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WARIOTO AT A GLANCE

REGULAR MEETING: Thurs., Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m., Sundquist Science Bldg, conference room, D126, APSU.

PROGRAM: "Bat Recovery Program at Dunbar Cave" by Dr. Andy Barrass, Associate Professor of Biology and Principal Investigator in the Center for Field Biology at APSU.

FIELD TRIP: **SEPTEMBER 1, Rotary Park, Clarksville;** meet in the APSU's 8th St. lot at 7:00 a.m. or meet us near the park entrance at 7:30: see information below.

BOARD MEETING: Sundquist Science Building, Biology Conference room, D126 at 7:00 p.m.

Visit our webpage at http://www.apsu.edu/schillers/Audubon/Warioto_Chapter.htm

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, *Barbara Wilbur*

I am looking forward to the year in Audubon. Hopefully this can be a year of renewing, rekindling, and rededication. Warioto has much to offer, AND much to accomplish in our community.

We have great officers already at work for the year; programs are shaping up, field trips sound great. I am delighted with the current plans in progress - and I think you will be as well.

There are some goals we need to accomplish this year: increased attendance, increased membership, increased visibility and increased community involvement. Sound too ambitious? Well, come with some good ideas to the September meeting and help plot a super year in Warioto. I'm willing to work, hopefully you are too! Let's see what we can accomplish.

CHAPTER PROGRAMS, *Kathy DeWein*

September's speaker, **Dr. Andy Barrass**, associate professor of biology and a principal investigator in the Center for Field Biology at Austin Peay State University will present on the "**Bat Recovery Program at Dunbar Cave.**" Dr. Barrass will talk about the bat survey's being conducted by him and his students. He will explain the present population status as revealed by the survey team and what steps are being taken to increase the numbers of bats. He will also talk about the 3D mapping going on to generate a complete GIS map and database of the cave. Come join us for a special and informative meeting.

Upcoming programs:

October - "The Mountain Top Removal Roadshow" by Mr. Dave Cooper (<http://www.mountainroadshow.com/>)

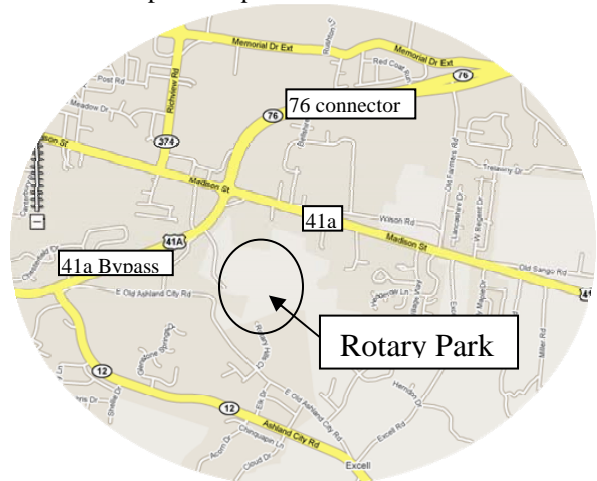
November Potluck Banquet - "Important Bird Areas and the Yucatan" by Mr. Scott Somershoe, State Ornithologist, TN Wildlife Resources Agency

December - "Corps of Engineers Water Management in the Cumberland River Basin" by Mr. Richard Tippit, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers

FIELD TRIPS, *Chris O'Bryan*

Our first trip of the year will be held on **September 1st** at **Rotary Park**, Clarksville. This time of year reflects migration movements through our area of many warblers, waterfowl, and songbirds alike. We will spend between two and three hours birding the

vicinity of the park and enjoying the nature it holds on this **Labor Day holiday**. I will be meeting people at 7:00am in the 8th Street parking lot adjacent to the Sundquist Science Center, APSU. Those who wish to meet the group near the Rotary Park entrance at 7:30am are welcomed to do so. Make sure to bring water and any snack foods to keep you satisfied. It is my hope that most of you can attend our first event of the year! Come out and enjoy the beauty of one of Clarksville's prettiest parks.



CONSERVATION LETTER, *Joe Schiller*

We are entering a very political season in which the campaigns to determine who will set the national agenda for the next 4 years is to be determined. Make no mistake about two things. One, a change of party in the White House is absolutely essential if the damage of the last 8 years is to be undone and the progress that is absolutely essential on global climate change is to begin. Second, even if a change in the party occupying the White House occurs, it will not be easy to muster the political will to put in place the essential policies. In other words, if Barack Obama wins the presidency, and if several Senate and House seats are gained by the Democrats, we cannot breathe a big sigh of relief, fold up our tents, and all go on a much deserved vacation. The restructuring of the economy needed to avoid catastrophic global climate change represents a significant threat to some very large and powerful vested economic interests. You can be sure they will be working overtime to protect their interests, even if that means huge numbers of ordinary people suffer adverse consequences as a result.

The recent pressure to open up off shore areas to oil and gas drilling is an excellent case in point. The oil and gas industry know that

opening these areas will not reduce current high oil and gas prices because it is so expensive to exploit any fuel resources in these offshore areas. They know it will take up to 10 years to bring any of that oil and gas to market. They also know that even generous estimates of the total recoverable reserves there amount to only a couple of years supply at our current consumption rate. They know all the oil and gas in these offshore deposits combined with all the remaining on-shore deposits will not eliminate our need to import large quantities of oil from overseas if we continue to consume it at our current rate. They know that even if legislation currently being formulated in congress is passed it will not open offshore oil and gas drilling in California where most of the deposits are thought to be. They know that the only solution to high gas prices is to reduce demand through conservation, efficiency, and substitution of new fuels such as biofuels or electricity or hydrogen generated from renewable wind, sun,

geothermal, and ocean sources. Most importantly; however, they know that most Americans do not know any of these things and this is their opportunity to exploit public concern about high oil prices to get something they want—unfettered access to oil deposits they can add to their proven reserves inventory to increase their stock values.

So your task is obvious. Inform you friends and acquaintances of these facts. Work to elect candidates willing to talk sense about energy, not those only will to tell people sweet lies that they wish to hear. This is a most crucial election—get involved.

EDITOR'S NOTE

When putting together this first issue of the Warioto Warbler for 2008-09, I noticed that this is the 40th year of this newsletter. If the count is correct, it's "Happy Birthday" milestone for us!

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