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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The February joint annual meeting is rapidly approaching, and with it comes the annual election of Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society officers. Please take a moment to look over this year's list of candidates and send in your vote. My heartfelt thanks to everyone who put their name forward this year and also to President-elect **DOUG DUNCAN** for twisting arms and/or sweet-talking folks into running for these positions. Given how busy everyone is, your willingness to take on extra responsibilities on behalf of the Arizona Chapter is truly laudable. Thank you.

The most notable accomplishment of AZ-TWS in the last few months was sponsoring the Seeking Common Ground in Fire, Wildlife, and Ecological Restoration Management workshop in Flagstaff on October 23-24, 2002. Forty-six registrants attended, representing a variety of agencies and organizations within and outside of Arizona, including the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Arizona Game and Fish Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Grand Canyon Trust, Bureau of Land Management, Army National Guard, URS Corporation, White Mountain Conservation League, and the Ecological Restoration Institute at Northern Arizona University. Thanks again to our 10 invited speakers: **JOHN PRATHER**, **PETE FULE**, and **DOC SMITH** from NAU, **NORRIS DODD** and **RICK MILLER** from AZGFD, **MARK SHIERY** from Flagstaff Fire Department, **BUCK WICKHAM** from the U.S. Forest Service, **TAYLOR MCKINNON** from Grand Canyon Trust, and **BRIAN NOWICKY** from the Center for Biological Diversity. Truly a diverse group! Thanks also to our own **DEBBIE LUTCH** for acting as the workshop coordinator. Several action items were identified as part of this workshop, including (1) working toward having the AZ-TWS resolution on forest restoration adopted by the New Mexico Chapter of TWS as well as the Southwest Section, (2) soliciting and collating information about how the Wildland Urban Interface is

defined and managed by the National Forests within Arizona, and (3) developing workshops to address the issues of bark-beetle killed trees and salvage logging practices. If you are interested in helping with any of these items, let me know.

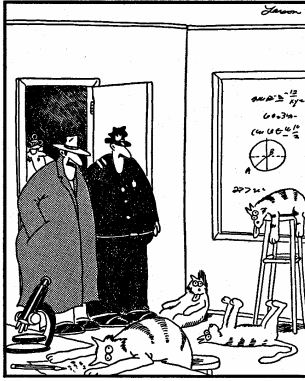
Finally, please plan to attend the AZ-TWS Business meeting in Gallup this year. It is currently scheduled from 6-7 p.m. on Thursday to give plenty of time for the rooms to be cleared for the social to begin at 8. I promise to keep the review of the annual report brief so that we can have plenty of time to discuss future directions, plans for next year's joint meeting (which AZ-TWS is hosting!) and any other items you would like to bring forward. I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming meetings in February. Don't forget to vote for the candidates of your choice in this year's election!

Cheers!

– *Tad Theimer*

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"Notice all the computations, theoretical scribbles, and lab equipment, Norm. ... Yes, curiosity killed these cats."

CANDIDATE BIOSKETCHES

PRESIDENT ELECT:

BILL WERNER. Bill is the Aquatic Habitat Coordinator for Arizona Game and Fish Department headquartered in Phoenix. Bill has been with Game and Fish since 1977 and is now heavily involved in habitat conservation planning activities on the Colorado River, coordinates Game and Fish involvement in Central Arizona Project actions, coordinates review of water related projects throughout the state, and is chair of the Arizona Floodplain Management Association Southwest River Management and Restoration Committee. In addition, Bill is involved in a number of river related planning efforts statewide.

His interests include integration of multiple objectives and efforts of multiple disciplines to address and resolve complex natural resource management issues.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

TOM HILDEBRANDT. Tom has worked for the Arizona Game and Fish Department for 15 years and is currently the wildlife program manager for the Region VI office in Mesa. Tom is a long-time member of the Arizona Chapter and has served two years as a board member and three years as treasurer. Tom received a bachelor's degree in the Biological Sciences from the University of Colorado and a Master's from Arizona State University, studying Arizona's Bald Eagles for his thesis. Tom has done field work in Arizona and New Mexico, as well as in the Republic of Botswana and in Peru. Tom is enthusiastic in his involvement with the Arizona Chapter and its board, and wishes to continue to serve in the capacity of corresponding secretary.

JOAN SCOTT. Joan works for the Arizona Game and Fish Department as the Habitat Program Manager in the Tucson Regional Office. Joan has been with AGFD for 15 years. Joan earned her B.S. and M.S. at California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, California. She did bighorn sheep research in the California desert before coming to Arizona.

RECORDING SECRETARY:

DUANE AUBUCHON. Duane received a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Management from the University of Arizona in 1987. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Forest and Range

Experimental Station (Old Growth Lab) for two years on a Washington spotted owl demography study. He came back to Arizona in 1989 working for the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Nongame Program, coordinating spotted owl surveys throughout the state. Since then, he has held various positions within the Department. These include serving as a Wildlife Manager in Parker and Strawberry, a Regional Habitat Specialist in Pinetop, and a Regional Habitat Program Manager in Kingman. Duane is currently a Field Supervisor in the Department's Kingman Regional Office where he coordinates the activities of five Wildlife Managers. Duane has been a member of the Wildlife Society, the Southwest Section, and the Arizona Chapter for over 11 years, and served on the Conservation Affairs committee and was the Recording Secretary for the Arizona Chapter last year.

JOANNE ROBERTS. Joanne has five years of professional experience in conservation biology and has been an active community leader in research, education, field projects, and fundraising since 1988. Currently, she plans and leads avian, mammal, and plant studies, and develops management and restoration strategies and plans in southeastern Arizona. She is currently a member of the Society for Conservation Biology (Endangered Species Committee Member; Arizona Chapter), Arizona Native Plant Society (Tucson Chapter), The Wildlife Society (Arizona-New Mexico Chapter), American Fisheries Society (Arizona Chapter), and the Cheetah Conservation Fund. Joanne received her B.S. in Conservation Biology from Arizona State University and an Associates degree, with emphasis on Business Management, Finance, and Marketing, from Mesa Community College.

TREASURER:

MIKE COFFEEN. Mike has served as the treasurer of Desert Tortoise Council since 1998, an office he also held for an additional ten years before a temporary departure from the Southwest. Mike completed a BS in Zoology from Colorado State University in 1968 and worked on an MS in Biology from California State University – Chico, although he did not complete the program. Mike worked for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources during 1976- 1991 in a variety of positions, worked for the U.S. Navy in San Diego from 1991 to 1994 as a fish and wildlife biologist, and then the BLM in Alaska from 1994 to 1998 as a wildlife biologist. Mike currently works for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a wildlife biologist, a position he has held since 1998.

Mike has been a TWS member since 1969, but has never served as an officer.

SHERIDAN STONE. Sheridan has been a Wildlife Biologist at Ft Huachuca since 1987, engaged in game species and protected species conservation; habitat management and restoration in desert scrub, grassland, riparian, woodland, and forest vegetation; urban wildlife management; and hunter education and environmental awareness. Previously, he worked for the Scripps Institute of Oceanography and National Marine Fisheries Service in California, and seasonally for the National Park Service. He received his B.S. in Wildlife Biology at the University of Montana and received an M.S. in Ecology and Behavioral Biology at University of Minnesota. He has been a TWS member since 1974, and served as the Southern California chapter president in 1986-87. Sheridan is also a member of the National Military Fish and Wildlife Association and Society for Conservation Biology.

Sheridan is interested in effective chapter operations, in support both of the membership and of wildlife conservation. He plans to help efficiently manage chapter financial resources and records, so as to provide reliable information for decision-making, and to help support activities by the chapter, such as workshops and continuing professional development.

BOARD MEMBER:

R. WILLIAM MANNAN. Bill is a professor of Wildlife Ecology in the School of Renewable Natural Resources (SRNR), University of Arizona. He received his B.A. degree in Biology from Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana, in 1974, and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Wildlife Ecology from Oregon State University, Corvallis, in 1977 and 1982, respectively. He teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses in the SRNR, and his research interests focus on the relationships between animals and their habitats in urban and forest environments, and animal behavior as it relates to habitat use. He has authored or co-authored 2 books, 3 chapters in books, and 35 refereed journal articles. He has served as an Associate Editor for the Journal of Wildlife Management, and as president of the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society. Currently, he is serving as the Leader of the Technical Group of the Recovery Team for the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl. He was honored with the National Teaching Award of Merit in 1991, the SRNR Outstanding Scholarly Achievement Award in 1991 and 1995, the SRNR

Outstanding Faculty Member Award in 1995, the SRNR Outstanding Course Award in 1998 and 2001, and the Wildlife-Habitat Relationships Award from the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society in 2001.

MARK WEISE. No biosketch was provided before the newsletter went to press.





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UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST**2003**

Jan. 11-15 *The First International Conference on Resource Selection by Animals*, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY. Contact Nadine Wilson at 307-637-6981.

Jan. 21-25 *Ninth North American Crane Workshop*, North American Crane Work Group (NACWG), Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza, Sacramento, CA. Contact Scott Hereford at 228-497-6322 x28.

Jan. 29-Feb. 1 *Second Four Corners Regional Bat Conference, First Annual Western Bat Working Group Conference for the Management and Conservation of Bats*, Doubletree Hotel, Durango, CO. Contact Mike Herder at 458-688-3239.

Feb. 2-6 *Society for Range Management 56th Annual Meeting: Rangelands: Diversity Through Time*, Parkway Plaza Hotel and Convention Center, Casper, WY. Contact Ann Harris at 303-986-3309.

Mar. 11-15 *The National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association 2003 Symposium: "Rehabilitation and Beyond, Broadening our Horizons,"* Newport Marriott Hotel, Newport, RI. Contact 320-259-4086.

Mar. 12-15 *Partners in Flight – Joint Meeting of the Northeast and Southeast Working Groups*, Blacksburg, VA. Contact Jeffrey Walters at jrwalt@vt.edu.

Mar. 25-26 *The Wildlife Society Special Council Meeting*, Adams Mark Winston Plaza, Winston-Salem, NC. Contact Harry Hogsdon at 301-897-8616.

Mar. 26-30 *68th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference*, Adams Mark Winston Plaza, Winston-Salem, NC. Contact Richard McCabe at 202-371-1808.

Apr. 3-6 10th Extension Wildlife Specialists' Conference, Little Rock, AR. Contact James Parkhurst at 540-231-9283.

Apr. 6-9 10th Wildlife Damage Management Conference, Clarion Resort on the Lake, Hot

Springs, AR. Contact Kathleen Fagerstone at 970-266-6161.

May 20-23 Western States and Provinces Deer and Elk Workshop, Virginian Lodge, Jackson, WY. Contact Daryl Lutz at 307-473-3400.

**THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY
ARIZONA CHAPTER**

CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT APPLICATION

Applications can be submitted at any time and will be reviewed quarterly by the Committee in January, April, July, and October. Applicants will be notified of the Committee’s decision within 30 days of the Committee’s review. The Continuing Education Committee evaluates applications based on your explanation of how the activity will enhance your career development, your financial need, your efforts to obtain supplemental funding, and your involvement in Chapter activities. Grants may not exceed \$1,000 and are limited to Chapter members.

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Employer: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____, Home Phone: _____

Continuing Education Activity Information

Title: _____

Type of Activity (circle one): course workshop symposium
other: _____

Sponsor(s): _____

Location: _____

Dates: _____

Explain how this activity will enhance your career development (use additional pages if necessary):

Financial Information

List costs of activity, your financial needs, and other known or potential sources of financial support.

| <u>Expenses</u> | <u>Total Funds Required</u> | = | <u>Grant Funds Requested</u> | + | <u>Other Sources</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Tuition: | \$ _____ | = | \$ _____ | + | \$ _____ |
| Registration: | \$ _____ | = | \$ _____ | + | \$ _____ |
| Travel: | \$ _____ | = | \$ _____ | + | \$ _____ |
| Per Diem: | \$ _____ | = | \$ _____ | + | \$ _____ |
| Books: | \$ _____ | = | \$ _____ | + | \$ _____ |
| Other (*): | \$ _____ | = | \$ _____ | + | \$ _____ |
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| Totals: | \$ _____ | = | \$ _____ | + | \$ _____ |

(*) List other expenses: _____

Minimum award that would allow participation in activity: \$ _____

Date by which funding must be received: _____

Describe other sources of funding identified above, potential for obtaining other funding for this activity, or reasons why no other funding sources are available to you: _____

Describe any previous involvement in Chapter activities: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form to:

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