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Crandon Mine Bad News

**Wednesday, September 11, 1996 6:45 p.m.
Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary**

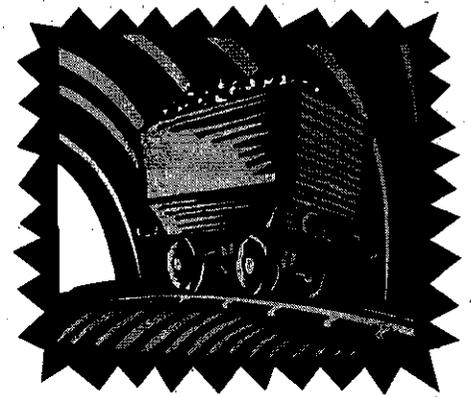
The Northeastern Wisconsin Audubon Society opens its 1996-97 program year with activist Bob Schmitz, giving a blazingly interesting run down on the Crandon Mine project. Picture an Old Testament prophet, beard akimbo with indignation dressing down the sinners. Well, that's our Bob going after the proposed polluters. He is extremely forthright and accurate.

Bob lives in Green Bay and has a summer place in the Crandon area, so he is on top of the situation. He was president of the Wolf River

Lakes & Streams Association for 14 years and is now their delegate to the Wolf River Watershed Association which he presides over. He's a board member of the Clean Water Action council and delegate to the Brown County Conservation Alliance where he also sits on the board and is its delegate to the Wisconsin Conservation Congress.

Bob's visual and oral presentation will be accompanied by handouts. He welcomes and enjoys tough questions.

Refreshments will follow.



Tagging Chulengos

**Wednesday, October 9, 1996 6:45 p.m.
Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary**

In November of 1995, Peg Morph and Kathy Herson, daughter of members Judy and Roger Herson, left for Patagonia under the aegis of the Iowa State University of Ames, Iowa. Their mission was to hand capture, tag, and collar Chulengos, which as everyone undoubtedly knows are young Guanacos. The slide presentation will show the entire process, which is something you don't see everyday here in Brown County. You may ask, "Why is this done?" Peg and Kathy will tell us the reason.

When they were not occupied with running down these immature Tylopodians, they unleashed the cameras and took pictures of coyotes, upland geese, condors, and other local denizens, which they of course will share with us as well.

Patagonia is one of the wildest, remotest, and least known areas remaining in the world. This is another example that programs don't just "happen". Many thanks to Judy for putting us in contact.

The usual refreshments and visiting will follow.

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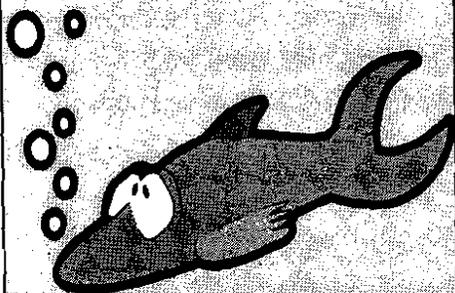
Door County Fish & More Fish

Through the good graces of Carl Scholz, Dennis Hickey, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, we have a most interesting field trip planned which calls for no early rising and very little walking.

Local people can meet and car pool at the parking lot near the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary Manager's house, shortly before 9:00 a.m. Others can meet us at 10:00 a.m. at Woldt's Corner, the southwest corner at the intersection of County S and Wisconsin 57, south of Sturgeon Bay. We will go to the DNR Salmon Egg Stripping Station at nearby Strawberry Creek. We will then break for lunch, probably at a friendly Jacksonport bistro where we've had great success.

After lunch, we will go to the Hickey Brothers Fishery on Ridge Road, just south of Baileys Harbor. We will examine commercial fishing boats and see how freshly caught Whitefish is processed, maybe even making a few purchases. You'll never get a chance at fresher fish!

Then we'll wander home, probably getting back between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.



10th Annual Nicolet Bird Survey Results



The 10th Annual Nicolet National Forest Bird Survey was another unqualified success, completing the first decade of our project! Nearly 100 observers and family members participated, one of the largest groups ever. Our new facilities at Lost Lake were welcomed by most, if not all, participants. The birds were good too. Highlights included Cerulean Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, and Red Crossbill. All but a few of the road sites in the southern half of the forest also were completed before and after the Bird Survey weekend.

Results will be computerized during the coming months. Only 127 species were recorded on the summary checklist (compared to 130 last year), but additional species probably will be added after the survey forms have been compiled. Species missing from our list this year include Bank Swallow, Rock Dove, and Great Horned Owl. One interesting element of this year's survey will be the chance to examine weather effects. Saturday morning gave us perhaps the most ideal conditions possible; Sunday was cloudy and, for some, rainy. We

will be able to compare results for similar sites (e.g., road sites) during the same year, and by the same set of observers.

Latest developments in the application of the Bird Survey data are very exciting. In addition to several technical papers that have been completed during the past year, we are preparing to make the Bird Survey results more easily accessible for the upcoming forest planning efforts. This means that we anticipate tools that eventually will be available (on computer network or CD) for planning birding trips, educational purposes, and general interest. We also plan to make CD's of the Nicolet National Forest bird vocalizations (by popular demand).

Thanks to all who participated in this year's Bird Survey. Everyone who makes the trip contributes to the remarkable success of this project.

The 1997 Nicolet National Forest Bird Survey will be held in the southern half of the forest during the weekend of June 13-15.

Bob Howe & Tony Rinaldi

Wisconsin Audubon Council's Biennial Convention

Friday, September 13 through Sunday, September 15, 1996
Camp Indian Trails on the banks of Rock River (just outside of Janesville)

The theme of the convention is "Connections." Some features of this three-day conference include speakers Gaylord Nelson and Nina Leopold Bradley (daughter of Aldo Leopold), along with a multitude of things to do. Outing choices include a pontoon boat trip through Horicon Marsh, Sand Bluff Bird Station, Marault Bluff Prairie, Canoe Trip down Sugar River, Hike Rock River, and a Wetland Tour. Children's programs are also available.

For more information or a registration form, call
WAC President, Bill Hallstrom at (608) 365-5884.

Recap of Past Programs

♦ April 10, 1996 - This was a double-barreled program. Energy and Deregulation were on the menu given by Sam Geryn of Wisconsin's Environmental Decade. Sam told us the good and bad points of fossil fuels and renewable energy (which really had no bad points). Energy efficiency was noted by the unusually understandable charts and graphs which were projected. A humorous touch was added with some of the slides. We were entertained and enlightened. The message that came across loud and clear - DO NOT DEREGULATE POWER.

The second half of the program dealt with Oak Wilt. Oak Wilt started in the White Oak savannas in the southwestern part of the state, according to Andrea Diss, Forest Entomologist for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. White Oak resisted, so Oak Wilt moved northeast into Red Oak territory where it found a home. Andy showed slides of the progression of the disease. She stressed that the trees must suffer some type of wound for the introduction of the fungus; therefore, the reason for the tree pruning ban is during the time of greatest vulnerability.

After the program, we went down for refreshments and our appetites wilted under the onslaught of goodies prepared by LaVonne and Carmella.

♦ May 8, 1996 - Annual Banquet. As usual our committee planned well with the sumptuous meal and highly entertaining "Silent Auction". We also honored our older long time members with a sort of "group tribute" as their award.

An unexpected modification of our weather caused us to cancel the

December Members Slide Show, so we improvised and decided to have it as the theme of our banquet.

Brown County Park Director, Mike McFarlene showed the progress and construction of the newly completed Mountain Bay Trail which runs from Howard almost to Wausau. This is a must for bikers and a possibility for a Bike-Frog Field Trip soon.

We have many bird experts in our chapter. The following contributed to the program with slides and charts:

John Jacobs - Christmas Bird Count and Red-Shouldered Hawks;
Bob Mead - Compilation and Completion of the Wisconsin Bird Atlas;
Mike Reed - Audubon Birdathon every May; and
Mike Grimm - Annual Nicolet Forest Bird Survey.

♦ June 29, 1996 - Field Trip. We slithered up to Whitefish Dune State Park for a snake and amphibian program. Carl Scholz had arranged for us to see Randy Grimes put his snakes through their paces in a specially cooled auditorium. They ranged from a testy Timber Rattler, obviously suffering from some type of "flare up" to a 10-foot Burmese Python.

Later, on a boardwalk over a vernal pond, we netted several things along with young toads and wood frogs. A Turkey Vulture circled us curiously watching our strange doings.

After lunch, it was a meandering walk through some recovering abandoned farmland down to the north shore of Kangaroo Lake. We were in search of a bunch of Northern Water Snakes known to live nearby. A passing Bull Frog informed us we had just missed them.

The MCI Nature Network

The National Audubon Society is part of a special partnership with MCI and The Nature Conservancy known as The MCI Nature Network. Through The Nature Network, MCI has donated nearly \$400,000 to National Audubon Society over the past 3 years. This donation helps to support many of Audubon's national initiatives that impact local communities.

The Nature Network is a partnership designed to benefit both the National Audubon Society's and The Nature Conservancy's efforts to protect our natural heritage. It is a corporate affinity program that gives businesses across the country an easy way to support the preservation and protection of our natural resources through their telecommunications service. When a corporation enrolls in The Nature Network, MCI donates 2-to-5 percent of the company's net long distance usage to either or both the National Audubon Society and The Nature Conservancy. Today more than 5,000 companies are enrolled in this program.

If you own or work at a company that you think would be interested in information about joining The Nature Network, the National Audubon Society would like to hear from you:

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Eshbaugh Reelected as Regional Rep.

W. Hardy Eshbaugh has been reelected as the Great Lakes regional member of the National Audubon Society Board of Directors.

The ballots were counted on July 2, 1996 by a two person committee representing two different chapters (Columbus Audubon Society and East Central Ohio Audubon Society). Based on their tally, Mr. Eshbaugh was reelected as the nominee from the Great Lakes region. He received 56 out of 56 ballots cast from 30 chapters. Five ballots were invalid and therefore not counted. This will be Eshbaugh's second term.

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*Board meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary.
All chapter members are welcome to attend.*

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