BIRDATHON '91 - PROGRAM REPORT.

"Wait 'til next year!"

Those words wrapped up last year's Birdathon as Joe Bens and Paul Wharton handed over the Golden Starling Award to Dave Styer's winning U.C. team.

The final tally of BIRDATHON '91 found Dave passing the Golden Starling Award once more into the hands of Oxbow, Inc.'s No.2 team, the "Fire and Brimstone Birder's Guild". Joe and Paul added two additional members, Tony Lueckering and Tim Smert, and recorded a winning 150 species. The U.C. team had to be satisfied with second place with 144 species. "Birds-R-Us", competing for Gilmore Ponds were third with 142 species. The "Bluegrass Buteos", birding only in Boone County, Kentucky, were able to record a respectable total of 108 species to finish in eighth place.

Eighteen sponsored teams, comprised of 60 birders competed for the coveted Award. Five Individual-Reporting-Non-Competitive teams, represented by 17 birders, also participated in the final tally.

The temperature and humidity soared this year and brought as much grumbling from the hot, tired birders as did last year's cold, penetrating rain. However, hot or cold, humid or rainy, the birders came in with a total of 200 species, the same number as they recorded in 1990 but of differing species.

Following, on page two, is the list of all of the species that were reported by sponsored competing teams. The total number of teams reporting the species is carried to the left. If three or less teams reported a bird, the finishing position number of the team is listed to the right. Team finishing position numbers are printed on page three.

As of mid-June pledge collections are running slightly ahead of 1990. The $9,000 collected to date contributes greatly to the success of Oxbow, Inc.'s conservation easement program.

CONGRATULATIONS AND A SINCERE THANKS TO ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS!
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**ACCIDENTAL SPECIES:**

1. Black-capped Chickadee
2. Blue Grosbeak
3. Chuck-will's widow
4. Cliff Swallow
5. Common Gallinule
6. King Rail
7. Wood Thrush
8. Yellow-breasted Chat
9. Hooded Warbler
10. Wilson's Warbler
11. American Redstart
12. House Sparrow
13. Bobolink
14. Eastern Meadowlark
15. Red-winged Blackbird
16. Rusty Blackbird
17. Red Crossbill
18. Brown-headed Cowbird
19. Orchard Oriole
20. Northern Oriole
21. Scarlet Tanager
22. Summer Tanager
23. Cardinal
24. Rose-breasted Grosbeak
25. Indigo Bunting
26. Evening Grosbeak
27. Purple Finch
28. Pine Siskin
29. American Goldfinch
30. Red Crossbill

**ABBREVIATIONS:**

- A: Abundant
- C: Common
- U: Uncommon
- R: Rare
- I: Irregular
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INDIVIDUAL REPORTING NON-COMPETITIVE TEAMS.

I. "THE COMMON LOONS"
   Chris Blatz               Jerry Carter  Jonathon Mason
   Cathy Carter             Christopher Mason Bill Stanley
                            Tammy Stanley
   95 sp.

II. BILL BOC ALLAGE
III THE LEONS
   John & Sarah Leon
IV. RAPTOR NO.2
   Barb & John Eckles
IV-A. "THE PARROT PATROL"
   The Bogosians - Don & Barbara
   Aiden                    Brendan           Calvin
   60 sp.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION goes to Jon Seymour, a member of the Cincinnati Nature Center No.2 team.
   Jon is an employee of Proctor & Gamble's Sharon Woods Technical Center. For the past three BIRDATHONs Jon has solicited pledges from his co-workers for the number of species he records individually and sends the money to Oxbow, Inc.
   The previous two years yielded $180 in '89 and $330 in '90. Jon sent this year's money with the following - 
   "This year's effort of nearly $475 brings the three year total to $985. Since this is so near $1,000, I have also included my personal check for $15.60 to make that $1,000 mark. . . .
   The fine people who back me in this yearly adventure deserve a great deal of credit. I am very proud of all of them. (Ed. 46 participants) Some claim to enjoy the thought of my being out-side in the rain or heat and humidity with all those ticks and mosquitoes, but I forgive them this simple pleasure. As a group we are proud of our contribution to Oxbow, Inc. and the wildlife of the tristate area. Keep up your excellent work and continue to set an example for the rest of us to follow."
   Oxbow, Inc. wishes to thank Jon for his outstanding BIRDATHON effort. What a great three-year total for an individual birder to solicit!
   Thanks also to the fine people at the Sharon Woods Technical Center for their participation and contribution to the protection of the Oxbow area. We are fortunate to have the support of dedicated people like Jon.

Wouldn't it be exciting if Jon's efforts are taken as a challenge by other team birders and their co-workers!

SPECIAL SPECIAL PROGRAM. ★ ★

Mr. Elvin Blasdel has arranged a slide program, "The History of Dearborn County" and will present this two-part program August 1st and August 8th at 7:30 P.M. at the Lawrenceburg Public Library. There is no admission charge but donations will be accepted to benefit the Dearborn County Historical Society.
   For more information call Mr. Blasdel, 812-537-2602.
SPECIAL THANKS AND RECOGNITION.

BIRDATHON needs the interest, support, and cooperation of many people working behind the scenes to make the program a success. The following people, organizations and businesses are recognized for their contribution:

The HAMILTON COUNTY PARK DISTRICT for the use of the facilities at Farbach Werner Nature Preserve.

WANDA APGAAR for contributing the checklists for the birders.

Suzanne Skidmore who mailed the letters and information packets to the contestants.

ANITA BUCK PELIKAN who ordered and coordinated the distribution of the BIRDATHON '91 T-shirts.

PAUL HELLMANN, our 1991 impartial and judicious Tally Official.

FRITZ HAAS who once again came up with an original BIRDATHON T-shirt design.

JULIE GODSEY and OLLIE KANUSCHAK who solicited Cincinnati area businesses for food donations for the picnic dinner. The home-baked cookies were made by OLLIE.

KEN FULMER, chief cook and bottle-washer, who manned the kitchen, grilled the hot dogs, iced the soft drinks and kept BETTY MYERS, his able assistant, busy refilling the cole slaw, baked bean, potato salad, and fruit bowls. Thanks BETTY also for the post-party clean-up.

DAVE STYER and JOANNE OLMAN for processing all of the pledge cards mailed into Oxbow, Inc.

AREA BUSINESSES COOPERATE.

A special thanks to the local Cincinnati merchants and businesses whose donations supported BIRDATHON '91.

MR. ALBERT LEDERLE - TROLLEY TAVERN - Baked beans and Potato Salad.

MR. FRED FENNEN - HUMBERT'S MEATS, DELHI - Cole Slaw.

MR. JACK SCHOCH - DELHI IGA FOODLINER, INC. - Fruit.

MR. JOE GROTE - GROTE BAKERY - Hot-dog Buns.

MR. ANDY NAILOR, DIST. MGR. COCA COLA BOTTLING COMPANY - Soft drinks.

MS. JANE WEILER, MARKETING DIR. PARTRIDGE MEATS - Hot-dogs and Napkins.

SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS.

A special thanks to the sponsoring organizations and the non-competing individuals for their great support of this important yearly fund-raising event. The LAST AND BIGGEST THANKS must be given to all of the people who supported their favorite team or individual with their pledges. It is YOU who really make the BIRDATHON a HAPPENING!

RECYCLING PROGRAM BEGINS.

Ms. Jane Barnett, Vice President of Corporate Planning, has advised Oxbow, Inc. that the employees of the Andrew Jergens Company will be participating in a newly introduced recycling program.

Paper and aluminum cans will be recycled for cash and the money raised by the program will be matched with corporate funds. Proceeds will be donated on an on-going basis to Oxbow, Inc. for it land acquisition fund.

The Board of Trustees and Officers wish to thank Mr. Rodger Reed, President and CEO of the Andrew Jergens Company, for choosing Oxbow, Inc. as the conservation organization to benefit from the program. It is indeed an honor to have been selected for their support.
PART 9 - HARDINTOWN.

Hardintown is a little-known locality in the heart of the Oxbow. The area, usually referred to as Greendale, is actually on the nearby elevated terrace north of Lawrenceburg at the intersection of U.S. Route 50 and the I-275 Lawrenceburg-Greendale exit ramp. Hardintown was settled in the early 1800's but few buildings from that time remain.

Hardintown was originally located on the shore of a loop of the Great Miami River, far to the west of the present course of the river. The loop was called "Horseshoe Bend." The river, at this point, was deep enough for steamboats to come up from the Ohio River and dock at Hardintown. An extensive import-export business flourished here in the early 1800's, with the importing of consumer goods and the exporting of farm products.

This shipping business was probably started by Alexander Guard who settled in 1793 on an island in the river near Hardintown. Guard's Island today is a section of low floodplain just downstream and across from the Shawnee Lookout Park boat ramp. Guard shipped many flat-boats loaded with corn and livestock from here to New Orleans and other downriver points.

The Whitewater Canal passed through Hardintown, but both the canal and its attendant prosperity were short-lived. Hardintown's steamboat boom-days were also short lived. In November of 1847, torrential rains caused flooding of all of the area streams. A new channel was cut across Horseshoe Bend, and the Great Miami River's present course was established closer to Shawnee Lookout Park.

Hardintown was left, high and dry, two miles from the river. The abandoned Horseshoe Bend channel is what is known today as the Oxbow lake.

AREA SCHOOLS SUPPORT OXBOW, INC.

FAIRFAX ELEMENTARY - Mariemont.

During the school's "National Wildlife Week", the elementary grade students once again pooled their pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters. Second grade teacher Joyce L. Beck writes -

"I am very pleased to enclose checks totaling $100 from the students and $30 from staff members. We are all very proud of your effort to save the wetlands and will continue to support your organization each year."

NORTHWEST HIGH - Pippin Road

Working through the governing Student Senate, the Seniors and school staff directed their "Forestry Wildlife Week" this year towards WETLANDS. These outstanding High School students contributed $1,500 to Oxbow, Inc. for the land acquisition fund. Senate advisor, Ken Kaldenberg writes -

"It has been a pleasure collecting the donations for Oxbow, Inc. and informing the community of its purpose."

Oxbow, Inc. thanks Kemp Jaycock for his excellent organization and planning, and Mr. Jeff Davis who served as the Staff project advisor.

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**TALAWANDA MIDDLE SCHOOL** - Oxford, OH.

This year's EARTH WEEK focused on water conservation and wetland preservation. Teacher, Sandra L. Greenberg writes - "During our "Pennies for the Planet" campaign, students collected $1,200 for environmental concerns. Please accept the enclosed check in the amount of $500 as the Talawanda Middle School's donation to Oxbow, Inc.'s land purchase program. Please keep us advised of your very important and timely activities."

Oxbow, Inc. sincerely thanks the administrators, staff, and students for their school's commitment to the environment, wetlands in particular, and for selecting Oxbow, Inc. as their conduit for preserving an important ecosystem. The support of these elementary through high school level students is especially appreciated as they are the future conservators of our Planet Earth.

Oxbow, Inc. has established Memorials in honor of those who have passed on. Each Memorial, established in the name of a friend or loved one, will be enrolled permanently in the records of the Corporation. Each contribution to a Memorial will be acknowledged to the family or to those selected by the donor and should be sent to Oxbow, Inc., P.O. Box 43391, Cincinnati, OH. 45243. Be sure to enclose the names and addresses of the donor and those to receive the acknowledgment.

**Oxbow, Inc. Memorials**

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*WETLAND MATTERS apologizes for the omission of Mr. Skidmore and Mr. Trabert from the February-March Memorials. Ed.
"ALWAYS A RIVER" is coming to the Cincinnati riverfront July 15th - 22nd. The flagship of this Ohio River experience is a floating exhibition on a specially fabricated barge, 152 feet long by 34 feet wide. The barge left Pittsburgh May 22nd and will make 18 stops along the Ohio before docking in Cairo, IL in September.

Visitors will be greeted by Captain Dana Young, an Ohio River Pilot for 50 years. At each stop, vials of water taken from each tributary will be affixed to an entry-way map during an Indian-led ceremony of the "gathering of the waters." Oral history stations invite visitors to share their special stories. Local residents who are knowledgeable about the river and its communities will serve as trained interpreters. There will be demonstrations of crafts, storytellers, and folk musicians to share their lore.

Each area of the exhibit provides some adventure. There will be models of a lock and dam, a grist mill, a barn, boats, an 18th-century fort, and a topographical depiction of the Ohio River cutting and building new channels and banks.

Visitors will walk through 11 exhibits, some depicting the river and its tributaries, its geological history and pre-historic dwellers, surveying and mapping, navigation, and the story of its environment and the importance of the river's ecosystem.

"Always A River" is sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and by the Humanities Councils of the six states, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois, bordering the Ohio River.

At each stop, local communities will organize festivals and riverside events to coincide with the barge's arrival. Oxbow, Inc. will need VOLUNTEERS to hand out information during the week the barge is in Cincinnati. As WETLAND MATTERS goes to press, the times volunteers will be asked to work is not available. However, if you want to be a part of this "once in a lifetime" event, call Anita Buck Pelikan, 681-2574, Ohio, and John Getzendanner, 537-5728, Indiana.

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**WE NEED YOU!**

Circle August 24th and 25th on your calendars. We will need you at the Oxbow, Inc. booth at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens' WILDLIFE WEEKEND.

Workers will be needed Saturday and Sunday from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Ohio members call Anita Buck Pelikan, 681-2574. Indiana members call John Getzendanner, 537-5728.

Call early to reserve the dates and times of your preference.

SEE YOU AT THE ZOO!
Sunny Weather Tips

T-shirt weather is here! If you are shopping for a remarkably attractive gift or something new for summer, let our Marketing committee help. Oxbow, Inc. member, Julie Godsey has succeeded Jinny Wiseman as the keeper of the CHARLIE HARPER line of Tee and Sweat shirts. You may order by mail, (add $2 postage and handling for each mailing address) or pick them up from Julie. Call 513-451-5793 to arrange for pick-up. The shirts are also on sale at Oxbow, Inc.'s monthly meetings at the Cincinnati Zoo and the Lawrenceburg Public Library. Shirts may also be purchased from Nature's Niche at Farbach Werner Nature Preserve, The Cincinnati Museum of Natural History, and The Cincinnati Nature Center. Membership prices do not apply if purchased at these outlets.

Field trip leaders can take your order but they will not have shirts available for sale.

For those of you who have not seen "THE DUCK STOPS HERE", it is a two-color design printed on a gray-blue background. The characteristic marks of the wood duck are clearly presented in bright white.

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These CHARLIE HARPER'S make an ideal gift that will be used and appreciated. If you don't have yours, add your name to your list and give Julie a call --- RIGHT NOW!

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Debbie Dent will present a Sierra Club Miami Group-produced video, "THE OXBOW." A second video, "FARMING WITH WETLANDS" will demonstrate how a Vincennes, Indiana farmer utilizes a restored wetland to improve his crops.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH, 7:30 P.M. Lawrenceburg Public Library. Turn left off of U.S. 50 onto Walnut Street. Turn right onto High Street. The library is on the right side of High Street.

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What is the program? Come and see! ?

Field Trips

MONDAY, JULY 8TH, 6:30 P.M.

Our monthly field trip to the Oxbow. Meet at the 50's Root Beer Parking Lot, U.S. 50 and the I-275 Lawrenceburg-Greendale Exit Ramp, for a summer's evening stroll.
Leader - Jay Stenger 513-552-4245

MONDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 6:30 P.M.

Shore birds should be moving south. Meet at the 50's Root Beer Parking Lot. (See July directions.) Practice your field identification with Super-Duper Dave!
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Help us save this unique wetland. You can make your state a richer place in which to live by helping us preserve this precious resource.

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