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KOS CONTINUES TO GROW! WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Terri Abbett, Emporia; Lynda Berendsen, LeCompton; Brent Brock, Manhattan; Kenneth Bryant, Wichita; Shari Chism, Great Bend; Kelly Conrad, Emporia; Dr. & Mrs. J.H. Danby, Wichita; Tom Eddy, Emporia; Page Fredericks, Emporia; Joseph Grzybowski, Norman, OK; Ivica John Hlade, Pittsburg; Jay Jeffrey, Emporia; Rose Klenke, Spearville; Glen Koontz, Topeka; Ozzie & Viola Lehman, Halstead; Ron Little, Hutchinson; Kathy & Steve McDowell, Tecumseh; Kristen Mitchell, Baldwin; John & Judy Moecker, Overland Park; Bill & Janet Neff, Berryton; Marie Plinski, Topeka; Keith & Judith Randall, Bucklin; Michael & Iva Raw, Wichita; Jan & Dennis Rorabaugh, Lawrence; Marcia Thomas, Sylvan Grove; Sandra Thomas, Bonner Springs; Chuck Van Gundy, Salina; Joyce Volmut, Topeka; Mike & Bunnie Watkins, Lawrence; Dave Williams, Lawrence; Pam Wilson, Stanley, Harry & Ann Ylander, Lindsborg.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It's that time of year again...the Holidays will bring greetings from many of your friends and relatives. You'll also be hearing from KOS this month in the form of a membership renewal card. Please complete and return it along with your 1993 dues promptly to Rose Fritz so you won't miss out on the next issue of The Horned Lark or the KOS Bulletin.

Thanks for your continued support of KOS. Happy Holidays!

Diane Seltman, Memb. Sec.

OVER 70 MEMBERS ATTENDED THE 1992 FALL MEETING IN EMPORIA:

Elmer & LaVonne Finck, Shannon Rothchild, Craig Olawsky, Dwight Moore, Judy Marsh, Bernard Sietman, Page Fredericks, Kelly Conrad, Terri Abbett, Jay Jeffrey, Kristen Mitchell, Tom Eddy, Marvin & Floy Schwillig, Jerry Horak, Dave Saunders, all from Emporia; Jean Schulenberg, Admire; Bob Culbertson, New Strawn; Joanne Brier, Joyce Volmut, Topeka; Roger & Jan Boyd, Calvin Cink, Baldwin; Galen Pittman, David Seibel, Stan & Janet Roth, Phil Wedge, Ruth Fauhl, Lawrence; Rose & Dave Fritz, Dwight Platt, Newton; Bob Gress, Roy & Pat Beckemeyer, of Wichita; Max Thompson, Winfield; Edwin Miller, Independence, Lawrence Herbert, Joplin, MO; Dave & Linda Bryan, Overland Park; Chris Hobbs, Bonner Springs; Mick McHugh, Shawnee Mission; John Shuckman, Leavenworth; Chuck & Jaye Otte, Junction City; Jim Mayhew, Dave Rintoul, John Zimmerman, Brent Brock, E. Dale Kennedy, Douglas White, Deborah Beutler, James Holloway, all from Manhattan; Allen Jahn, McPherson; Ken Brunson, Pratt; Ron Little, Hutchinson; Mike Rader, Wilson; Paul Schowalter, Larned; Scott & Diane Seltman, Nekoma; Chuck Ely, Earl Carlson, Hays; Barbara Campbell, Tom & Sara Shane, Garden City; David Pantle, Denver, CO.

From the Keyboard, notes from the editor

The Fall Meetings were once again a great success! An extra big thanks to the local committee in Emporia for all their hard work. Mark your calendar now for the Spring and Fall Meetings for next year. The spring meeting is tentatively scheduled for Camp Horizon (south-central Kansas in the Wichita/Winfield area) for May 1st and 2nd, 1993. The fall meeting is still being worked on, but if we hold with tradition it would be the first weekend in October, 2nd and 3rd, and the Board of Directors is looking into the Hays area.

A copy of the Board of Directors meeting as well as the full fall meeting minutes are included in this newsletter. Please take the time to read them as there is a lot of important information contained therein. The ten best birds of the year are contained in the minutes. Please note that some of these birds have not been voted on by the records committee so their standing is still tentative until such time (besides, the best bird list is as much for fun as it is for serious). One through four are actually a four-way tie since they will all represent new state records if accepted.

And speaking of the records committee-- please, please, please take the time and effort to fill out those rare bird reports to send in to the committee. Please note the extensive write up on bird records in the June 1992 Horned Lark for guidelines on what should be written up. There is also an updated Rare Bird Form for you to use. Please use this new form and pitch all the old forms. (If anyone is computer oriented I have the new form available in ASCII format so you can just fill in the blanks. Sent me a formatted DOS disk and I'll give it to you!) In future issues we hope to have some more information to help you in your writing of rare bird reports.

Also in this issue is a list of Christmas Bird Counts. About half the counts we don't have detailed information (we'll try harder next year), but I have included the name of last years compiler. If you're interested give them a call...soon.

Lot's of miscellaneous information. . .Galen has items for sale. . .if you want a new subscription for yourself or someone else to Bird Watchers Digest use the enclosed form and the KOS will get a cut. . .A plea to those members who move - let me know so I can let the others who need to know that your address has changed, it

helps us save on postage. . .a brief note from Kansas Wildlife and Parks regarding Chickadee Checkoff. . .and a delightful writeup on Mike Rader's favorite species, Rock Wren.

Enough wasted space filled with my verbose ramblings, good reading and Happy Holidays!

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ABA Regional Conference

The ABA (American Birding Association) holds regional conferences around the country. This coming spring (okay late winter!) there will be a regional conference at Grand Island, Nebraska. The dates are March 6 - 10th which just happens to coincide with the annual spring migration of the Sandhill Cranes.

The schedule looks absolutely fantastic! I grew up about 45 miles from Grand Island and still make annual trips back every March to see the Cranes. If you haven't yet made the Platte River pilgrimage this would be a good opportunity because it will probably be a while before we have another ABA Regional Conference so close!

I do have copies of the promotional flyer and registration form so if you need a copy drop me a line or give me a call. The conference fee is \$395.00 if you are already an ABA member or \$425.00 if you aren't an ABA member. This fee includes room, dinners, field trips, trip meals and evening programs. So why not plan to attend. Like the program says, "you probably won't build a big trip list around this conference," but the sight of several hundred thousand Sandhill Cranes coming or going from the Platte River needs to be experienced by everyone at least once in their life!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM KOS



