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SPECIAL BICENTENNIAL EVENT: As one of our contributions to the Bicentennial celebration, we are running another clean-up project- this time in Scullville, along the Great Egg River once traveled by John James Audubon. This area is now owned by the Natural Lands Trust and is open to the public for nature study, birding, photography, or just a good walk. We will clean out the trash on Sat. May 22nd, meeting at 9:30 AM at the entrance on Jeffers Landing Road in Scullville. Please bring trash bags. Anyone able to supply a truck will be especially welcome. Directions: Take Rte 559 west from Somers Point to junction of Jeffers Landing Road - Tom's Trading Post is on the corner at the blinker light. Follow Jeffers Landing Road south 1.4 miles to entrance. Sign will be posted.

LAST PROGRAM: May 26th at 7:30 PM. Stockton State College, Room J203
"Galapagos" - Ernie Choate returns with another fine program.
New officers will be installed.

FIELD TRIPS: May 23- Canoeing the Wading River. Leader is S. DeMill. We will meet at 9:00 AM at Harrisville Lake on County Road 563 Spur. Bring clothing change in case of spills, lunch, and a plastic bag to hold your things, as well as rope or strong cord to tie them fast. An extra trash bag to collect any floating debris is desirable.

June 12- Wildflower Walk. Leader is Gil Cavileer. Meet at 9:00 AM at the parking lot of the Port Republic Church.

SPECIAL ADDED ATTRACTION: Family picnic on June 19th at the Atlantic County Park in Estell Manor. Time will be 10 AM to 3 PM. Bring lunch. There will be no organized activities, but leaders will be available to explore parts of the park. This will be open to the public as well.

4-H FAIR: We will have an informational booth at the fair. Help will be needed to man this for the three days of August 12-14 in Egg Harbor. If you can give a little time, please give your name and phone number to any of the officers.

SUPER WEEKEND 1976: JUNE 25 - 27

The Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference will be held this year at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa. This is the alternate to the National Audubon Society meeting. Full information will be in the mail to all members shortly - and I highly recommend this event. Activities planned include workshops, panel discussions, reports on National activities, a children's program, field trips, and a wildlife art show. There will be much for everyone, so bring the whole family. Cost is \$34 per person for 2 nights room and 6 meals, and you can't find many bargains like that. So send those reservations in!!

ELECTION RESULTS: At our April meeting the following officers and directors were elected for the coming year. Their installation will take place at the May meeting.

President: Martha Pokras
Vice-Pres: Sherri T. Hamer
Secretary: Mike O'Brien
Treasurer: Joseph Delesantro, Jr.

Directors: George Bassett, Edgar C. Bristow, III, Joseph Delesantro Sr, William Schipper, Ruth Stamps.

Congratulations to those elected. Everyone else please remember that they can not do the job alone - they will need the support of everyone to accomplish the goals set for the society.

Support is vitally needed for the Nongame and Endangered Species Council of the state Fish and Game Commission. At present writing they have a \$0 budget for the next year. You can express your support for this vitally needed function by sending \$5 for a decal to:

Division of Fish and Game
P.O. Box 1809
Trenton, N. J. 08625

This is an opportunity to do more than talk about your beliefs!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

A recent weekend seminar on educational programs was held at the Audubon Center in Greenwich, Conn. Some 25 chapters from the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Regions were represented, including Pat and I for AAS. This was a most instructive meeting and we expect that you will be hearing more about this at a later date. On May 8, we journeyed to Turtleback Zoo in West Orange for a meeting of representatives of all the New Jersey chapters of National Audubon, along with a representative of the New Jersey Audubon Society and a representative of the Non-Game Council. Reports were given by these latter two men as well as a brief report by Dick Martyr, our regional representative, on National affairs. Following these reports, discussions were held to explore ways in which the various groups might cooperate and coordinate conservation activities, as well as possible joint meetings and/or field trips. Further meetings of this group will be taking place and hopefully some good things develop.

As I leave office, I look back over two years of some frantic activity and some solid accomplishments. It appears that this organization has developed a fairly solid foundation, but we must continue to build. I would like to thank all those who have served as officers and committee chairmen during this two years, and to all those who have supported our activities. I ask that you extend that same support to our new president, Martha Pokras, as she takes the reins for the next two years so that we can continue to grow and to reach toward our goals of environmental awareness and education.

SUMMER SUGGESTIONS: Take a ride on the Cape May-Lewes ferry. Try pelagic birding on the Miss Barnegat Light. Explore the Pine Barrens. Visit the Cape May Bird Observatory. Recruit a new member.