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BOARD of DIRECTORS dinner meeting, 5:30 PM, Streeter's Korner Kitchen, Bigfork. Open to all interested members.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, Flathead Bank of Bigfork, Meeting Room. 7:30 PM, Business meeting. 8:00 PM, Program. Dan Casey promises that a stimulating topic of current interest will be presented.

STATE COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 1-3, 1985

THE MEETING:

Our fall council meeting has been scheduled at Glacier National Park during the expected height of the eagle concentration. It will begin on Friday, November 1 with our customary wine and cheese get together at the Community Building at Glacier. On Saturday, Harriet has indicated that a short (??!) business meeting (promises, promises) will take place so that plenty of time will be available to watch the eagles. Park biologist and eagle researcher, Riley McClelland will be our luncheon speaker. Mike Aderhold, Information officer for the Fish, Wildlife and Parks, will speak to us after dinner. Sunday will be reserved for eagle viewing and other possible field trips (depending on snow and weather conditions.)

ACTIVITIES:

Obviously, the main focus of this meeting will be to view eagles as much as possible. Eagle viewing from Apgar Bridge and the blind is best in early morning and later in the afternoon. You can go to the bridge anytime to view the birds. However, the Park also offers periodic short walks into the eagle blind which offers undetected opportunities for photography and viewing of the eagles (as well as other birds and mammals) at an oxbow of McDonald Creek.

An important part of Riley McClelland's research is an activity known as "roost counts". These occur very early in the morning and late in the afternoon and involve counting immature and mature eagles as they fly into the feeding area in the morning and as they leave the area for their roosts in the afternoon. Riley often encourages interested persons to join in this activity and he welcomes the help of extra pairs of eyes. Differentiating mature and immature eagles in the pre-light hours of dawn can be tricky so bring a good pair of binocs, warm (lots of wool and down) clothes and boots and a thermos full of something hot to last you until breakfast.

STATE COUNCIL MEETING (continued)

Other Glacier Park related activities may also be available depending on weather and snow conditions. Bring cross-country skis or snowshoes in case we have enough snow to go on short expeditions during our free time. Don't forget your camera and plenty of film!

FOOD:

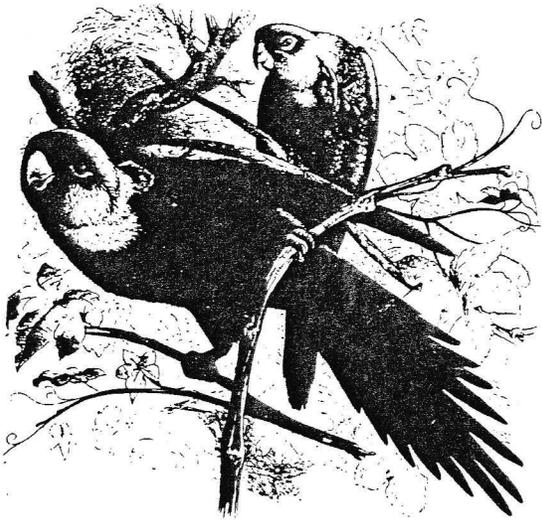
The registration cost of \$15.00 includes the wine and cheese party and a catered lunch and dinner on Saturday. Participants must take care of other meals. The Glacier Highland is the only place to get breakfast. Their cinnamon rolls are AWESOME!

ACCOMODATIONS:

A November meeting at Glacier National Park certainly holds the very real possibility of icy roads and snowy conditions. Because of this, we would like all delegates and participants to stay at the Glacier Highland Motel to minimize travel on bad roads. The Highland has reserved a block of rooms for us and we will receive a 10% discount off their normal rates. The eagle viewing season is one of their busiest times. Already people are reserving rooms for the weekend of November 1-3 (the peak weekend for the birds). As a result, ADVANCED REGISTRATION AT THE HIGHLAND IS ESSENTIAL!!! Some information on available rooms has been provided on the registration form. Please send a \$10.00 deposit fee to me by September 13 along with an explanation of the accomodations you want. Room sharing will reduce costs so indicate whether you want to be by yourself or would prefer roommates.

REGISTRATION:

Separate food and lodging registration forms are included in this newsletter. It is urgent that these be received by Sept. 13th.



The Carolina parakeet succumbed to overhunting and habitat loss in a time when government turned a deaf ear to the plight of wildlife. The Audubon Wildlife Report 1985 examines the federal agencies and wildlife programs that help avert such extinctions today.

Wildlife Report Available

The Audubon Wildlife Report 1985, a new publication from the National Audubon Society, traces the history of 20th century wildlife management and discusses its role in protecting our wildlife resources. A thorough reference to the nation's major wildlife management programs, the 671-page book examines the history, legislation, budget, current trends, issues and responsibilities of such agencies as the Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service and the Forest Service.

The first edition in an annual series, the Audubon Wildlife Report 1985 includes authoritative accounts on federal migratory bird management, animal damage control, endangered species management, wetlands preservation, marine mammal protection and many more subjects. Twelve chapters are devoted to individual species such as the grizzly bear, California condor, bald eagle, desert bighorn and green pitcher plant.

Diligently researched and authoritatively written, the report will be welcomed by Auduboners with a serious and active commitment to wildlife conservation.

To order, send \$16.50 (make checks payable to National Audubon Society) to Audubon Wildlife Report, National Audubon Society, 950 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

REGISTRATION FORM
(fill out both sections)

GENERAL REGISTRATION: \$15.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

CHAPTER AFFILIATION: _____

If you desire to fly into Kalispell (Glacier International Airport), please indicate that below and we will have someone there to pick you up.

Yes, I will be flying into Kalispell: _____

Arrival Date: _____

Arrival Time: _____

REGISTRATION FOR LODGING: \$10.00 deposit fee (* indicates the group rate)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

Accommodations desired:

Single: _____
(\$26.10 *)

2 persons/2 beds: _____
(\$30.60 or 15.40 per person per night*)

3 persons/3 beds: _____
(\$34.20 or \$11.40 per person per night*)

4 persons/3 beds: _____
(\$34.20 or \$8.55 per person per night*- 5 persons would be \$6.84*)

I have arranged to room with: _____
or

Please arrange for my roommates: _____

Please send \$25.00 (registration and deposit fee) to the address below by SEPTEMBER 13!
Make the checks payable to Flathead Audubon Society. If you have any questions
or problems contact me at home (883-5797) or work (883-2114, leave a message and I'll
return your call).

Thank you,

Lynn Kelly

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CABIN CREEK COAL MINE

On July 9, 1985, Lynn Kelly presented oral testimony at a meeting of the International Joint Commission held in Kalispell, dealing with the controversial Cabin Creek Coal Mine in Canada. The text of her testimony follows:

As President of the Flathead Audubon Society, I would like to thank you for providing this opportunity to express the deep concerns that the 250 plus membership of this organization feels regarding the Flathead Basin Ecosystem and the proposed coal mine at Cabin Creek, British Columbia.

We realize that this meeting is dealing specifically with the coal mine and our remarks will be directed mainly to that one issue. However, we would like to note that all impacts to the Flathead River Ecosystem should be evaluated and either minimized or eliminated. The sister specter of the coal mine is that of logging and road construction. After all, you must clear the trees before you can dig for coal. The resulting sediment loads have already compromised the quality of the pristine Flathead River drainage. So while we are particularly concerned with the future impacts of the coal mine, we do not want the detrimental activities of logging on both sides of the border to go unnoticed or remain unchecked.

What we are dealing with are the waters of not only a "Wild and Scenic" River, but also the waters forming part of an international biological reserve, that of Glacier National Park. The degradation of the water quality of this river is not consistent with the rating that our government has given the Flathead - that of "Wild and Scenic". If the mine goes in as proposed, its detrimental destructive impacts would extend all the way to Flathead Lake. Given the quality of water we are trying to conserve, given the present pristine integrity of the entire Flathead Ecosystem; we cannot, indeed we will not tolerate the inevitable destruction of that aquatic ecosystem which will result if the Cabin Creek coal mine goes into operation. The mine simply cannot be placed at its present location and maintain the "Wild and Scenic" designation that we have given the river on this side of the border.

The East Kootenai Mountains are known to have years of coal reserves which can be utilized without going into the Flathead. Why sacrifice the Flathead Ecosystem? Why compromise the pristine flow of a river that nourishes the environments of woodland caribou, grey wolf and grizzly and supports the second largest bald eagle gathering in North America when state of the art mining methods exist and are being used in the East Kootenai's today.

The membership of the Flathead Audubon Society takes an uncompromising stand regarding this coal mine. We want the mine stopped - dead in the water- so to speak. It has no place whatsoever in this pristine creation and we strongly urge you to see to it that efforts to put the operation of this mine into effect are redirected and removed from the headwaters of the Flathead Ecosystem.

Again, we thank you for this opportunity to express our concerns on this vital issue.

BIRD Q.R.U.

A number of Audubon Society members receive calls with questions about bird behavior, special needs, or identification. JEAN ROBOCKER writes us of two such calls of many which she received this summer. We have room for only one this month, and will include the other in a future newsletter, as we believe they are of interest to all Birders.

A man near Woods Bay found a young Downy Woodpecker with a broken wing, and did not know what to do with it. In response I read the following to him from BIRD AMBULANCE by Arline Thomas:
For wing fractures of robin-size birds, I put the injured wing in a natural position on the bird's back, laying the end of the injured wing on top of the good wing for support and taping the wings together with adhesive where they cross near the tail. After a week, with luck, the wing is fully usable.

Jean adds: feed every half hour, or at least offer food that often. (Canned dog food, bumble bee size amount at a feeding.) The bird was calm and cooperative - a good patient. The caller later took the Downy back where he had found it, and it flew away!!

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