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Wildlife Achievement Chapter 26430 Mullinix Mill Road Mt. Airy, Maryland 21771Main House Phone: 301-253-2384 Web Site: <http://www.DamascusIWLA.org> Range House Phone: 301-253-4779**CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES****2ND ANNUAL VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY** (Michael Gugulis)

After months of planning and preparation, the 2nd annual veterans' appreciation day finally arrived on May 12. We treated the veterans and their families to a memorable day filled with activities, displays, re-enactments and plenty of food and refreshments. The official count of veterans and family members attending the day's activities was 76. The day's events, hosted by Chapter and community volunteers, and supported by local Boy Scout Troop 738, included the timeless comradeship of fellow veterans.

Veterans and their family members had the opportunity to shoot military rifles and pistols from World War II through the present day. There were also static displays of military vehicles, uniforms and multi-national weaponry spanning the 20th Century. Of special interest to the veterans and volunteers alike, were the World War II re-enactments including an M1919 Browning Machine Gun (semi-automatic only) live fire demonstrations. The event received many positive comments from the veterans attending the activities. A sample of the email received after the event included the following:

- "I would like to say a very big thank you from all my family. We had so much fun and really appreciate all you did to show your support to the vets and the soldiers"
- "This is a great event, great fun, great camaraderie, great conversation, and great food, thank you for doing this for us."
- "Thanks so much for an absolutely great time on Saturday"
- "It was a very nice tribute to us all and the hospitality was great. Next year will plan to stay longer and try to get more guys out"

In addition to the positive comments and emails received from veterans, the day was also covered in the May 16th issue of the Damascus-Clarksburg Gazette. The IWLA national web site listed the story. Given the uniformly positive reaction from the veterans, supporters and press coverage, we expect next year's edition to be even larger and better attended. So let's take a collective sigh, enjoy the moment and gear up for a thrilling 3rd annual veteran's appreciation day in 2008.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's meeting is Wednesday, June 27. Social hour starts at 6:30 pm.

BREAKIN' CLAY TO SAVE THE BAY (Michelle Chesnut)

We had hoped for a bigger turnout since we have more than 1100 members, but everyone who participated in the BCSB had a terrific time, including yours truly. Although it was only the second time I have shot skeet, I was able to break a few birds (14 out of 50) with coaching from Bob Cumberland and Rich Fried.



Figure 1 - Bob Cumberland coaches Michelle Chesnut at Breakin' Clay to Save the Bay - photo by Tony Evans

I am not sure why more people did not attend; maybe it was lack of experience shooting trap and skeet. I can assure that no one lacks experience more than I do. However, it does not matter if you do not know how to shoot trap or skeet and it does not matter if you do not own a shotgun. The chapter has many members willing and able to teach and coach the novice shooter (this is true for all shooting activities) and has several loaner shotguns. I encourage everyone to attend next year's event, especially if you have never tried shooting trap or skeet. It is a friendly, fun shoot and is not competitive. It is also a terrific cause – next year, come out and miss or break some clays to save our bay.



Figure 2 - Jim Arnold checks the scores. - photo by Tony Evans

CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE CONSERVATIVE VOICE (Ray Ladbury)

Because I feel that climate change is a topic that anyone who cares about passing the joys of the outdoors to future generations should evaluate, I am going to step into the political minefield that is climate change and discuss it from the scientific perspective. I am doing so because, as a scientist, I am convinced that there is strong evidence that humans are changing the climate. As a lover of the outdoors, I am concerned about the potential impact of climate change on the outdoor spaces I have come to love. Finally, as a WAC member, I would hate to see the opinions of my friends marginalized because they rejected sound science based on incomplete information. Climate change policy is not an arena that we want to abandon to radicals.

First, we need to distinguish between climate and weather. Weather is the prevailing temperature, pressure, wind, precipitation and other meteorological conditions in a local area. If you know the weather, you know how to dress and whether you will need an umbrella. Climate represents the average trends in the weather over time. It's not much use in telling you how to dress or whether to bring an umbrella on a given day, but it might help you decide how many heavy coats or umbrellas you need to own.

Global climate science looks at the trends in climate over the entire planet. We need to understand global climate because regional climates interact in complicated ways. For example whether we have a drought in Maryland depends in part on whether the Pacific Ocean off of Ecuador is colder (La Nina) or warmer (El Nino) than usual. Another reason to look at global climate is that while weather is chaotic, averaging it over time and the globe can reveal trends that tell us important things about the planet. For instance, if temperatures are rising on average, we know that more energy is coming into the system, while falling temperatures indicate decreasing energy.

The recent trends we see include rising temperatures, more extremes in weather, polar and glacial ice melting and winters getting shorter all show that the climate is changing. Climate

experts do not dispute that Earth has experienced a significant warming trend.

The important question is what is causing it. The fact is that rising temperature means rising energy, and energy is conserved (it is neither created nor destroyed)—so the energy has to be coming from somewhere. To say, “Well, it’s natural variation,” is unscientific. Scientists play detective and look at the sources of Earth’s energy. Ultimately, all of Earth’s energy comes from the sun, so that’s a natural place to start. It is also easy to measure, and we quickly find that it while solar irradiation has increased slightly, the increase is not nearly enough to explain the changes we are seeing.

The next most important factor in Earth’s climate energy budget is the greenhouse effect. Because the sun is very hot, most of its energy is given off as visible radiation (just like an iron bar in a torch flame beginning to glow dull red, then orange, yellow and finally white). Earth, being much cooler radiates mainly infrared or “heat” radiation (like a heat lamp warming fries in a fast-food restaurant). Greenhouse gases are molecules that can absorb this infrared radiation on its way back into space and reradiate some of it back to Earth. Without this warming due to the greenhouse effect, Earth would be 86 degrees F cooler and life on Earth would be quite different. There are several greenhouse gasses, but two play the largest role in the Earth’s atmosphere.

Water is the most important greenhouse gas, but it hasn’t been changing enough to explain the effects we are seeing, and the amount of water vapor varies a lot over time—not the kind of characteristics we look for to explain a persistent trend.

The next most important greenhouse gas is carbon dioxide, which is responsible for about 15-20% of the greenhouse effect on Earth. Right away, we see something interesting. CO₂ concentrations in the atmosphere have been increasing rapidly, and if we look back at bubbles of gas frozen inside ice cores, the concentration of CO₂ has increased 40% in 150 years, and is at its highest level in 650000 years! A quick back of the envelope calculation shows that this is at least a promising candidate. We also find very strong evidence (based on the ratio of different weights of the carbon atoms) that the source of the new CO₂ in the atmosphere is a fossil source—the only candidate: burning of fossil fuels. We know CO₂ has been increasing along with our temperature.

Next we ask ourselves if there are any other greenhouse gas candidates, and find the answer is no. Every other candidate’s effect is small in terms of the energy it can provide to our system or there is no evidence that it has been varying significantly.

We have strong evidence as to why CO₂ is increasing, and we think it is the right size to explain our temperature rise—and all this based only on conservation of energy, observations and laboratory measurements. Only now do we turn to computer models to see if our candidate is really a sufficient explanation. Therefore, even if the computer models were wrong, it would only change the degree to which human-driven CO₂ is responsible, and it might mean that we need to look for other factors as well. Having said this, we have good reason to believe that the models do a pretty good job of reflecting reality.

They have predicted the general trends we have seen over the past 20 years, and they have done a good job of predicting the effects of large volcanic eruptions, such as Mt. Pinatubo.

Scientists have strong evidence that the climate is changing and that human activity is largely responsible. What does that mean for our environment, and specifically for the ecosystems in our area? There is a lot more uncertainty about these questions. What seems certain is that our area will become unsuitable habitat for some species, which will migrate if they can or die if they cannot. This is already happening in the cloud forests of Costa Rica and other sensitive ecosystems. Other species, including some invasives, will thrive in the new environment, crowding out natives. The ripples of these effects could significantly disturb our environment for centuries until the climate reaches a new equilibrium. It is also quite possible that as people notice these drastic changes, they may take action—some of which may actually make matters worse.

Here is where responsible outdoorsmen and women who understand and appreciate the environment can play a positive role by learning as much about the issue as they can and advocate for responsible policies that don't damage the economy and preserve both the environment and our enjoyment of it. Even simple energy conservation measures can make a difference—and every barrel of oil we don't consume is fewer of our dollars in the pockets of Hugo Chavez, Vladimir Putin and the Iranian Mullahs. We can advocate diversifying our energy sources to include more renewable sources, but also nuclear power, which generates no greenhouse gases. And we can advocate policies that strengthen our environment and make it more robust to the changes in climate that will inevitably occur. So, even though the science of climate change is largely settled, there is a place at the table for responsible, conservative voices. It's a chair we don't want to leave empty.

Editor's note: The National IWLA National Conservation Policy on green house gasses states, in part, that

“The League urges the federal government to take action to:

- a) Reduce combustion of fossil fuels by 60 percent by the year 2008.*

- b) Rapidly expand use of conservation and renewable energy sources.*

- c) Ban the use of chlorofluorocarbons.*

- d) Curtail worldwide deforestation.”*

For more information about the National IWLA policy on Global Climate Change go to

http://www.iwla.org/publications/general/2005_Conservation_Policies_Web.pdf

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Please notify Joe Gick our Membership Secretary of all changes of address, phone number, or e-mail. If you move and don't tell us, your forwarding order will probably expire and you will not get a renewal bill. Please keep your record up to date. Send a message to Joe.Gick@Verizon.net or Joe Gick, 16601 Cavalry Dr, Rockville MD 20853.

Recently, the club grounds were closed to all entry for over a week. We sent an e-mail notice to all of the members that we had on file. If you did not get this message, then we do not have your e-mail address. In fact, we don't have about this

information for over 400 members. Please send it today to Joe.Gick@Verizon.net. We promise to protect it and never sell or distribute it. We will only use it to inform you of what is happening that is of general interest.

CHANGES IN RANGE ACCESS RULES (Joe Gick)

As of April 1, 2007, every member who shoots on *any range*, including the rifle range, pistol ranges, outdoor air rifle range, the archery range, and the skeet/trap ranges, must be visibly wearing a Range Access card. If you do not have one, you must attend a Range Orientation class, held at 10:00 A.M. on the last Sunday of the month. (Check the online calendar at www.damascusIWLA.org)

The only exception to wearing a Range Access card is if you are shooting in an event where non-members are invited that are not specific guests of members under current Chapter Rules. Such events include Cowboy Action Shoots, Seneca Valley Matches, Breaking Clay to Save the Bay, etc.

THE LANGUAGE OF SCIENCE (Michelle Chesnut)

In order to communicate effectively, we have to share a common language. This includes the nuance of meaning. Unfortunately, English is replete with words that have multiple and often conflicting definitions. When evaluating controversial ideas, it is essential to understand the intended connotation. Several terms that scientists use to describe their research have radically different meanings in common nomenclature. Theory and belief are two examples.

To most people, the word theory means a guess or conjecture. To a scientist, a theory is a consistent, logical, repeatable and testable model of empirical observations, as in Einstein's Theory of Relativity. When a theory is proposed, it must stand the test of time. The reason scientist must publish their results, is so that others can attempt to prove it wrong through repetition of the experiments that lead to the publication or through new experiments that show that the science was flawed. (A good example of this was the Korean scientist, Hwang Woo-Suk, who claimed he could clone a human being and scientists found he lied about his data when they examined his work.) Every scientist in the relevant field will attempt to find an exception to the theory, thereby disproving it. If the majority of scientists agree that a theory is correct, it is because they have worked to falsify it and found no way, with current technology, to do so. It is monumental when the community of scientists agrees on anything since they are actively trying to disprove each other.

Scientists use the word belief to describe an idea that they have tested experimentally. Belief is not a matter of faith to a scientist. It is a tested hypothesis or theory. You may wonder why scientists do not state that something is factual rather than calling it a belief or theory, but that is not the nature of science. They use verifiable facts to build their beliefs, but they remain open to new facts that may alter their belief. A closed mind in science is a detriment.



Figure 3- Conservation exhibit at the Bull Roast - photo by Meo Curtis

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION (Meo Curtis and Bill Ladd)

May 12. The Conservation Committee had several exhibits at the Bull Roast. Jim Piatieski was a big hit with his 'moon suit' and bee hives. Thanks to the Department of Environmental Protection for bringing out the fish tank and to Second Chance Wildlife Rehabilitation Center for coming out again.



Figure 4-Jim Piatieski with his "girls" - photo by Meo Curtis

The conservation tent also featured information about rain barrels and native plants, aquatic 'bugs' and the League's Save Our Streams program, and a Nature Trail tour. Thanks to Michelle Chesnut and Sandy Burk for helping out and to the Scouts and others who helped set up the tent, tables, and chairs.



Figure 5 - An aquatic "bug" - photo by Michelle Chesnut

May 27. About a dozen new and old members came out to help prepare the site for the Chestnut Tree orchard. The crew worked to take out invasive trees and shrubs and chipped the debris for mulch. There is still some work to do which we will schedule later. Thanks to all who came out with their own chain saws and who braved the heat and poison ivy. Also thanks to Tom Riley for getting the equipment and helping out and to Ken Lefebvre for the equipment loan.

Tuesday, June 5. 7-8:30 pm Global Climate Change and Impacts on Wildlife Timothy Warman from the National Wildlife Federation gave a talk about climate change and impacts on wildlife. With the documented increase in average air and water temperatures, Tim will talk about the likely changes in wildlife distribution specifically for hunters, anglers, and outdoor folks.

Sunday July 29. 8:30 am-1 pm Invasives Management Workshop

Lynnette Scaffadi of MNCPPC-Parks will hold a 'Weed Warrior' program upstairs at the Chapter. She will lecture on identifying and controlling invasive plants, and then we will do a 'hands-on' portion for the Chapter workday. This workshop will be open to the public. Any Chapter members who attend the lecture and participate in the hands-on portion will receive conservation credit. We will provide all tools, gloves, and water..

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS: (Conley Phipps)

Probationary members are now required to help with four chapter events during their first two years of WAC membership. At least one project MUST be in support of Chapter Conservation efforts. If you are a probationary member, and don't see your name in the newsletter after helping out with an event, it would be prudent to contact the person who ran the event and find out why your name has not reached me. Additionally be sure to have that activity person notify me of this fact. Following are the names from the sign-up sheets for several recent events. Thanks to all. The following probationary **members graduated to full membership status** as having completed their required projects: **ERIC STEFAN and WILLIAM B. GORDON.**

MAY General Membership Meeting Kitchen Staff and KP's:

Rob Hallin and Ken Lefebvre staffed the Refreshment area. Thanks to Jorge Silva for his Chef skills and the KP crew Jose Tassara and Charley Minear.

Chapter maintenance: MAY 27, 2007

Thank you to all the below members donating their time and labor to help keep the Chapter looking neat and clean. I know it is said many times, but consider that our Chapter has well over 1000 members most of which are of able body and could help with many projects during the year. It's a sad statement to make but only about 150 members contribute of their time to any of the Chapter activities, be it Maintenance, Chapter Events such as the Bull Roast, Breakin Clays to Save the Bay, Range Officers for Skeet and Trap, Tree Plantings, Road Clean-up, Stream Clean-up, weeding and on down the line. Wouldn't it be great to see some NEW OLD FACES for our next Chapter Maintenance Day 24 June 2007?

Thanks to the following; Brandon Kinikin, Joe Carcinci, Nolen Roberson, Jeff Deschamps, Meo Curtis, Randy Sandifer, Conley Phipps, Tom Cauffier, Glenn Clark, Adrienne Munoz, Joe Munoz, George Bannej, Tom Ouellette, Eric Stefan, Guy Atkins, Peter Sittner, Jim Wimbish, Dave Stevenson, Chris Deigan, Tom Riley, Guy Wright, and Carl McMahon.

MAY BBQ VOLUNTEERS:

Thanks to John Bourke, Diana Bourke, Eric Rice, Bill Gunther, Bill Carbone, Mac McCollum, Frank Lavorata, John Walter, Saul Honigsberg, Bill Gazdik, Chuck Crooks, John Junghans, Juan Carlos Casal Valies, Paul Junghans, Ted Junghans.

Correction to May Newsletter: A couple of spelling errors with Chapter members; should be Carl Bastiani and Robert Permisohn. Also Bill Gordon was a kitchen staffer for Breakin' Clays to Save the Bay.

A special thanks to all listed above. **THANKS MEMBERS and VOLUNTEERS!**

If I have failed to credit anyone for a required work project or misspelled a name please contact Conley Phipps @ 301-460-8528 or phippscd@hotmail.com.

NEW MEMBERS (Joe Gick)

Please welcome the following new members.

Bill Calcagno sponsored by Henry Yeager

Christopher Campagna sponsored by Joe Gick

Douglas Hull and Robert Stanek sponsored by Dennis Kelly

Jason Buhl sponsored by Jeff Waters

Patrick DiBella sponsored by J. Gregg McDonald

RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE REPORT (Guy Wright)

INFORMATION: For more information about any rifle or pistol range activities mentioned in this article, contact Guy Wright, by e-mail, at guywright@verizon.net or telephone 301-253-4604(home) or 301-775-3741(cell).

SHOOTING HOURS: Permitted rifle and pistol range shooting hours are posted on the box, which contains the range sign-in register, as well as above the range entry card reader. For June 2007, starting time is 10:00 AM daily and ending time is 8:00 PM, unless some activity has preempted the range (see **"Upcoming Events Affecting Range Availability"** below). Our thanks to all who helped with Range maintenance on our May maintenance date.

Thanks to Josh Jonas for his donation of an air hose and reel for the green shed. We have installed it and all who use it greatly appreciated the donation.

REMINDERS

Chapter Speed Limit: The speed limit for our property is 10mph. This speed ensures safety and a limit to the dust during the dry season. This speed limit is especially important on the road leading to the Rifle and Pistol Range. You can never tell when you will meet a car from the opposite direction and it helps keep gravel on the road at the turns, instead of having it thrown to the shoulders because of excessive speed.

Plywood Donations: Your donations of plywood for use as target backers on the rifle and pistol ranges are always welcome. For backers, the plywood should be 1/2 inch or thicker and either pre-cut or capable of being cut into pieces 2'x2' (pistol range) or 2'x4' (rifle range). Please help keep the WAC looking good by dropping off your donations by the sliding door on the back side of the green equipment shed; that is, at the side nearest the chapter house. Thanks

Rifle and Pistol Range Rules: The rules governing Rifle and Pistol Range safety, conduct, permissible firearms, and violation policy are posted at the covered pistol range, the covered rifle range, the notice board between the pistol ranges, the notice board at the path leading to the covered rifle range, on the chapter WEB site (damascusiwla.org) and in MS Word format from me via email, when requested. Sometimes questions come up. Though our bylaws indicate that you can call any Board of Directors member about these rules, you will be better served to start with the folks closest to them, i.e., range orientation instructors or the committee chairman.

Up-Coming Events Affecting Range Availability:

Seneca Valley HP Match on Saturday June 2, 2007 from 8:30AM to 2:00PM. Rifle Range is closed.

Bowling Pin Shoot on Saturday June 16, 2007 from 1:00PM to 5:00PM on Pistol Range 1. Pistol Range 1 will be closed during this time. For additional information, you can contact Jesse Lim via e-mail at jlum@phillips.com or telephone 301-540-0860 (evenings only please).

Thunder Valley Days Cowboy Action Setup on Wednesday June 20, 2007. Skeet & Trap, Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed.



Figure 6 - Cowboys in action - photo by Georgia Townsend

Thunder Valley Days Cowboy Action Shoot

From Thursday June 21 thru Saturday June 23. Skeet & Trap, Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed during this time.

Seneca Valley HP Match on Saturday July 7, 2007 from 8:30AM to 2:00PM. Rifle Range is closed.

Practical Defense Match on Saturday July 14, 2007 from 1:00PM to 5:00PM on Pistol Range 1. **(Please note that participants will meet at 12:30 PM in the Rathskeller for registration; don't go directly to the range).** Pistol Range 1 will be closed during this time. For additional information, you can contact Jesse Lim via e-mail at jljm@phillips.com or telephone 301-540-0860 (evenings only please).

Cowboy Action Setup on Friday July 27, 2007. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed beginning at 1:00PM.

Cowboy Action Shoot on Saturday July 28, 2007 from 8:00AM to 3:30PM. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed during this time.

If anyone has any range related topics or items they wish to include in future newsletters, send them to Guy Wright at the above email address and include some contact info in case I have questions.

ADULT AIRGUN PROGRAM Phil Dean
(pd10x@comcast.net)

The adult air pistol program is continuing during the summer on Monday nights in the indoor range. Air pistols are available for anyone wishing to begin shooting but not having an air pistol. Range set-up begins at 6:30 PM. Contact Phillip Dean (301-865-8202) for information.

IWLA RANGE ROSTER 2007 (Bill Rahn)
June 2007

Sun 6/24 Frank Saenz, Ron Van Tassell, Peter Sittner

Wed 6/27 Scott Wood, Jeff Greenhut, Jacob Lambert

Sat 6/30 Mike Bowen, Martin Cherry, Ron Roberson

July 2007

Sat 7/7 Tim Mulreany, Ryan Cooley, Bob Cooley, Scott Wood

Sun 7/8 Bob Case, Mark Gay, Paul Turska, Jake Turska

Wed 7/11 Jef Greenhutt, Tom Moore, Bill Doves

Sat 7/14 Paul Fisher, Dave Fichter, George Fichter

Sun 7/15 Chris Reposa, Mike webb, Randy Stewart, Evan Stewart

Wed 7/18 Frank Biss, DickBardelmeier, Scott Wood

Sat 7/21 Dave Gold, Peter Currall, Ira Wein, Tom Moore

Sun 7/22 Jim & Judy Crowell, Jason Ledney, Brandon Kinikin

Wed 7/28 Michael Fleisher, Jeff Waters, Tom Moore

Sat 7/29 Charles Weaver, Richard Zabell. Red Gambrell, Bill Rahn

Say thank you to these people who staff the trap and skeet ranges; they are the reason you are able to use the ranges.

RANGE ORIENTATION INSTRUCTORS

Barry Ephraim, and Tim Urban are teaching this month's range orientation on June 24, 2007 at 10:00 am.

JUNIOR AIR REPORT (Chuck Limparis)

On Saturday, 29 May 2007, the Junior Air Rifle program concluded its regular season with the annual picnic and awards ceremony held at the Chapter House. Many of the shooters received the medals they earned during the season as well as receiving their NRA Achievement Awards.

Practice has now ended for the majority of our shooters but there will still be one practice session on Tuesday and one on Wednesday for the shooters who will be attending the NRA National Championship to be held in Akron, Ohio and the

USAS Junior Olympic National Match to be held in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Both of these matches will be held in early July. Congratulations to All of Our Shooters for another great season!

Junior Air Special Presentation

Over the years, the Junior Air Rifle program has had tremendous support from all of the members of the Chapter. This support includes the use of the facility three nights per week, financial contributions directly from the chapter budget, and the continuous support of our members via the purchase of raffle tickets when raising money for our away matches.

While a great many members have participated in these fundraisers, one particular individual has continually gone beyond the call with his purchases of raffle tickets. One individual has bought enough raffle tickets to have purchased the grand prize out-right at least two times over; that individual is John Leaman.

On behalf of the head coach for this season, Tom Malarkey, and all of the Junior Shooters and Coaches, Chuck Limparis presented a Remington 870 shotgun to John Leaman. Chuck Crooks custom engraved the shotgun with the IWLA logo and the words...

Damascus Air Rifle Club
Honorary Coach
John Leaman

Thank You John Leaman for all of your support over all these many years!

Farewell Coach Innes

As many of you know, Bob Inness who was the coach of the Junior Air Rifle program at our chapter for numerous years, retired from that activity at the end of last season in preparation for his "Official Retirement" to North Carolina. Bob was able to attend the Awards Ceremony in May and say his good byes to some of the many shooters whom he has helped coach over these many years.

On Friday night, 25 May 2007, several of the coaches and juniors gathered at Bob's home in Rockville to help him pack the 26' Moving Van he would be driving to North Carolina. It was a testament to the positive influence that Bob had on the many youngsters who were willing to give up their Friday Night to assist Bob in this effort.

Good Luck and Farewell Friend.; you will be missed!

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Michelle Chesnut
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Thanks to Ray Ladbury, Meo Curtis, Bill Rahn, Michael Gugulis, Phil Dean, Conley Phipps, Guy Wright, Tony Evans, Joe Gick, Ray Logan, and Chuck Limparis for their contributions to this newsletter. Georgia Townsend, Meo Curtis, Tony Evans and Michelle Chesnut took photos in the web version.

If anyone has an article or topic they wish to have included in future newsletters, send them to Michelle Chesnut at the above email address and include some contact info in case there are questions. If possible, please send them in an attached Word document.

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the value of wildlife, woodlands and open space; to the
preservation of this heritage and to man's sharing in it...
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