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**KOS
SPRING MEETING
AT
CHEYENNE BOTTOMS**

MAY 9-11

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FOR

DETAILS

OFFICER'S CORNER

A CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

Some said it looked like the sun as it rose into the sky. Some said that it represented the very cutting edge of technology. Still others commented that civilians had no place in going along. Regardless of what others have stated, N.A.S.A. attempted to place yet another shuttle into space. All of the personnel involved understood the risk and accepted the challenge.

It is not the intent of this note to express an opinion of right or wrong with reference to Challenger's final flight. However, it is the intent of this note to express the concern that Kansans acknowledge the economic and ecological challenges that the state faces. The funding requirements for research, the state Water Plan, Cheyenne Bottoms, and various other issues need our attention. Because of the complexities involved in controversial and political issues many times seeing a beginning point can be difficult. Having noted this fact, one current item that comes to mind is the Chickadee Checkoff. This income generating program sets the stage for the research necessary to develop an understanding of the issues. Hopefully the technology to resolve problems such as water level management in the Arkansas River and Cheyenne Bottoms, will follow. Finally, none of this can be accomplished without the involvement of the Kansas citizen as well as the political and academic communities. So, do your part and recruit and contribute.

Dan Williamson
Director-At-Large
Hartford, KS

KOS WINTER BOARD MEETING February 8, 1986 Marvin Schwilling home, Emporia

Members present: Roger Boyd, Elmer Finck, Jane Hershberger, Gene Lewis, Joyce Wolf, David Bryan, Dan Williamson, Dwight Platt.

Non-voting: John Zimmerman, Marvin Schwilling, Ruth Fauhl, Ron Wolf.

After a delicious lunch served by Mrs. Schwilling, the Board meeting was called to order by President Roger Boyd at 12:35 PM.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Winter 1985 and the Fall 1985 Board meetings were approved as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gene Lewis reported that there was a good balance in KOS accounts.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jane Hershberger reported that 235 members were paid up so far this year. In 1985 there were a total of 373 members; so approximately 140 delinquent notices will need to be sent. There are 71 fully paid life members and 11 partially paid. Due to an oversight, life member pins were not given at the Annual Meeting. It was decided that they should be awarded at the next Annual Meeting.

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT: John Zimmerman reported that the March issue of the Bulletin had gone to the printer. He asked about the procedure for mailing the Bulletin. It was decided that he should ask the printer to send all of the Bulletins to Joyce Wolf, the new Business Manager. She will handle the mailing list and send them to members. John Zimmerman reported that he had enough copy on hand for the next few issues. He asked about the policy for publishing obituaries in the Bulletin. It was agreed that obituaries will be published in the Bulletin only for charter members. Notices of the deaths of other members will be published in the Newsletter. Gene Lewis will prepare a notice of the death of Orville Rice.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT: Elmer Finck reported that he had been receiving enough material for the Newsletter. The next issue will come out in March. Copy will be sent to Joyce Wolf to be duplicated in Lawrence.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT (QUESTIONS): Joyce Wolf, the new Business Manager, raised a number of questions:

How many Bulletin envelopes should be printed, whose return address should be on them and is the artwork for them still available? It was decided that one year's supply should be printed and they should have Joyce's address. Roger will check with Max Thompson about the artwork.

Who needs printouts of the mailing list? Jane Hershberger needs an occasional alphabetized mailing list and one by zip codes in the Fall. Gene Lewis needs a mailing list once a year separated by categories such as members, libraries, foreign, exchange, etc., with an occasional update through the year. Elmer Finck needs a list once a year to check names for the attendance list at the Annual Meeting. Roger Boyd needs a list occasionally. Ruth Fauhl needs a list of libraries and exchanges.

Should the Newsletter be saved to go out with the Bulletin in March? If she has not received the Bulletin by March 7, Joyce should go ahead and mail the Newsletter. John will call Joyce when he sends the galley back to the printer. Mailing of the Newsletter does not need to be with the Bulletin as some should come out between Bulletins. Roger will call Max Thompson to find out about the header for the front page of the Newsletter.

NEWSLETTER ON MICROFILM: A question was raised about putting the Newsletter on microfiche or microfilm. Ruth Fauhl has requested prices but has none yet. David Bryan volunteered to put it on microfilm free.

PRICE FOR BACK ISSUES OF THE BULLETIN: Gene Lewis asked about the price for back issues of the Bulletin. It was decided to sell a complete set of back issues for \$40.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Roger Boyd announced that the Spring Field Trip will be May 9-11 at Camp Aldrich. The 1987 Spring Field Trip is tentatively set for Cherokee County. The Fall Annual Meeting will be October 3-5 at Camp Wildwood. It was suggested that Olin Sewall Pettingill might be contacted for banquet speaker. The Annual Meeting in 1987 will be at Kansas State University.

EDUCATION MATERIALS: Marvin Schwilling reported that he had checked with Joyce Harmon about the preparation of some education materials. She will be glad to advise KOS in their preparation but she cannot do it. Marvin showed many education materials on birds that are available. He asked what type of materials KOS was interested in preparing. It was suggested that the President appoint a committee to evaluate these materials and come to the Spring Meeting with recommendations of one that KOS might purchase and possibly a supplement that could be distributed with it. Roger Boyd appointed a committee consisting of Marvin Schwilling (chair), Joe Schaefer, Ruth Fauhl and Roger Boyd.

WILDLIFE HERITAGE MONTH: Elmer Finck reported that planning is well under way for Wildlife Heritage Month in March as a part of the celebration of Kansas' 125th year. The plan includes establishing a natural area at Cedar Crest, the governor's mansion. They want a representative of KOS to be at the governor's mansion on March 13 at 12:30 PM for a public dedication. Roger Boyd will represent KOS.

Elmer Finck moved that KOS donate \$50 toward the expenses of Kansas Wildlife Heritage Month. Jane Hershberger seconded the motion. The motion passed.

FALCONRY BILL: A falconry bill will probably have committee hearings but probably will not get out of committee.

KANSAS WATER PLAN: Eulalia Lewis reported that the County Conservation Districts will be in charge of riparian habitat and wetlands. We should continue to monitor the development of the program.

KANSAS NONGAME WILDLIFE PROGRAM: Marvin Schwilling distributed copies of Nongame Notes and lists of projects in the nongame wildlife program. He reported that contributions to the Chickadee Checkoff were down \$30,000 last year. This year in the first 16,000 income tax returns there were only 22 contributors as compared to 57 last year. However with greater publicity this year it is hoped that contributions will be higher.

CONSERVATION ISSUES FORUM: A meeting of representatives of conservation organizations was held in October chaired by the Director of the Kansas Fish and Game Commission. Another meeting was called in January to set up a conservation coalition. However some organizations were hesitant to join a coalition so it was decided to hold a Conservation Issues Forum in June and October each year to talk about issues and hopefully plan coordinated programs. A three member steering committee was appointed to plan the forums for this year on June 7 and October 25. Each organization can send a voting representative but others can attend.

SANDHILL CRANE HUNTING SEASON: Roger Boyd reported that he had sent a letter to the Kansas Fish and Game Commission opposing a hunting season. He had received a reply indicating that the agency favored a hunting season. The Kansas Audubon Council is preparing an information sheet on the sandhill crane.

FIELD TRIPS AND HOTLINE: There was no report from the Field Trips Committee. The hotline is working okay although there have been some problems with the equipment.

OFFICIAL RECORDS COMMITTEE: Marvin Schwilling reported that they have 178 new county records that will be sent to the editor for publication in the Newsletter. He reported that there were two vacancies on the committee since Steve Kingswood has left the state and Orville Rice died. A number of suggestions were made for persons to fill these vacancies. Roger Boyd will make the appointments. (See attached report).

NEWSLETTER EXCHANGE: The Kansas Chapter of the Wildlife Society has requested a newsletter exchange with KOS. The Board was agreeable to such an exchange. David Case, with the information section of Kansas Fish and Game Commission, has requested to receive a copy of the Newsletter. The Board agreed to putting him on the mailing list for the Newsletter. If he wants the Bulletin also, he will need to join.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS: John Zimmerman announced that the number of sites doing Christmas Bird Counts was the highest ever last year. The number of participants was also highest.

INDEX TO THE BULLETIN: A question was raised about having five year indexes rather than fifteen year indexes to the Bulletin. No decision was made.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight R. Platt
Corresponding Secretary
Kansas Ornithological Society

KOS FIELD TRIP TO CHEYENNE BOTTOMS AND QUIVIRA - June 8, 1985

The field trip through Barton and Stafford Counties on June 8 had a species total of 122. Our main objective, to find Black Rails at Quivira, was not achieved, the breeze that we had hoped for all day when the temperature touched 106°F arrived after dark when we needed calm winds to listen for rails! (As far as I know there were no reports of Black Rails anywhere in the state this year.) A few late migrants, especially ducks and shorebirds, were present but there were few rarities. Participants were Mel Cooksey, Bob Fisher, Lloyd Moore, Scott and Diane Seltman.

BEST BIRDS

Tricolored Heron	1 in Pool 3	6-08-85	Barton
Cinnamon Teal	at least 2 pair		Barton
King Rail	Several at Quivira after dark		Stafford
Virginia	Several at Quivira after dark		Stafford
Common Moorhen	2 along east edge of Pool 1		Barton
Black-bellied Plover	1		Stafford
Golden Plover	3		Stafford
Sanderling	1		Barton
Short-billed Dowitcher	1 carefully studied		Barton
Chuck-will's-widow	Several at Quivira		Stafford
Cooper's Hawk	Just a fleeting glimpse of a large accipiter at the refuge office. Cooper's have nested there previously.		Stafford
Say's Phoebe	Nest with 5 young atop a light fixture in a Nekoma garage	6-09-85	Rush

Scott Seltman
Nekoma, KS

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON COLOR-MARKED SNOW GEESE

Lesser Snow Geese will be color-marked at Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge in eastern Oklahoma to determine their migrational route and breeding grounds. Lesser Snow Geese use several refuges along the Central Flyway for wintering and migration purposes. This study will attempt to plot the breeding grounds, migration routes and wintering areas of geese using Sequoyah NWR. Knowledge gained from the study will help managers better coordinate management activities between refuges regarding the snow goose flock.

Geese will be sprayed with red paint. As time goes on this may fade into pink and will be shed with molting in the spring and summer.

If you see or hear of any snow geese so colored, please contact:

REFUGE MANAGER
SEQUOYAH NWR
RT. 1, BOX 18A
VIAN, OK 74962
918-773-5251

The date of observation, exact location and any other pertinent information will be important. We would also appreciate it if you would bring this request to the attention of others who may be in a position to observe any of these color-marked snow geese.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Marvin Schwilling
Emporia, KS

KANSAS FIELD DAY

Paul Lehman, an avid birder from Goleta, California, spent about 4 hours on May 14, 1985 birding in extreme northwest Kansas and discovered the following first county records for Cheyenne County. Most of the passerine species were found along the river southwest of St. Francis while the waterbirds were seen at some of the temporary ponds in the southern part of the county.

First County Records

Solitary Sandpiper	(2)
Whimbrel	(2)
Least Sandpiper	(3)
Stilt Sandpiper	(28)
Long-billed Dowitcher	(1)
Hermit Thrush	(1)
Water Pipit	(1)
Cedar Waxwing	(10)
Tennessee Warbler	(1)
"Audubon's" Warbler	(2)
Blackpoll Warbler	(1 male)
Northern Waterthrush	(4)
MacGillivray's Warbler	(2 males)
Bobolink	(10)

Other Notable Sightings

Upland Sandpiper	(1)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	(2)
Least Flycatcher	(7)
Swainson's Thrush	(7)
Gray Catbird	(2)
Warbling Vireo	(15)
Ovenbird	(2)
Yellow-breasted Chat	(3)
Black-headed Grosbeak	(1)
Lazuli Bunting	(1 singing male)

Paul Lehman
P.O. Box 1061
Goleta, CA 93116

FIRST COUNTY RECORDS - June-December 1985

Arctic Loon	1 on Cedar Bluff still present 11-27	11-23-85	Trego
Horned Grebe	Several on Webster	10-15-85	Rooks
Eared Grebe	(2) (actually a common migrant)	11-09-85	Trego
Clark's Grebe	2 seen by many KC birders et. al.	8-31-85	Barton
Clark's Grebe	4 on Kirwin	10-19-85	Phillips
White Pelican	1 on Elkhart sewage ponds	9-21-85	Morton
Great Egret	2 at new dam near LaCrosse	9-13-85	Rush
Cattle Egret	1 at Elkhart sewage ponds	9-21-85	Morton
Trumpeter Swan	Huge adult identified by long neck, broad flattened bill, and posture. May have been an "escapee" from Neb. or S.D. flocks or a genuine vagrant driven from Canada by the "Siberian Express".	11-27-85	Trego
White-winged Scoter	4 on Cedar Bluff	10-15-85	Trego
Common Merganser	(1)	11-15-85	Rush
Red-breasted Merganser	(4)	11-09-85	Trego
Red-breasted Merganser	30+ on Wilson Res.	11-16-85	Russell
Cooper's Hawk	one flying across county line	8-21-85	Norton
Cooper's Hawk	same bird	8-21-85	Graham
Northern Goshawk	Adult well seen on CBC	12-26-85	Scott
Merlin	1 on K-4 north of Scott City	12-26-85	Scott
Virginia Rail	1 on CBC, previously seen by S. Norman	12-26-85	Scott
Black-bellied Plover	1 on K-96 w. of Leoti	8-23-85	Wichita
Semipalmated Plover	(1)	6-05-85	Rush
Semipalmated Plover	(1)	9-05-85	Trego
Greater Yellowlegs	(2)	9-14-85	Morton
Sanderling	1 on KOS field trip at Cedar Bluff	10-06-85	Trego
Semipalmated Sandpiper	(2)	8-23-85	Wichita
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Several on KOS field trip	10-06-85	Trego
Least Sandpiper	(1)	8-23-85	Wichita
Least Sandpiper	(20)	9-05-85	Trego
White-rumped Sandpiper	(4)	6-05-85	Rush
Baird's Sandpiper	(1)	10-06-85	Trego
Pectoral Sandpiper	(7)	8-23-85	Wichita
Common Snipe	(1)	10-13-85	Rush
Red Phalarope	1 among Red-necked Phalaropes on Elkhart sewage ponds seen with T. Cable. Later seen by D. Vannoy, R. Wiley, L. & R. Smith	9-21-85	Morton
Bonaparte's Gull	several on Webster	10-15-85	Rooks
Bonaparte's Gull	several on Cedar Bluff (reported before)	10-19-85	Trego
Ring-billed Gull	2 near Hill City	10-15-85	Graham
Forster's Tern	(30+) (actually seen previously)	9-05-85	Trego
Eastern Screech Owl	3 near Lenora	9-05-85	Norton
Eastern Screech Owl	2 near Hill City	10-15-85	Graham
Marsh Wren	40 on CBC (also seen last year)	12-26-85	Scott
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	(1)	9-05-85	Norton
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1 by KOS field trip	10-06-85	Trego
Gray Catbird	1 near Hill City	9-05-85	Graham

Warbling Vireo		6-04-85	Gove
Sharp-tailed Sparrow	seen with McHugh and Moore	10-26-85	Rush
"White-winged Junco	(1)	11-02-85	Trego
"White-winged" Junco	6 well seen on CBC	12-26-85	Scott
"Gray-headed" Junco	1 at feeder	12-20-85	Pawnee
Snow Bunting	2 on CBC	12-26-85	Scott
Purple Finch	1 at Russell Cemetery	11-16-85	Russell
House Finch	(present for many years)	9-05-85	Trego
Evening Grosbeak	(2)	11-23-85	Trego

Scott Seltman
Nekoma, KS

LIFE MEMBERS AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1985

Katharine B. Kelley	Marion Mengel
Carl S. Holmes	Jane Holland
Amelia J. Betts (deceased)	George Neavoll
Max C. Thompson	Celia White
Philip G. Kaul	Jay Newton
J. W. Butin	Eulalia Lewis
Charles H. Franklin, Jr.	Eugene R. Lewis
Katherine Nelson	Shirley Weaver
Phebe B. Gates	Jane Hershberger
Robert G. Barnhardt	I. Leroy Holt II
Robert M. Mengel	Theodore Sperry
Ivan L. Boyd (deceased)	Stan Roth
Dorothy M. Ehart	Ruth Fauhl
Chandler S. Robbins	Roger Boyd
Richard H. Schmidt	Donna Cooper
I. Mabel Willis	Charles Ely
Jerome Jackson	Steve Kingswood
Mrs. T. M. O'Keefe	James K. O'Toole
Wallace Champeny	Nada Voth
Margaret Boyd	John Parrish
Gordon C. Sauer	Lorena Combs
Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr.	Steven Crawford
Steve Burr	Paul C. Finninger
Phyllis J. Henney	Richard Rucker
Sebastian Patti	Ruth Broderson
Helen Garrett	Tom Flowers
Richard Garrett	Don Yockey
Joyce Davis	Hazel Moore
Marvin Schwilling	Nanette Johnson
Earl Carlson	Jack Tyler
Phillip Menninger	Esther Stockebrand
Marvin Kuehn	Jean M. Bailey
Wally Boles	Dwight Platt

Jane Hershberger
Newton, KS

NEW COUNTY RECORDS

<u>Species</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Observer</u>
Redhead	Labette	-/-/84	Donald Stout
Ring-necked Duck	Labette	-/-/84	Donald Stout
Lesser Scaup	Labette	-/-/84	Donald Stout
Common Goldeneye	Labette	-/-/84	Donald Stout
Common Merganser	Labette	-/-/84	Donald Stout
Ruddy Duck	Labette	-/-/84	Donald Stout
Greater Prairie Chicken	Labette	-/-/84	Donald Stout
American Coot	Labette	-/-/84	Donald Stout
Chuck-wills-widow	Labette	-/-/84	Donald Stout
Eared Grebe	Neosho	-/-/--	Donald Stout
Cooper's Hawk	Neosho	-/-/--	Donald Stout
Bank Swallow	Neosho	-/-/--	Donald Stout
Leconte's Sparrow	Neosho	-/-/--	Donald Stout
Water Pipit	Neosho	-/-/--	Donald Stout
Magnificant Hummingbird	Linn	-/-/78	Martin & Barbara Pressgrove
Ruff	Barton	6/22/82	Roger Boyd
Western Grebe	Osage	11/03/84	Bob Fisher
Solitary Sandpiper	Bourbon	-/-/--	Byron Berger
Screech Owl	Atchison	11/03/84	Byron Berger
White-throated Sparrow	Atchison	11/03/84	Byron Berger
White-crowned Sparrow	Atchison	11/03/84	Byron Berger
Harris Sparrow	Atchison	11/03/84	Byron Berger
Brown Creeper	Atchison	11/03/84	Byron Berger
Golden Crowned Kinglet	Atchison	11/03/84	Byron Berger
Pine Siskin	Atchison	11/03/84	Byron Berger
Northern Shrike	Marion	12/18/84	Marvin Schwilling
Whooping Cranes (2)	Marion	12/18/84	Dale Snelling
Common Redpoll	Sumner	12/10/84	Wallace Champney
Thayers Gull	Wyandotte	1/06/85	Mike McHugh
Worm-eating Warbler	Marion	5/06/78	Steve Crawford & Richard Parker
Bay-breasted Warbler	Marion	5/06/78	Steve Crawford & Richard Parker
Ovenbird	Marion	5/06/78	Steve Crawford & Richard Parker
Northern Waterthrush	Marion	5/06/78	Steve Crawford & Richard Parker
Hooded Warbler	Marion	5/06/78	Steve Crawford & Richard Parker
Red-necked Grebe	Wyandotte	1/13/85	Lloyd Moore
Glaucous Gull	Wyandotte	1/13/85	Mel Cooksie, et al.
Blue Goose	Atchison	1/05/85	Gene Lewis
Hairy Woodpecker	Atchison	1/05/85	Gene Lewis
Tufted Titmouse	Atchison	1/05/85	Gene Lewis
Oregon Junco	Atchison	1/05/85	Gene Lewis
Western Meadowlark	Atchison	1/05/85	Gene Lewis
Brewers Blackbird	Brown	1/05/85	Gene Lewis
Pine Siskin	Jackson	1/06/85	Gene Lewis
Glaucous Gull	Jefferson	12/29/84	Gene Lewis
Prairie Falcon	Miami	1/05/85	Mike Mueller, et al.
Red Crossbill	Pratt	1/19/85	Bob Wood
Trumpeter Swans (4)	Anderson	1/23/85	Bill Brecheisen

