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Welcome to the Atlantic Audubon Society. We have grown from the Stockton Bird Club of 1973-74 to a full-fledged prospective chapter of the National Audubon Society due to the efforts and help of many people.

Our first meeting for the year will be on Wednesday September 25 at 8 PM at Stockton College, Room CC 103. Program will be a new National Audubon film on the growth and development of the Audubon Society. The business meeting will include presentation of a new constitution and bylaws and the election of officers for the coming year. We are also hoping to hear some word on our application for provisional chapter status.

Programs: Future dates are October 23 and November 20. Programs are not set at present.

Board of Directors meeting Oct. 9, 1974 at Stockton College- will be open to any members.

Field Trips: Saturday, Sept. 28 - Birding at Cape May. Meet at Lighthouse Park, Cape May Point at 7 AM. All day, so bring lunch.

October 19-20: Weekend trip to Hawk Mountain for peak migratory season. Sign-up by October 9 so that arrangements can be made for campground reservation for group. Motels are available nearby for those who desire- make own arrangements.

November- Brigantine Wildlife Refuge for fall waterfowl. Date to be set later.

December- Christmas Bird Count. Details later. Also trip to the Barnegat area for winter species along the coast.

MEMBERSHIP:

In order to clarify your membership status, please note carefully the following points.

1. Since we are now to be a chapter of National Audubon, it is necessary to hold joint membership in both the Atlantic Audubon Society and the National Audubon Society. Dues are set by National Audubon for the various classes of membership and will include joint membership, Audubon magazine and Atlantic Currents. Through this joint membership, part of your dues are returned for use by the local chapter.
2. If you were member of National Audubon prior to October 1973 and have already notified National that you wished to be considered a joint member with the Stockton Bird Club, you are now listed as a Charter Member of the Atlantic Audubon Society.
3. If you joined National Audubon since October 1973, your membership has been assigned to the Atlantic Audubon Society and you are now listed as a Charter Member.
4. If you were a member of National Audubon prior to October 1973 and have not previously notified National of your wish to be a joint member, you may still qualify as a Charter Member of Atlantic Audubon Society by notifying the Membership chairman of your wish to hold joint membership.
5. If you have not yet joined, Charter Membership will be held open until

December 31, 1974 to allow time for all those who desire membership to do so. Following this date, all those who join will be listed only as regular members.

6. Because our income as a chapter depends solely on your membership with both National Audubon and the local chapter, we ask that you follow up which ever of the above items applies to you.

7. If you feel that for some reason you can not join, subscriptions to the Newsletter will be available at \$2 per year.

8. All questions and correspondence should be addressed to the membership chairman - Pat Bristow 325 S. Shore Road, Absecon, N. J. 08201

For the Future:

We will be calling on more individuals for assistance in various projects in the near future. If you feel that you can be of help in any specific area, please let us know.

Programs and field trips are areas where we need some input from members as to their desires and interests. Although the fall schedule is fairly well set, suggestions to the appropriate committee will be looked into for future planning. Next newsletter will provide necessary names and addresses.

Only with help can this become a viable chapter and a force for nature education in this area. Your help is needed.

Elections: To be held September 25, 1974 at meeting.

Slate chosen by nominating committee:

President: Edgar C. Bristow 3rd

Vice-Pres: Kevin Inman

Secretary: Cathy Stahl

Treasurer: Bil Stahl

Directors: James Akers, Frank Knight, Leon Rosenson, Fred Hamer, and Mark Pokras

Nominations may be made from the floor.

SPECIAL NOTE: FOR ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN LISTED AS CHARTER MEMBERS OF THIS CLUB, YOUR COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER HAS BEEN MARKED WITH A RED "C" BY YOUR ADDRESS.