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Annual Meeting September 13th

The by-laws of DCAS state that once a year the members shall be informed of the content of the Annual Report that is filed with the National Audubon Society. In case this sounds boring, think again. What is boring about the incredible s—t—r—e—t—c—h—l—n—g of every dollar necessary to make the chapter's limited funds cover educational and outreach programs? What is boring about hearing the details and seeing photos of education programs that touched over 1300 children in our community? What is boring about basking in the glow of memories of the best programs and field trips of any other Audubon chapter in Kentucky? Don't miss the first meeting of the year and the chance to catch up with friends after the chapter's two-month summer break. See you in church!

Walk and Bike to School October 6th

Did you notice the photo in the Messenger-Inquirer recently of the mom riding her bike to transport 2 of her children to school? It is no surprise that the lady was brought up in Sweden. Every school day, American's in their automobiles line up by the millions alongside rows of long yellow buses morning and afternoon to drop-off and pick-up students. On college campuses no matter how many parking garages, parking lots, and parking spaces are added, the demand always exceeds the supply. American society has created a monster that is gobbling up the health and fitness of her youth. Parents fear for the safety of their children and thus do not allow them to walk or ride their bikes to school. Today's generation of children is predicted to be the first to have shorter life spans than their parents.

In October 2002 an International promotion for walking and biking to school began. This year the program will take place on October 6th and the promotion will expand to a week-long celebration October 4-8th. The purpose of encouraging young people to walk or bike all or part of the way to school is to enhance their health and to improve air quality. The future of the Audubon Society depends on a supply of strong, healthy and fit members, and therefore should endorse the international program of working for safe routes to schools for children. Parents who are too fearful about the safety of their children walking or biking to school should make their concerns known to school transportation departments and local government agencies. Expanding on the Negro College Fund's slogan, **Strong, healthy feet, legs, lungs, and hearts are a terrible thing to waste.**

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Telemarketing After the No –Call Law

At least one member of DCAS has been the victim of an out-of-state company that violated the no-call listing of his home phone. The elderly man did not realize he had been hit-on by an unscrupulous business until a package was delivered by his mailman. The Tennessee company that shipped the unwanted package, Special Friends of America, when contacted, claimed that two of their telephone salespeople had called to ask the gentleman if he wanted to buy some steak knives and air freshener. They were adamant in saying that the man clearly ordered the merchandise from caller #1 and that caller #2 verified the order.

A complaint was filed with the Consumer Protection Department of the Attorney General's Office because the telephone number was on the **No-Call list** that became available in Kentucky in 2002. The only action taken so far by the Attorney General's Office has been to order the company that broke the law to accept the return of the goods and remove the charge of \$100 plus penalties from their books.

The victim of this dishonest business has been out costs for travel to the post office, time for contacting the crooks and Frankfort, and money for long-distance phone calls and postage. The Attorney General's slap on the wrist to the violator does not seem adequate, but it is better than any help consumers had prior to the no-call law.

Anyone who has received an illegal telephone solicitation may file a complaint by phone at 1-866-877-STOP (7867), on-line **nocall.ky.gov** or by mail to

Office of the Attorney General
Attn: No Call
1024 Capital Center Drive
Frankfort, KY 40601

Charitable organizations are exempt but if they are smart will agree not to call if asked.

Clock is ticking. Narrow Window is about to Close.

Environmentalists get tired of being asked all the time to contact their government representatives, but it seems that there is no rest for the concerned. Even though 2 million Americans took the time and made the effort to comment on the Roadless Area Conservation Rule in our national forests that went into law in January 2001, a temporary exclusion has gone into effect in the Tongass Rainforest in Alaska. What's worse is that there is an effort underway to make a permanent exemption to the Roadless Area Conservation Rule. So once again we are asked to write to:

Dale Bosworth, Chief, U.S. Forest Service
Heritage Forest Campaign

P.O. Box 1202 Beltsville, MD 20704-1202

Administration Looks to Eliminate Protections for Roadless Areas In National Forests

Washington, DC, Monday, August 9, 2004 - In a move widely condemned by conservationists, sportsmen's associations, and outdoor recreation groups, the Bush Administration announced plans July 12 to eliminate the Clinton-era Roadless Area Conservation Rule limiting logging and development in 58.5 million acres of national forest. Audubon is calling on Americans who care about the environment to let the Administration know how they feel during the public comment **period ending September 14**. They can take action at

www.capitolconnect.com/audubon/summary.asp?subject=336.

"The implementation of the Roadless Rule had **more Americans commenting on it and supporting it than any other federal rule in U.S. history**. Yet, the administration has ignored the public's clearly expressed desire to protect the last untouched areas of our national forests," said Bob Perciasepe, Audubon's chief operating officer. "We urge those Americans who care about the fate of our nation's forests to once again let the government know how you feel during this public comment period."

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September Calendar

Saturday September 11th

Kentucky Audubon Council fall meeting in Elizabethtown from 11AM to about 3PM **EDT**. DCAS needs one delegate to represent the chapter. You may either volunteer (270) 298-4237 or hide from Bill Little until after the meeting.

Monday September 13th

Annual Meeting of the Daviess County Audubon Society at 7 PM at First Christian Church. Use the portico entry on J.R. Miller Boulevard.

September Field Trip and monthly bird census at Ben Hawes Park days and times had not been set when the newsletter went to press.

Shorebird Count planned for September 12th in Wickliffe, KY is not definite due to leader, Charles Morris' recovery from heart by-pass surgery. Notice will be sent week of Sept. 6th.

The Powell Birding Genes, a New Generation

It began as an afternoon hike through the eastern Kentucky woods for George Terrizzi, grandson of Bert and Millie Powell and it ended with a not-ready-to-fledge Red-shoulder hawk chick in Bonnie Terrizzi's living room. When George spotted the young bird on the floor of the forest, he immediately looked up into the canopy for the nest. Unable to see from which tree the baby bird had fallen, realizing that sunset with its cold was fast approaching, and knowing that a predator would make easy pickin's of this fuzzy morsel, he peeled out of his shirt and wrapped the bird for the sprint to his house.

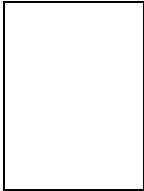
Bonnie remembered Bert's friendship with Don Boarman, naturalist at Audubon State Park in Henderson. She phoned Don the next day to ask what to feed the very hungry bird. Don recommended raw, chopped chicken and Brown-headed cowbirds if any could be found. Bonnie started chopping and George started blasting away at Cowbirds. The hawk ate eagerly and grew at a rapid rate.

A decision was made for Frank Terrizzi, Bert and Millie's son-in-law, and George to transport the hawk chick to a Raptor Rehabilitation group in Louisville. The rehabilitators promised that when it was time to release the young bird, they would bring it to Beattyville so that it could return to the woods where it fell from the nest.

True to their word, early in August, the now full-sized hawk was brought screaming, screeching, and mightily protesting in a pet carrier to the front yard where the Powell's and Terrizzi's waited with a video camera. The hawk flew approximately 300 feet in the exact direction from which George brought it out of the woods. It perched in a tall tree for quite some time, perhaps as long as 20 minutes, before flying out of sight.

The torch has been passed. The Powell's birding genes are alive and well.

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