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From the Keyboard -

It's a rainy Saturday afternoon and I'm struggling to get this issue wrapped and sent down the line to be proofed and laid out. It's been a struggle to get this issue out. I can only attribute that struggle to the fact that birding has been so slow since Christmas. I've noticed that the better the birding is the easier the issue of the *Horned Lark* flows. It probably has something to do with wanting to get back outside to see what else I can find!

Anyway, a slow birding winter is surely going to give way to a fantastic spring, so be sure to get your reservations in today for the Spring Meeting at Great Bend. Cheyenne Bottoms/Quivira NWR are a couple of the few true birding Meccas in Kansas. If you haven't ever been to either of these locales in early May, grab this chance. Even slow birding at The Bottoms or Quivira is pretty darn good, and May is bound to be hopping. (I personally am still hoping for a Black Rail..... Mike promised!!!!!!) I hope to see a lot of you there!

I'm sure a lot of you have noticed how some of the national magazines that now or in the past have attracted bird watchers have taken on a very strong environmental protection theme, sometimes at the expense of birds and birding information. Several of you have requested that we keep the focus of the *Horned Lark* on birds and we will do that. But I do encourage all of you to really keep an eye on some of those critical environmental/wildlife issues in the state and national legislatures. Some legislative activities are taking place that are rather unsettling and you need to write or call your legislators and let them know how you feel!

It's time to wrap this up so it can get put in the mail. Spring is here and the birding is starting to pick up (finally!), so let's have a good spring, get those spring meeting registrations mailed in and get to work on those KBBAT blocks. See you in Great Bend!!

--chuck

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*--The Danger Zone--***Whooping Crane***by Jerry Horak*

The Whooping Crane was probably always an uncommon bird with an estimated population of only 1400 in the mid-1800's. At that time they nested in marshland areas of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. During the same time, they wintered along the mid-Atlantic Coast, Mexico and the Texas Coast. There was also a non-migratory population along coastal Louisiana. By the late 1930's, though, only two small breeding populations remained. The non-migratory Louisiana flock was down to 13 and was reduced to 6 after a 1940 hurricane. The last Whooper in Louisiana was taken into captivity in 1950. The migratory flock called the Aransas/Wood Buffalo population, which wintered on the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge in coastal Texas (their nesting location was unknown in the late 30's) was down to 16 Whooping Cranes.

The process of saving the Whooping Crane was started in the 1940's by designating Aransas National Refuge and Wood Buffalo Park in Canada as critical habitat. It was a long time coming, but the Whooping Crane was listed as threatened in 1967 and endangered in 1970.

The recovery of this population has been slow in that the birds live more than 20 years and they don't reach sexual maturity until 4-5 years old. The average clutch size is just two eggs, but only one typically survives to flight age. Their life is full of hazards, but two-thirds of mortality is along the

2500 mile migration route between Wood Buffalo Park and Aransas National Refuge.

Despite the slow population growth, the number of Whooping Cranes has grown to 290 as of July 1994. Just over half exist in the wild, while the remaining are in captivity in zoos and research facilities.

Approximately 133 Whooping Cranes are expected to travel through Kansas in April of 1995. They stop for only a short period, if at all. The best chance to see them would be at Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area, Quivira and Kirwin National Wildlife Refuges. During fall migration, the Whoopers generally stop over and stay a little longer, but generally less than a week. As many of you bird watchers are aware, in fall 1994 Cheyenne Bottoms hosted at least two Whoopers for 48 days from October 13 to November 29. On the morning of November 1, 18 Whoopers were spotted, the highest number ever reported at the Bottoms. The lengthy stay was attributed to the mild weather and favorable water levels.

The management plan for the Whooping Crane calls for the maintenance of the Aransas/Wood Buffalo population at more than 40 nesting pair with a flock size of 1,000 individuals by 2020.

New Members

New KOS members since the last newsletter include: Suzi and Myron Plooster, Boulder, CO; Steve Rhoades, Overland Park, KS; Karl Swartzendruber, Emporia, KS.
Welcome to KOS!

Membership Reminder

Margaret Wedge - Membership Secretary

Please be sure to pay your KOS membership dues for 1995 RIGHT AWAY if you have not already done so. The March newsletter will be the last one received by unpaid members. Also, special thanks to members who have alerted us to changes of address as that both saves KOS money and insures that you receive your newsletters in a timely fashion. To notify us of your change of address, please contact Margaret Wedge, 1645 Louisiana Street, Lawrence, KS 66044, (913-842-0382) or Dawn Sharp, 1324 Prairie Ave, Lawrence, KS 66044, (913-842-8692).

*** New Potential Birder ***

We are always looking for opportunities to recruit new KOS members and increase our membership. Well, active and well-known KOS members Scott and Diane Seltman are certainly doing their part! Steven David Seltman arrived January 6, 1995 in good shape at 20 inches in length and 7 pounds 1/4 ounce. Diane reports that Steven is doing well, gaining plenty of weight and already has his first pair of binoculars. Scott is our RBA compiler and Diane just stepped down after several years as Membership Secretary. Congratulations Scott and Diane!

SPRING MEETING--MAY 5-7
Barton County Community College
REGISTRATION DUE APRIL 20
Look to the last pages for Registration
Information and Forms

North American Migration Count

The North American Migration Count (NAMC) continues to gather momentum in Kansas. In 1993, the first year of the NAMC in Kansas, sixty birders in 14 Kansas counties counted 53,785 individuals of 244 species. That year the highest species count was in Stafford County with 163 species tallied. In 1994, 24 counties participated, and 263 species (87,329 individuals) were found statewide. In 1994 Stafford County again had the highest species count (175 species; 13,173 individuals). This year we would like to have even more counters and more counties participate, and maybe even beat one of those Stafford County numbers.

The NAMC is, as always, the second Saturday in May, which this year happens to be May 13. The rules are simple: spend a day in the field counting birds in a specified area and keep track of hours and miles on foot, car, boat and feeder watching. The North American Migration Count is like a Christmas Bird Count, but with a few twists. The Area for any one count is not a 15-mile diameter circle, but an entire county (parish in Louisiana). The big twist is the timing: unlike Christmas Bird Counts, which are spread over several weeks, this count is done on just a single day.

The choice of the second Saturday in May has been to try to find the peaks of movement of neotropical species while they are still where most of the birders are. It will not be peak everywhere; northern states will be getting the first glimmer of spring and the Deep South will be in early breeding season, but the overall goal is of importance to everyone. The goals of the North American Migration Count are:

- to obtain a "snapshot" of the progress of spring migration
- to obtain information on the abundance and distribution of each species
- to initiate more participation among birders within a state and between states
- to create challenges and goals among birders while collecting useful information
- to aid in organization and centralization of data
- to have fun
- to establish the second Saturday in May as "National Birding Day"

Last year's compilers will automatically receive an updated packet (and the list will include Belted Kingfisher this year!) sometime in April. If you want to participate and need to know the name of your local compiler, or if you want to take another county which was not covered last year, please contact Dave Rintoul at:

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Take a day in May to contribute to our limited knowledge of migratory patterns, and have fun!

Changes are Coming!

All I've been able to get are teasers from several different sources, but apparently the "lumpers" and "splitters" are at it again, and this time the splitters may be winning. Evidently the July 1995 issue of the Auk will have the latest low down from the AOU about what are species and what are not. I've already seen in one major news magazine that Northern Oriole will be split back out into Baltimore and Bullock's. Gee, I've just been sitting here at the computer and gained another life bird! Just as soon as the news becomes official, we'll try to get it in the *Horned Lark*, then an updated KOS checklist can be sent to the printer and finally, we can all expect a whole round of updates in field guides!

PARTICIPATE...

***Sign up for a KBBAT Block--
and finish it this year!***

Attend the Spring Meeting (Barton County...just think...field trips to Quivira NWR, Cheyenne Bottoms...)

There's always the North American Migration Count (what an excuse to spend the day out birdwatching!)

Sign up to lead a field trip to your favorite spot! Write an article for the Horned Lark about your favorite spot or about your favorite experience...

PARTICIPATE!

--Meet your officers--

Your V.P.

*(Vermivora peregrina? No, Vice President!)**

by Roy Beckemeyer

Thanks for electing me V.P. of the KOS! I am looking forward to doing whatever I can to help this organization continue to grow. First, though, a few words about me.

I currently live and work in Wichita. My wife, Pat, and I have lived in Kansas for 27 years. As Kansans are wont to put it, we are from "back east," namely Illinois (which, until we moved here, we considered the midwest). We raised our two children, who have both flown the nest, in Kansas, and they consider themselves natives. Our daughter, Lori, lives here in Wichita, and our son, Mark, in Missouri. I am an aeronautical engineer by trade, work at Boeing, and love all things that fly, including birds and insects.

Pat and I are relative newcomers to birding (she's the real birding expert of the family), having begun in 1992, although we have always been interested in natural history in general. We used to go backpacking every year when the kids were small, and took a small library of field guides along, usually including birds, wildflowers, animal tracks, etc. And, while not listers at the time, when we visited Australia and New Zealand in 1987, we purchased bird books and took note of what we saw just because the birds were so unique and colorful.

We have birded extensively in Kansas, Texas, Arizona, and took a dream trip to Alaska last year. We like all kinds of birds, but have a soft spot for warblers and waterfowl. We have been doing a few KBBAT blocks the past two years, and are thoroughly enjoying this new and different aspect of the birding experience. (We'll try to get all those blocks up to date this year, John!)

I support Mike Rader in his established aims (see the last issue of *The Horned Lark*) and hope to be able to use some of my business and management background to help to put KOS on a sound footing for future growth. I am also interested in helping to develop any ideas to further the benefit of KOS to beginning birders and youthful birders, as they are our link to the future.

Thanks again for the trust, and please feel free to let me or any other officer or board member know if you have any input; this is your organization.

(*P.S., that's the Tennessee Warbler)

Kauffman Museum Event Highlights International Migratory Bird Day

International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) will be celebrated on Saturday, May 13, 1995 at the Kauffman Museum, North Newton with a "Bird and Brunch." Scheduled activities include morning bird walks, guided tours of the Museum's North American bird collection, a bird banding demonstration and brunch. Local birding experts, including members of the Kansas Ornithological Society, will be on hand to lead bird walks and to offer hints on bird identification. Adults and children, birders and non-birders, all are cordially invited to participate. Participants should meet at the Kauffman Museum at 6:00 a.m. Cost for the "Bird and Brunch" is \$3.50 per person. Reservations are requested by Monday, May 8, 1995.

IMBD occurs annually on the second Saturday of May to celebrate the spring arrival of thousands of migratory birds including Bell's Vireos and Scissortail Flycatchers from Central America, Purple Martins from Colombia, South America and Pectoral Sandpipers passing through on their 7,000 mile journey to Arctic nesting grounds.

Migratory birds deserve our admiration. Some species weigh less than an ounce, and yet, flying by night under the cover of darkness, they travel thousands of miles to their breeding grounds in North America. While migratory birds are cause for wonder, some are also cause for concern. Many birdwatchers and scientists worry that the numbers of grassland species, such as the Dickcissel, the Grasshopper Sparrow and the Loggerhead Shrike are decreasing. The causes for the declines are many, but the primary one seems to be shrinking habitat as many of the places birds need to feed, rest, and rear their young are changed by human activities. IMBD was established to call attention to the needs of migratory birds and help all of us learn what we can do to keep our meadows, woods, fields, and backyards vibrant with the sound of bird song.

IMBD is coordinated nationally by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, the National Audubon Society, and the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center. It is funded by Phillips Petroleum Corporation and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. IMBD is a project of Partners in Flight/Aves de las Americas, a coalition of government and non-government organizations and private industry, all working together to prevent further declines of migratory birds.

For additional information and for reservations, contact Lorna Habegger Harder at the Kauffman Museum, 316/283-1612.

Is Your Landscape "For the Birds?"

Part V - Spring Planting Time

(Part V of an ongoing series)

by Chuck Otte

In the September issue of the *Horned Lark* I talked about plant material that homeowners may want to use to attract birds to their yards. I wanted to follow up in this spring season with some additional plant species to consider, as well as a few other thoughts.

Many birds are attracted to landscape and garden plants. Just as a bird feeder or a bird bath in and of itself is not a guarantee of attracting birds, appropriate plants are not guaranteed to always attract birds. BUT, if you *combine* feeders, water, habitat, structures and plants, you will eventually have success. Be aware, though, that what attracts birds will also attract other forms of wildlife, so be prepared! Be very careful in landscapes where you are attracting wildlife of pesticide use. Use only as a last resort, and then use the safest material available. Consider using things like insecticidal soap, BT, etc. Remember that birds are often predators of insect pests and if you are patient they MAY take care of the problem without too much loss of plant material.

Following are some groups of plants and species I would consider planting for wildlife in Kansas.

Annuals - Amaranthus, Bachelor Button, Calendula, California Poppy, Coreopsis, Cosmos, Gloriosa Daisy, Annual Ornamental Grasses (Quaking Grass, etc.), Marigold, Pinks, Portulaca, Sunflower, Zinnia.

Perennials - Aster, Black-eyed Susan, Chrysanthemum, Coreopsis, Goldenrod, Globe Thistle (*Echinacea* spp.

including purple coneflower), Grasses (include the natives i.e. the blustems, switchgrass and indiagrass), Dianthus, Scabiosa, sedums (especially the Stonecrops), Statice, Sunflower.

Woody Species - Shrubs - Aromatic Sumac, Boxwood and Holly (in protected locations), Dogwoods, Elderberry, Euonymous (Wintercreeper and Winged Euonymous, a.k.a. Burning Bush), Honeysuckle, Juniper, Mugo Pine, Privet, Pyracnatha, Rose, Sumac spp., Viburnum, Witchhazel, Yew.

Small Trees - Japanese Maple, Crab Apple, Apple, Hawthorn, Amur Maple, Cherry and Plum (edible and ornamental, all prunus spp. are good. This includes such things as wild plum and choke cherry), Mountain Ash.

Medium/Tall Trees - Maple spp., Pine, Hackberry, Elm, Mulberry, Oak

Vines - Bittersweet, English Ivy, Grape, Honeysuckle, Trumpet Vine, Virginia Creeper.

Plants that attract Hummingbirds (also orioles) - Trumpet Vine, Catalpa, Trumpet Honeysuckle, Coralberry, Weigela, Nicotiana, Petunia, Salvia, Hollyhock, Columbine, Delphinium, Foxglove, Gentian, Gladiolus, Daylily, Hibiscus (Rose of Sharon), Liatris, Tiger Lily, Penstemon, Phlox, Sweet William, Snap Dragon, Larkspur.

1995 Spring Meeting

Barton County Community College, Camp Aldrich

May 5, 6, 7

Field Trips Include: Quivira NWR, Cheyenne Bottoms, newly acquired Nature Conservancy property near CB--and even Camp Aldrich! (What a line-up!!)

REGISTRATION DUE APRIL 20...

HURRY, HURRY, HURRY! Don't miss this trip!

(Registration information and forms on back of this newsletter...for more information, call Roy Beckemeyer, (316) 526-4225 (work) or (316) 264-0049 (home)).

Summary of Rare Bird Records for Kansas: Compilation of recent actions by the KBRC

As you may recall in the last issue of the *Horned Lark* (December 1994), there was an article about additions to the new Checklist and minutes from several recent KBRC meetings. In those minutes you might have noticed that the KBRC has been busy reviewing old records of some of the rarer bird species that occur in Kansas. To make the new edition of the KOS Checklist as authoritative as possible, a list of "accepted" records for the rarer species needed to be compiled. This was a daunting task, not only in compiling the numerous old records and sightings, but in trying to evaluate those old sightings. Generally to be acceptable, records had to have some form of documentation or at least some way to verify their accuracy. The KBRC took an

essentially conservative approach, especially with difficult to identify species.

Now that the list has been compiled, any new bird record that could affect or change that species' status on the official KOS Checklist of Birds of Kansas will need to have written documentation submitted to and accepted by the KBRC before it would be included!

The following is an annotated list of 67 species that have been reviewed by the KBRC. Included on this list is the current number of "validated" records for each species. Those species with three or fewer records also have the date and location of the sightings indicated.

Species without physical evidence documentation ("hypothetical") and less than 10 records

CLARK'S GREBE (9): 9 sight records
EURASIAN WIGEON (6): 6 sight records

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL (3) - 3 sight records:
13 April 1973 and 13 April 1974, both at Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area, Barton County.
10 February 1992, Lake Afton, Sedgwick County. (KBRC 92-15)

ARCTIC TERN (1) - 1 sight record:

3 September 1994, Perry Lake, Jefferson County, (KBRC 94-20).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE (4): 4 sight records

WESTERN SCREECH-OWL (2) - 2 sight records:
11 May 1985 and 20 September 1987, both on the Cimarron River, Morton County.

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER (1) - 1 sight record:
4 April 1935, Concordia, Cloud County.

BLACK PHOEBE (1) - 1 sight record:
16 March 1976, Middle Springs, Morton County.

FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER (1) - 1 sight record:
13 May 1979, Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area, Barton COUNTY.

FISH CROW (4): 4 sight records
WESTERN BLUEBIRD (2) - 2 sight records:
16 December 1989, near Newton, Harvey County.
10 April 1990, Morton County.

Species with less than 10 records

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD (3) - 1 specimen, 2 sight records:

16 August 1880, Osborne County. (specimen)
16-17 June 1982, Meade State Park, Meade County.
8 October 1988, near Hill City, Graham County.

GLOSSY IBIS (1) - 1 sight record (photo):
3-4 May 1992, Perry Lake, Jefferson County, (KBRC 92-32).

ROSEATE SPOONBILL (4): 1 specimen, 3 sight records

WOOD STORK (6): 2 specimens, 4 sight records

GREATER FLAMINGO (2) - 1 specimen, 1 sight record (photo):

"Fall" 1928, Quivira NWR, Stafford County. (specimen)
11 November 1972, Waconda Lake, Mitchell County.

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK (3) - 3 sight records (photo):
20 September 1956, Marias des Cygnes Wildlife Area Linn Co.
6 July 1980, Quivira NWR, Stafford County.
21 May 1982, Butler County.

GARGANEY (4): 4 sight records (2 photos)

COMMON EIDER (1) - 1 specimen:

3 November 1891, Lecompton, Douglas County.

KING EIDER (1) - 1 specimen:
27 November 1947, Lawrence, Douglas County.

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE (9): 9 sight records (photo)

BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE (2) - 2 sight records (photo):
22 July 1989, Mound City, Linn County.

August-Sept 1989, (nesting), near Olsburg, Pottawatomie Co.

HARRIS' HAWK (6): 2 specimens, 4 sight records

GYRFALCON (4): 1 specimen, 3 sight records

Species with less than 10 records (continued)

- SPOTTED REDSHANK (1) - 1 sight record (photo):
1-7 May 1988, Perry Lake, Jefferson County.
- CURLEW SANDPIPER (5): 1 specimen, 4 sight records
- RUFF (5): 1 specimen, 4 sight records
- POMARINE JAEGER (5): 1 specimen, 4 sight records
- LONG-TAILED JAEGER (5): 1 specimen, 4 sight records
- COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL (5): 5 sight records (photos)
- BLACK SKIMMER (3) - 1 specimen, 2 sight records (photo):
24 May 1968, Kaw Valley Fish Farm, Douglas Co. (specimen)
28 June-13 July 1977, Wilson Lake, Russell County.
27 July-2 Aug 1977, Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area, Barton Co.
- BAND-TAILED PIGEON (2) - 1 specimen, 1 sight record:
9 October 1969, Meade, Meade county, (specimen)
19 July 1963, near Kingsdown, Clark Co.
- WHITE-THROATED SWIFT (5): 5 sight records (photo)
- MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD (1) - 1 sight record (photo):
18 April-10 June 1977, Boicourt, Linn County.
- BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD (4): 4 sight records (photos)
- ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD (3) - 3 sight records (photos):
21 Sept-23 Nov 1990, Oxford, Sumner County, (KBRC 91-24).
- 21-23 November 1994, Winfield, Cowley County, (KBRC 94-32).
24 November 1994, Winfield, Cowley County, (KBRC 94-33).
- COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD (2) - 1 specimen, 1 sight record (photos):
"Summer" 1990, Wallace County. (specimen, KBRC 93-22).
5 November 1993, Lawrence, Douglas County, (KBRC 94-01).
- CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD (1) - 1 specimen:
3 September 1952, Cimarron River, Morton County.
- BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD (6): 1 specimen, 5 sight records (photo)
- ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD (1) - 1 specimen (photos):
25-28 August 1992, Bonner Springs, Wyandotte Co. (KBRC 92-56)
- LEWIS' WOODPECKER (8): 8 sight records (photo)
- RED-NAPED SAPSUCKER (5): 2 specimens, 3 sight records
- HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER (6): 5 specimens, 1 sight record
- GRAY FLYCATCHER (4): 1 specimen, 3 sight records
- CORDILLERAN FLYCATCHER (4): 3 specimens, 1 sight record
- GRAY-BREASTED JAY (1) - 1 specimen:
March 1906, near Mt. Jesus, Clark County.
- CANYON WREN (2) - 2 sight records (photos):
6 September 1992, Cimarron River, Morton County.
30 December 1993, near Scott State Lake, Scott County.
- PHAINOPEPLA (3) - 3 sight records (photos):
8-9 September 1993, Garden City, Finney County. (KBRC 93-25).
3-4 Sept 1994, Middle Springs, Morton County. (KBRC 94-17).
25-30 Sept 1994, Garden City, Finney County. (KBRC 94-25).
- HERMIT WARBLER (1) - 1 specimen:
7 May 1964, near Holcomb, Finney County.
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER (6): 2 specimens, 4 sight records (photo)
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER (8): 2 specimens, 5 sight records
- PYRRHULOXIA (4): 1 specimen, 3 sight records (photos)
- BACHMAN'S SPARROW (2) - 1 specimen, 1 sight record:
24 April 1949, Lake Quivira, Wyandotte County, (specimen).
26 April 1948, Johnson County.
- Black-throated Sparrow (6): 1 specimen, 5 sight records (photo)
- SAGE SPARROW (3) - 3 specimens:
1 November 1956, Morton County, (2 specimens).
11 January 1957, Seward County.
- SCOTT'S ORIOLE (1) - 1 specimen:
16 April 1977, Cimarron River, Morton County.

Species with 10 or greater records

- RED-THROATED LOON (16): 1 specimen, 15 sight records
- RED-NECKED GREBE (13): 1 specimen, 12 sight records
- BROWN PELICAN (11): 1 specimen, 10 sight records
- WHITE IBIS (11): 11 sight records (several photos)
- PARASITIC JAEGER (12): 1 specimen, 11 sight records (photos)
- LITTLE GULL (12): 12 sight record (photos)
- BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (11): 1 specimen, 10 sight records
- VIRGINIA'S WARBLER (11): 3 specimens, 8 sight records
- CANYON TOWHEE (10): 10 sight records (photo)
- GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW (12): 1 specimen, 11 sight records (photo)
- LESSER GOLDFINCH (10): 10 sight records (photo)

KOS WINTER BOARD MEETING

Salina Vocational-Technical School

Salina, KS

February 11, 1995

Members present: Mike Radar, Roy Beckemeyer, Dwight Platt, Dawn Sharp, Shannon Rayl, Gene Young, Jim Mayhew

Non-voting: Max Thompson, Chuck Otte

President Mike Rader opened the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

ORGANIZATIONAL FORMAT FOR 1995: Mike Rader distributed an Organizational Format for 1995 with Board Members and others assigned to specific areas of responsibility. Mark Robbins, KU Museum of Natural History, will be Chair of the 50th Anniversary Meeting arrangements, replacing Marion Jenkins who died during the past year.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Fall Board Meeting have been published in the Newsletter, Mike Rader asked for corrections or additions. None were made and a motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Gregg Friesen was not able to attend the meeting. Mike Rader distributed a written Treasurer's report for the 1994 fiscal year which showed a balance of \$2,438.01 in the unrestricted funds account and total assets of \$35,710.61 at the close of the fiscal year [a statement of accounts follows these minutes]. Gregg will be proposing a budget for the 1995 fiscal year.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Margaret Wedge was not able to attend the meeting so Mike Rader read her report. As of December 31, 1994, KOS had 438 members, including 25 exchanges, 123 fully paid life members and 13 partly paid life members. Margaret asked what membership date should be recorded in membership records for members whose membership had lapsed for a few years. The Board thought that the original date of joining KOS should be kept in the records.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT: Dawn Sharp reported that the mailings have been going out and that she has found a printer for mailing supplies that is cheaper than the one previously used. She asked that members be reminded in the Newsletter to update their addresses because returned mailings are costing us money. She suggested that we needed to print membership brochures, as much of the membership data is outdated and printing labels to cover the outdated information would be very expensive. It was suggested that if we print new brochures we leave off the dues structures and addresses which periodically change. It was also suggested that we might want to have a permanent address at the KU Natural History Museum.

SALES: Max Thompson suggested that we might want to consider splitting up the Business Manager's job and giving the responsibility for sales to a new officer since the position of Business Manager is such a large responsibility. We have a large inventory, but sell very little except at meetings. We cannot advertise the sale of items in the Newsletter because it is sent by non-profit bulk mail. We might consider sending out a listing of items for sale at the higher postage rates.

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT: Max Thompson reported that the Christmas Count issue should be printed by March 1. There were 50 counts this year. The tables still have to be typeset but the rest was submitted on computer disk, so it should be cheaper this year.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT: Chuck Otte reported that the next Newsletter will come out at the end of March and he can take items for this issue until the middle of March. He will be trying some photographs in the next issue. He is still looking for two more people to write columns -- one on what to look for in the coming months and one on tips for beginners.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Roy Beckemeyer reported that he was still sending out questionnaires to new members to learn about their interests.

BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT: There was no official report from the committee. Max Thompson said that they were working on the new checklist but were waiting on the AOU to publish new nomenclatural changes. The format of the new checklist may be changed somewhat to indicate what part of the state a species is found in.

STUDENT RESEARCH FUND COMMITTEE REPORT: There was no report. The Finance Committee has suggested putting the small amount of money in this fund into the Endowment Account since it does not appear that the fund will ever be large enough to make awards.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: No Membership Committee has been appointed yet.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT: John Schuckman has agreed to continue as Chair of the Conservation Committee. There was no report.

DINGUS NATURAL AREA REPORT: Jim Mayhew is in charge of the Dingus Natural Area Committee. He said the signs still need replacing and he asked for money to cover those costs and for his travel to the area. These expenses could be charged to the Dingus Natural Area account which has a balance of approximately \$7,500. The original plan called for periodic burns of the grassy area, but it has not been burned recently. Max Thompson raised a question as to whether this was originally prairie and suggested that maybe we should allow ecological succession to return it to woodland. It was suggested that a team of ecologists might develop a new management plan. Maybe Roger Boyd and Cal Cink would be willing to do this.

AUDITOR'S REPORT: Mike Rader read the report from John Torline that stated that the books were in good order. He recommended that it would be helpful if KOS had an annual budget. Jim Mayhew moved to accept the Auditor's report. The motion was seconded by Gene Young. The motion passed.

KANSAS NONGAME WILDLIFE ADVISORY COUNCIL: Chuck Otte, alternate representative from KOS, reported that the council had met three times. Ted Cable is the KOS representative.

KBBAT: Mike Rader read from a written report by John Zimmerman on the Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas project. We are slightly behind where we should be after three seasons of work, but we should come fairly close to completing the project on schedule. There are three regions with the lowest completion rates: SE, SW and NW. Mike Rader reported that there is money in the budget to pay volunteers to travel to areas where a number of blocks are not covered and complete these blocks.

PARTNERS IN FLIGHT: Max Thompson suggested that Partners in Flight needed to receive more information from KOS since some of the information they were reporting about the status of birds in this area is incorrect.

PRESENTATION: Jim Mayhew, Past President, presented carved wood KOS hangings to members of the Board.

SPRING 1995 MEETING: The Spring Field Trip will be in Barton County on May 5-7. Reservations have been made at Camp Aldrich. A Local Committee is working on arrangements. Roger Boyd will lead a Least Tern nesting trip. Cal Cink (or Max Thompson and Gene Young) will put up a bird banding station. The staff at Quivira will be available to give guided access through Quivira.

FALL 1995 MEETING: The Fall 1995 Meeting will be October 6 - 8 in Salina. Shannon Rayl is Local Arrangements Chair and the meeting will be sponsored by the Biology Department at Kansas Wesleyan University. The Friday evening reception will be at Lakewood Nature Center. The Fall Meeting is a good time to recruit new members and Shannon was encouraged to invite local Audubon members to the meeting. Roy Beckemeyer will work on an auction. Items for the auction will be solicited in the Newsletter.

ICBP: KOS will not renew membership for 1995.

1996 MEETINGS: The Spring Meeting will be May 3-6 in Morton County. The Fall Meeting will be in Newton.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Max Thompson reported that the Finance Committee had met and were proposing a "Fifty at Fifty" Endowment Campaign. This would be a campaign to raise \$50,000 for the Endowment Fund in the next three years (so that the Endowment Fund would have \$50,000 by 1998). Gene Young made a motion to authorize the Finance Committee to initiate the "Fifty at Fifty" Endowment Campaign and to send out solicitations. Jim Mayhew seconded the motion. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Mike Rader announced that he will work to fill committee vacancies. He asked for suggestions for the Membership Committee.

BYLAWS AMENDMENT ON BOARD COMPOSITION: According to the present Bylaws, the Editors are nonvoting members of the Board. Jim Mayhew moved that the Board recommend that the Bylaws be amended to include the Editor of the Bulletin and the Editor of the Newsletter as voting members of the Board. The motion was seconded by Gene Young. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

--Respectfully submitted, Dwight R. Platt, Corresponding Secretary

Kansas Ornithological Society
Statement of Assets at the Close of the 1994 books

<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			
General Fund	Beginning Balance	1,120.09	
	Receipts		
	Contributions Unspecified	225.84	
	Contributions RBA	20.00	
	Dues Deleted 1993	-10.00	
	Dues 1994	3,387.50	
	Transfer from FD (2,112.50)		
	Paid in 1994 (1,275.00)		
	Dues 1994 trans to LMP pmt	-15.00	
	Interest earned	970.69	
	Meeting Overage		
	Fall 93	17.25	
	Spring 94	0.00	
	Fall 94	142.45	
	Spring 95	-300.00	
	Sales - Bulletins	165.00	
	Sales - Checklists	143.75	
	Sales - Decals	10.00	
	Sales - Sweatshirts	373.00	
	Sales - T-Shirts	272.00	5,402.48
	Transfer from LMP		500.00
	Disbursements		
	Annual Corporation Fee	20.00	
	Bank Charges	10.82	
	Education	190.00	
	Exp KBBAT	13.43	
	Exp Memb Sec	68.13	
	Exp KBRC	186.94	
	Exp RBA	270.27	
	Exp Treasurer	53.91	
	Exp Vice Pres	65.60	
	Inventory Costs - Checklist	180.03	
	Printing-Bulletin	1906.20	
	Printing-Memb Directory	123.90	
	Printing Newsletter	1916.27	
	Safety Deposit Box	12.00	
	Sales Tax Payment	62.49	
	Young Naturalist Award Exp	35.84	-5,115.83
	Transfer to Business Mgr Account		-810.30
	Ending Balance		1,096.44

Southwestern College	Beginning Balance		34.63
Receipts			
Checklist Sales	42.75	42.75	
Disbursements			
Postage 45.31			
Printing Exp	13.50		-58.81
Ending Balance			18.57
Future Dues	Beginning Balance		2,260.00
Receipts			
1995 Dues	455.00	455.00	
Disbursements			
Return of Prepaid Dues	12.50		-12.50
Transfer '94 dues to Gen Fund			-2,112.50
Ending Balance			590.00
KBBAT Funds	Beginning Balance		0.00
Contributions	333.00	333.00	
Ending Balance			333.00
Business Manager Advance	Beginning Balance		0.00
Transfer from General Fund			810.30
Disbursements			
Bus Mgr Exp	141.42		
Exp KBRC	68.88		
Bulk Mail Payment	200.00		-410.30
Ending Balance			400.00
Total Unrestricted Funds End of 1994 Year			2,438.01
Restricted Funds			
Book Royalty Account	Beginning Balance		6,042.77
Interest Earned	158.58		
Royalty Payments	1,311.66	1,470.24	
Ending Balance			7,513.01
Dingus Natural Area	Beginning Balance		7,230.60
Receipts			
Interest Earned	246.61	246.61	
Disbursements			
Liability Insurance	157.00		-157.00
Ending Balance			7,320.21
Endowment	Beginning Balance		0.00
Transferred from Life Membership			450.00
Fall Mtg Silent Auction Funds	550.50	550.50	
Ending Balance			1,000.50
Life Membership	Beginning Balance		15,672.00
Life Membership Dues Received	1,250.00	1,250.00	
Transfer to Endowment			-450.00
Transfer to General Fund			-500.00
Ending Balance			15,972.00
Student Research Fund	Beginning Balance		1,331.80
Interest Earned	35.08		
Contributions	100.00	135.08	
Ending Balance			1,466.88
Total Restricted Funds End of 1994 Year			33,272.60
Total Assets End of 1994 Year			35,710.61

WINTER ROUNDUP/ November 1994 - January 1995/ by Chuck Otte

This was a strange period! There were a few bright spots and a lot of slow birding. November and December were pretty good, especially if you could spend any time at all around one of the larger reservoirs in Kansas. If I would have had my choice, I think I would have camped out for about 2 weeks at Cheney during mid-November, and I'm not so sure that a few birders didn't! Which brings us to another one of those famous "Birding Laws" - *Rare birds attract other rare birds*. Actually, they just attract lots of birders, and the more birders present at any location the greater the odds of not overlooking a rare bird.

All those good gulls at Cheney in November couldn't be without a few problems. Although somewhat technical in nature (and critical only to those of us trying to keep county records straight), it did bring these comments from Pete Janzen... "I believe that the Little Gulls were seen in Sedgwick, Reno and Kingman counties.... The Blackheaded was primarily in Reno but was also seen across the Sedgwick line; no record from Kingman. The Laughing Gull was only in Kingman...." Then there is something with a slight negative tone about the Corps of Engineers for building a dam across three county lines. Living near a three county C of E reservoir myself, I second that comment. It is very important (or at least would be very appreciated) if when birding these record keeper's nightmares, you try to keep track and report the proper "county air space" in which flying birds (or swimming or perched birds for that matter) are seen.

The Whooping Crane migration through Kansas was spectacular this fall and a good opportunity for many birders to add this bird to their lists. Of course, the same mild fall and subsequent open water that helped keep the Whoopers around was also excellent for keeping many other species present until well late into the season. (A hummingbird in January?????) It was this very mild weather keeping birds around that prevented January (and February and early March) from being a total birding bust!!

We seemed to have good numbers of Prairie Falcons in northeast Kansas and Merlins in northwest Kansas in the fall. Loons and Grebes were also everywhere! In fact Common Loons and Western Grebes are becoming so common at the large reservoirs that we will probably stop reporting them except for "out of date or range" records. If you spend any time at a large Kansas reservoir in the fall with a spotting scope you should have no problem finding either of these species. However Clark's and Red-necked Grebes as well as Redthroated and Pacific Loons will still make the list with no problem!

Remember to call the Hotline (913-372-5499) with your sightings, and be sure to fill out a Bird Records Committee Report Form for appropriate sightings. And of course, all of the following entries are subject to consideration by the Kansas Bird Records Committee.

BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS / November 1994 through January 1995

Species	Location and number	Observers	Date	County
Red-throated Loon	1 adult at Perry Lake	BF	10-30-94 thru 11-04-94	Jefferson
	<i>This bird first was in mostly alternate plumage.</i>			
Red-throated Loon	1 at Clinton Res	MM	11-11-94	Douglas
Red-throated Loon	1 at Cheney Res	DV	11-21-94	Reno
Pacific Loon	1 at Cheney Res	SP,MT	11-16-94	Reno
	still present	DV	11-21-94	Reno
Pacific Loon	1 on Wilson Lake	MR	11-14-94	Russell
Common Loon	22 at Wyandotte County Lake	LM	11-05-94	Wyandotte
Common Loon	13 at Clinton Res	GP	11-05-94	Douglas
Common Loon	15 at Hillsdale Lake	LM	11-06-94	Miami
Common Loon	7 at Perry Lake	LM	11-06-94	Jefferson
Common Loon	3 at Milford Lake	DLS	11-27-94	Geary
Common Loon	1 at Hillsdale Lake	MM	01-07-95	Miami
Red-necked Grebe	mostly alt plumage on Perry Lake	??	11-04-94	Jefferson
	still present	MP	11-06-94	Jefferson
Western Grebe	1 at Perry Lake	LM	11-06-94	Jefferson
Western Grebe	3 at Hillsdale Lake	LM	11-06-94	Miami
Western Grebe	2 at Pottawatomie County Lake #2	GS	11-22-94	Pottawatomie

Western Grebe

by late November Western Grebes were being reported from the following lakes/reservoirs:

	Hillsdale			Miami
	Pomona			Osage
	Perry			Jefferson
	Pottawatomie County Lake #2			Pottawatomie
	Tuttle Creek			Riley
	Milford			Geary
	Wilson			Russell
Clark's Grebe	1 at Wilson Lake	MR	11-25-94	Russell
American White Pelican	1 at Cheney Res	PJ	01-22-95	Reno
Brown Pelican	1 at Cheney Res	CG	11-13-94	Reno
	still present, seen also in Sedgwick County		11-23-94	Sedgwick
Tundra Swan	in flight over I-70 at Russell	JW	11-08-94	Russell
Tundra Swan	3 at Liberal's Seward Lake	BF	11-26-94	Seward
Tundra Swan	1 at QNWR Little Salt Marsh	BF	11-24-94	Stafford
Trumpeter Swan	1 at QNWR Big Salt Marsh		12-20-94	Stafford
	still present		12-31-94	
Trumpeter Swan	1 imm at Wyandotte County Lake	LM	01-08-95	Wyandotte
Ross's Goose	1 at Cheney Lake	PJ,CG	11-18-94	Reno
Brant	1 at Sandpit nw of Junction City	DLS	12-03-94	Geary
			Also seen on 12-04-94	
American Black Duck	1 at Hillsdale Lake	LM	11-18-94	Miami
American Black Duck	2 at MDC WA	MM	01-07-95	Linn
Greater Scaup	1 at Lone Star Lake	PW,MW	11-06-94	Douglas
Greater Scaup	5 at John Redmond Sewer Ponds	LM,MM	12-03-94	Coffey
Greater Scaup	1 at Cheney Res	CG	01-24-95	Reno
Oldsquaw	1 at John Redmond Sewer Ponds	LM,MM	12-03-94	Coffey
Oldsquaw	2 at Perry Lake	LM,et al.	12-10-94	Jefferson
Surf Scoter	1 at Clinton Res	DW	11-04-94	Douglas
Surf Scoter	1 at John Redmond Sewer Ponds	MM	11-26-94	Coffey
Surf Scoter	imm male at Perry Lake	LM	12-29-94	Jefferson
White-winged Scoter	1 at Cheney Res	DV	11-22-94	Reno
White-winged Scoter	1 imm male at Harvey County E Lake	GF	12-13-94	Harvey
Red-breasted Merganser	2 at Wilson Lake	MR	11-26-94	Russell
Red-breasted Merganser	6 at Winfield City Lake	MT	12-07-94	Cowley
Red-breasted Merganser	male on Clark State Lake	SS	12-10-94	Clark
Bald Eagle	adult feeding on roadkill for hour on median island at intersection of 59 & 169 hiways	BBr	11-12-94	Anderson
Bald Eagle	26 imm, 1 adult QNWR Big Salt Marsh	MR	11-19-94	Stafford
Northern Goshawk	1 at Wilson Lake	MR	11-25-94	Russell
Red-shouldered Hawk	2 at MDC WA	MM	01-07-95	Linn
Harris's Hawk	1 adult se of Lawrence Possible escaped bird	BB	10-31-94 to 11-11-94	Douglas
Golden Eagle	1st year at Cheney Res	SS	11-17-94	Reno
Gyrfalcon	1 dark bird south of I-70 on 177	DM,VT	12-21-94	Geary
Sandhill Crane	QNWR count between 65,000 - 70,000		11-19-94	Stafford
Sandhill Crane	3,000 at QNWR	JSB	12-26-94	Stafford
Whooping Crane	9 adults in QNWR Big Salt Marsh	JR	11-02-94	Stafford
Whooping Crane	7 at QNWR Big Salt Marsh	??	11-03-94	Stafford
Whooping Crane	5 adults in Pool #2 CB	??	11-04-94	Barton
Whooping Crane	5 adults in Pool #2 CB	MR	11-06-94	Barton
Whooping Crane	4 at QNWR	MR	11-06-94	Stafford
Whooping Crane	8 birds in Pool #2 CB	JO,CO	11-11-94	Barton
Whooping Crane	2 birds in Pool #2 CB	MR	11-11-94	Barton
Whooping Crane	3? at Texas Lake Wildlife Area	KDWP	11-04-94	Pratt

14 (Birding Highlights, Contd)

Greater Yellowlegs	2 at QNWR Big Salt Marsh	JR	12-20-94	Stafford
Greater Yellowlegs	3 at QNWR Big Salt Marsh	JSB	12-26-94	Stafford
Dunlin	7 in QNWR Big Salt Marsh	MR	11-03-94	Stafford
Dunlin	14 at QNWR	MR	11-19-94	Stafford
Dunlin	8 still present	JR	12-09-94	Stafford
Laughing Gull	2nd winter adults w side of Cheney still present	DK,DV	11-17-94 11-23-94	Kingman
Franklin's Gull	1 early adult in breeding plumage	PJ,BG	01-12-95	Sedgwick
Little Gull	1st winter at Cheney Res	PJ	11-12-94	Reno
	2nd bird found, a winter plumage adult	DK	11-13-94	Reno
	1st winter bird still present		11-18-94	Reno
<i>At least one of these birds also seen in Sedgwick County.</i>				
Little Gull	adult at w side of Cheney		11-17-94	Kingman
	last report of both Cheney Little Gulls		11-18-94	
Little Gull	1 adult near dam, Perry Lake	LM	11-22-94	Jefferson
Little Gull	1 adult at dam face, John Redmond	LM,MM	12-03-94	Coffey
Common Black-headed Gull	winter adult at Cheney Res	PJ	11-12-94	Reno
last reported 11-19-94				
California Gull	1 adult at Pomona Res	MM	11-26-94	Osage
California Gull	1st winter bird at Lake Afton	PJ	11-23-94	Sedgwick
Thayer's Gull	1 first winter at Perry Lake	LM	11-01-94	Jefferson
Thayer's Gull	1st winter, Wyandotte County Lake	LM	11-19-94	Wyandotte
Thayer's Gull	2 at Brooks Landfill, Wichita	PJ,CG	12-11-94	Sedgwick
Iceland Gull	1 possible at Brooks Landfill	PJ,CG	12-11-94	Sedgwick
<i>This record may become somewhat incidental as Iceland and Thayer's may well be lumped in the near future.</i>				
Glaucous Gull	1 adult at Hillsdale Lake	MM	01-07-95	Miami
Glaucous Gull	2nd winter bird, Hillsdale Res	LM,CH,BF	01-08-95	Miami
Black-legged Kittiwake	adult at John Redmond outlet	LM,MM	12-03-94	Coffey
Inca Dove	1 at feeder in Wichita		12-20-94	Sedgwick
<i>This bird had been coming to a feeder for about 3 weeks before being reported.</i>				
Snowy Owl	1 imm n side of Kirwin Res	RR	12-24-94	Phillips
Barred Owl	1 at McPherson County Lake	AJ	01-08-95	McPherson
Short-eared Owl	7 at west end of Hillsdale Dam	ML	12-07-94	Miami
Short-eared Owl	2 at QNWR Big Salt Marsh	JR	12-20-94	Stafford
Anna's Hummingbird	1 in Garden City last seen	TSh,SSh	11-01-94	Finney
Anna's Hummingbird	1 in Winfield left next day	JS	11-21-94	Cowley
Anna's Hummingbird	1 adult male in Winfield	JS	11-24-94	Cowley
<i>This male in near breeding plumage was a regular at the feeder of the Joe Steiner's through February 19, 1995.</i>				
Rufous Hummingbird	1 still at feeder in Garden City	LBR	11-07-94	Finney
Tree Swallow	1 late bird at Milford Lake	CO	11-20-94	Geary
Barn Swallow	1 late bird at Milford Lake	DLS	11-27-94	Geary
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	1 late bird at Milford Lake	CO	11-08-94	Geary
Tufted Titmouse	3 at Elm Mills	SS	01-14-95	Barber
Winter Wren	1 in Cheney State Park	SS	11-23-94	Kingman
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1 at Clark State Lake	SS	12-10-94	Clark
Mountain Bluebird	8 on Otter Creek Road s of Jct City	DLS	12-11-94	Geary
Mountain Bluebird	3 along Arkansas River	SS	11-16-94	Kearny
American Pipit	6 at Cheney Res	PJ	01-22-95	Reno
Northern Shrike	1 along N Fork Soloman River	SS	12-03-94	Sheridan
Northern Shrike	1 along N Fork Soloman River	SS	12-03-94	Decatur
Northern Shrike	1 at QNWR	JSB	12-26-94	Stafford
Northern Shrike	1	SS	01-19-95	Pawnee
Northern Shrike		SS	01-21-95	Osborne
Northern Shrike		SS	01-21-95	Jewell
Northern Shrike		SS	01-21-95	Cloud
Northern Shrike		SS	01-21-95	Lincoln

Solitary Vireo	1 at Milford Lake	CO	11-11-94	Geary
Orange-crowned Warbler	1 coming to feeder	MW	01-21-95	Douglas
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1 Audubon's Race at WY County Lake	LM	01-08-95	Wyandotte
Pine Warbler	1 at Milford Lake	DLS	12-10-94	Geary
	still present		01-29-95	
Sage Sparrow	2 10 miles n of Liberal	DLS	01-02-95	Seward
Golden-crowned Sparrow	1 at Clinton Res	MM	11-12-94	Douglas
Dark-eyed Junco	2 Gray-headed form in Ulysses	MMC	01-04-95	Grant
Dark-eyed Junco	1 White-winged form, Clark St Lake	SS	12-03-94	Clark
Common Redpoll	2 at feeder in Ulysses	MMC	01-07-95	Grant

EXOTICS

Mandarin Duck	feral pair at Garnett City Lake	BBr	11-14-94	Anderson
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alt = alternate
 CB = Cheyenne Bottoms
 imm = immature
 MDC = Marais des Cygnes

QNWR = Quivira National Wildlife Refuge
 Res = Reservoir
 WA = Wildlife Area
 win = winter

LIST OF OBSERVERS: James & Susan Barnes (JSB), Bill Brecheisen (BBr), Bill Busby (BB), Bob Fisher (BF), Greg Friesen (GF), Chet Gresham (CG), Bob Gress (BG), Alan Jahn (AJ), Pete Janzen (PJ), Chris Hobbs (CH), Dan Kilby (DK), Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks employees (KDWP), Mark Land (ML), Dan LaShelle (DLS), Marion McClure (MMC), Mick McHugh (MM), Lloyd Moore (LM), Dan Mulhern (DM), Chuck Otte (CO), Jaye Otte (JO) Sebastian Patti (SP), Mark Pheasant (MP), Galen Pittman (GP), Mike Rader (MR), John Rakestraw (JR), Leonard and Betty Rich (LBR), Richard Rucker (RR), Scott Seltman (SS), Sara Shane (SSh), Tom Shane (TSh), Guy Smith (GS), Joe Steiner (JS), Vernon Tabor (VT), Max Thompson (MT), Don Vannoy (DV), Jim Ware (JW), Margaret Wedge (MW), Phil Wedge (PW), Dan Williams (DW).

The Cedar Bluffs CBC afternoon crew on December 26, 1994. Left to right are Tom Shane, Sara Shane, Mike Rader, Scott Seltman and John Schukman. (Photo by Christopher Shane.)



KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY 1995 ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

The KOS spring meeting for this year will be held in Barton County, and will be headquartered at the Barton County Community College's Camp Aldrich, north of Ellinwood, KS, on May 5, 6, and 7.

Camp Aldrich is located east of Great Bend (12 miles on US 156), west of Claflin (4.3 miles west on US 156), and north of Ellinwood (9 miles). Turn north off 156 at the Camp sign (sand road), and go 1.1 miles to the Camp Aldrich gate. The camp is 290 acres of rolling sand hills and includes 40 acres of heavily wooded wilderness.

Accommodations include two dormitory-style cabins, Trail's End and Sundowner, both of which contain bunks (you will have to provide sheets, blankets or sleeping bags, and pillows), as well as a "wilderness" cabin, the Sun-A-Risen, for which you will have to provide your own cot or air mattress as well as bedding. The wilderness area can also be used to set up your own tent. There is a bath house facility, with men's and women's showers and toilets, which is close to the dormitory cabins, and a bit further walk from the wilderness area. Please bring your own towels and soap. We will also have reserved use of the dining hall, and will offer catered meals, although you can make your own arrangements if you so desire.

Field trips are still being arranged, but will include Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, Cheyenne Bottoms (depending on the state of construction work), and the newly acquired Nature Conservancy property near Cheyenne Bottoms, as well as Camp Aldrich itself. Special activities will include an opportunity to have a guided educational tour to learn about Least Tern nesting from Roger Boyd, and possibly a chance to observe bird banding activity at Camp Aldrich, courtesy of Cal Cink.

Advanced registration and payment is required. We need to let the Camp know at least two weeks ahead of time about meals and preparations. Please have your form and payment in to us by April 20. Meal prices for children under 12 are \$1.00 less than for adults. Sign-in will begin (dining hall) at 5:00 pm on Friday, May 5th, with dinner served at 6:30 pm.

For additional information, call Roy Beckemeyer at work (316) 526-4225, or home (316) 264-0049.

