m. Pay in advance. Make check for $3.50 payable to Pulaski County Audubon Society and send to Marty Floyd, Museum of Science and History, MacArthur Park, Little Rock 72202. Nonmembers are welcome. Bring lunch and walking shoes.
Tuesday, April 13, 7:45 p.m.: Regular meeting at the Pulaski Heights Baptist Church. Program to be announced.
Saturday, April 17, 8:30 a.m.: Field trip to Pinnacle Mountain State Park. Meet at Lake Maumelle Dam off State Highway 300 (the Roland Road). Walking trip in morning, probably return to the dam for lunch, and go to County Farm and Sullivan's Island in the afternoon. Leader Randy Johnson, Park Ranger.
Friday, April 30 to Sunday May 2: Spring meeting of the Arkansas Audubon Society, at Lake Fort Smith. Nonmembers welcome. Write Ms. Daphne Doster, 5B Yorkshire Drive, Little Rock for details.
Saturday, May 15, 8:30 a.m.: Field trip to Harris Brake to see warblers. Meet at the Game and Fish boat launching area, 100 feet off Highway 10 and 100 feet east of the bridge over the Fourche LaFave River. Big brown sign "Harris Brake W.M.A." at turnaround point. Disregard all other signs that point the way to Harris Brake. Morning trip only, easy walking, about two miles. Bring lunch if you plan to be out all day. Petit Jean and Holla Bend are not far away.

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Thursday, March 25

1975—76 AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILM SERIES.
Norm Wakeman

Admission $1.50 / Students $.50
At the U of A Medical Center, West Markham at 7:45 p.m. Plenty of well-lighted parking.
Drawing for free ticket for the 1976-77 wildlife film series.

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COMMUNICATIONS AND BIRD NEWS

The Cache River is as threatened as it ever has been, according to the Arkansas Ecology Center Newsletter of January. More study and an adequate Environmental Impact Statement are needed before any work is done, according to the Center. For more information call 374-6271.

A Gray Catbird has spent the winter at the Trusen Holders in Little Rock. A dead Purple Martin was found on February 5, which is close to the earliest arrival date of February 3. A Northern Oriole is wintering at Mary Conners in Crossett and the Dr. Smiley’s have another in Lake Village. David O’Dell reports he had a Redbreasted Nuthatch in Cloverdale on November 29 and December 23 and 24.

We hope you saw Dr. Smiley on TV taking care of the people who were hurt in the tornado at Lake Village.

Two Barnacle Geese were seen at Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge near Dover, Tenn. at the end of January. This goose breeds in Greenland and Spitsbergen and winters in the western islands of Scotland and in parts of Ireland. It has been seen only twice before in Tennessee, and so far as your editor knows, never in Arkansas.

We seem to have had an invasion of Evening Grosbeaks in Arkansas this winter. Five were seen on the Little Rock Christmas Count, Martha Gilliam has had them at her feeder in Dardanelle most of the winter, and Bonnie Johnston and Pat Oglesby have had them at their feeders in February. If anyone has any more reports, please let your editor know.

Two Whistling Swans were seen near Carlisle in mid February.

On February 20, Bill Shepherd presented a program about the Audubon movement to the Razorback Chapter of the Wildlife Society, a professional organization of wildlife managers. They showed them the color-and-sound motion picture, “It began with birds,” which portrays the National Audubon Society’s history and conservaton activities. This was followed by a brief discussion of NAS chapters and affiliated clubs in Arkansas.

The 40-acre “Roth Prairie” in Arkansas County has been purchased by the State Natural Heritage Commission for $60,000. This is the first natural area purchased by the Commission. The prairie was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McCauley. Little remains of the Grand Prairie in its natural state and we are pleased with the acquisition of this remnant. Under consideration are a 437-acre tract, the “Smoke Hole” on State Highway 13 about 9 miles south of Carlisle and the 70-acre tall grass “Konecny Prairie” in Prairie County and the adjacent 17-acre “Konecny Grove”. The grove is one of the few places in Arkansas where the Trail’s Flycatcher (now the Willow Flycatcher) can be seen. The Trail’s Flycatcher is the only bird first seen in Arkansas by Audubon. The type locality is Arkansas Post.

We have some fine young ecology minded teachers in the Little Rock area. Ken Ropp, biology teacher at Bryant High School, is developing an outdoor nature study laboratory. The entire class attended the February wildlife film.

The Pulaski Conservation District has bluebird houses for sale at $3.50, at Room 65A in the basement of the Post Office at West Capitol and Arch, or call 378-5508. You can buy the house or set plans to build one. The District is also selling packets of brown trout millet, red ripper cowpeas, sunflower, and annual lespedezas, to be planted to provide good crops of seeds for wild birds during winter when other food is scarce. The price is $4.00 to $4.50. In counties other than Pulaski go to your local SCS office.

The Little Rock Camera Club is having a field trip to the Little Rock Zoo on Sunday, March 21. Meet at the front gate of the Zoo at 8:30 a.m.

The new Arkansas Herpetological Society will hold a meeting at the Education Building at the Zoo on April 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Henry Halberg, Editor