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## OXBOW, INC. NEWSLETTER

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### BIRDATHON '91 - PROGRAM REPORT.



### BIRDING the CINCINNATI AREA

"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 Luekering 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!

BIRDS SEEN	Name of bird	Name of bird	BIRDS SEEN	Name of bird
5	Common Loon	Great Crested Flycatcher	15	Great Crested Flycatcher
13	Horned Grebe	Eastern Phoebe	14	Eastern Phoebe
12	Pied-billed Grebe	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	13	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
ALL	Double-crested Cormorant	Acadian Flycatcher	11	Acadian Flycatcher
17	Great Blue Heron	Wilson Flycatcher	7	Wilson Flycatcher
6	Green Heron	Least Flycatcher	17	Least Flycatcher
6	Little Blue Heron	Eastern Wood Pewee	9	Eastern Wood Pewee
6	Great Egret	Olive-sided Flycatcher	ALL	Olive-sided Flycatcher
6	Snowy Egret	Horned Lark	10	Horned Lark
1	Black-crowned Night Heron	Tree Swallow	16	Tree Swallow
1	Yellow-crowned Night Heron	Bank Swallow	ALL	Bank Swallow
1	Least Bittern #4	Rough-winged Swallow	16	Rough-winged Swallow
1	American Bittern	Barn Swallow	ALL	Barn Swallow
ALL	Whistling Swan	Purple Martin	15	Purple Martin
ALL	Canada Goose	Blue Jay	ALL	Blue Jay
ALL	Snow Goose	Common Crow	ALL	Common Crow
ALL	Mallard	Carolina Chickadee	ALL	Carolina Chickadee
2	Black Duck #1+3	Tufted Titmouse	ALL	Tufted Titmouse
2	Gadwall #2+5	White-breasted Nuthatch	16	White-breasted Nuthatch
2	Pintail	Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	Red-breasted Nuthatch
17	Green-winged Teal	Brown Creeper	17	Brown Creeper
8	Blue-winged Teal	House Wren	17	House Wren
4	American Wigeon	Winter Wren	17	Winter Wren
17	Northern Shoveler	Carolina Wren	4	Carolina Wren
1	Wood Duck	Long-billed Marsh Wren	4	Long-billed Marsh Wren
1	Redhead #3	Short-billed Marsh Wren	1	Short-billed Marsh Wren
2	Ring-necked Duck #3+11	Mockingbird	ALL	Mockingbird
1	Canvasback	Gray Catbird	17	Gray Catbird
1	Lesser Scaup #3	Brown Thrasher	ALL	Brown Thrasher
1	Common Goldeneye	American Robin	ALL	American Robin
9	Bufflehead	Wood Thrush	17	Wood Thrush
1	Oldsquaw	Hermit Thrush	13	Hermit Thrush
2	Ruddy Duck	Swanson's Thrush	6	Swanson's Thrush
1	Hooded Merganser #7+10A	Gray-cheeked Thrush	5	Gray-cheeked Thrush
1	Common Merganser #11	Veery	ALL	Veery
3	Red-breasted Merganser #3,5,7F	Eastern Bluebird	ALL	Eastern Bluebird
17	Turkey Vulture	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
6	Black Vulture	Golden-crowned Kinglet	2	Golden-crowned Kinglet
6	Sharp-shinned Hawk	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
ALL	Cooper's Hawk	Water Pipit	9	Water Pipit
8	Red-tailed Hawk	Cedar Waxwing	2	Cedar Waxwing
6	Red-shouldered Hawk	Loggerhead Shrike	ALL	Loggerhead Shrike
1	Broad-winged Hawk	Starling	15	Starling
1	Frough-legged Hawk #10-A	White-eyed Vireo	8	White-eyed Vireo
2	Bald Eagle #2+3	Solitary Vireo	3	Solitary Vireo
3	Marsh Hawk #3+6+11	Red-eyed Vireo	5	Red-eyed Vireo
9	Osprey	Philadelphia Vireo	16	Philadelphia Vireo
2	Peregrine Falcon	Warbling Vireo	7	Warbling Vireo
16	Merlin #10+14	Black-and-White Warbler	15	Black-and-White Warbler
17	American Kestrel	Prothonotary Warbler	5	Prothonotary Warbler
3	Bobwhite	Worm-eating Warbler	ALL	Worm-eating Warbler
1	Virginia Rail #1+5+10-A	Golden-winged Warbler	ALL	Golden-winged Warbler
7	Sora			

BIRDS SEEN	Name of bird	Name of bird	BIRDS SEEN	Name of bird
7	Grasshopper Sparrow	Blue-winged Warbler	12	Blue-winged Warbler
6	Henslow's Sparrow	Tennessee Warbler	16	Tennessee Warbler
2	Vesper Sparrow #2+3	Orange-crowned Warbler	6	Orange-crowned Warbler
1	Dark-eyed Junco #10-A	Nashville Warbler	8	Nashville Warbler
2	Tree Sparrow #10-A+11	Northern Parula Warbler	ALL	Northern Parula Warbler
ALL	Chipping Sparrow	Yellow Warbler	7	Yellow Warbler
17	Field Sparrow	Magnolia Warbler	10	Magnolia Warbler
9	White-crowned Sparrow	Cape May Warbler	7	Cape May Warbler
5	White-throated Sparrow	Black-throated Blue Warbler	10	Black-throated Blue Warbler
1	Fox Sparrow	Cerulean Warbler	13	Cerulean Warbler
1	Lincoln's Sparrow #1	Yellow-rumped Warbler	16	Yellow-rumped Warbler
5	Swamp Sparrow	Black-throated Green Warbler	12	Black-throated Green Warbler
ALL	Song Sparrow	Blackburnian Warbler	10	Blackburnian Warbler
17	HOUSE FINCH	Yellow-throated Warbler	10	Yellow-throated Warbler
		Chestnut-sided Warbler	8	Chestnut-sided Warbler
		Bay-breasted Warbler	11	Bay-breasted Warbler
		Blackpoll Warbler	13	Blackpoll Warbler
		Pine Warbler	6	Pine Warbler
		Prairie Warbler	13	Prairie Warbler
		Palm Warbler	5	Palm Warbler
		Ovenbird	11	Ovenbird
		Louisiana Waterthrush	9	Louisiana Waterthrush
		Northern Waterthrush	13	Northern Waterthrush
		Kentucky Warbler	13	Kentucky Warbler
		Connecticut Warbler	1	Connecticut Warbler
		Mourning Warbler	ALL	Mourning Warbler
		Common Yellowthroat	16	Common Yellowthroat
		Yellow-breasted Chat	8	Yellow-breasted Chat
		Hooded Warbler	12	Hooded Warbler
		Wilson's Warbler	ALL	Wilson's Warbler
		Canada Warbler	ALL	Canada Warbler
		American Redstart	ALL	American Redstart
		House Sparrow	ALL	House Sparrow
		Bobolink	ALL	Bobolink
		Eastern Meadowlark	ALL	Eastern Meadowlark
		Red-winged Blackbird	ALL	Red-winged Blackbird
		Rusty Blackbird	2	Rusty Blackbird
		Common Grackle	ALL	Common Grackle
		Brown-headed Cowbird	ALL	Brown-headed Cowbird
		Orchard Oriole	17	Orchard Oriole
		Northern Oriole	ALL	Northern Oriole
		Scarlet Tanager	13	Scarlet Tanager
		Summer Tanager	13	Summer Tanager
		Cardinal	ALL	Cardinal
		Rose-breasted Grosbeak	10	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
		Indigo Bunting	ALL	Indigo Bunting
		Evening Grosbeak	ALL	Evening Grosbeak
		Purple Finch	2	Purple Finch
		Pine Siskin	1	Pine Siskin
		American Goldfinch	ALL	American Goldfinch
		Red Crossbill	ALL	Red Crossbill
		Rufous-sided Towhee	ALL	Rufous-sided Towhee
		Savannah Sparrow	8	Savannah Sparrow

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12	Blue-winged Warbler	Great Crested Flycatcher	15	Great Crested Flycatcher
16	Tennessee Warbler	Eastern Phoebe	14	Eastern Phoebe
6	Orange-crowned Warbler	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	13	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
8	Nashville Warbler	Acadian Flycatcher	11	Acadian Flycatcher
ALL	Northern Parula Warbler	Wilson Flycatcher	7	Wilson Flycatcher
7	Yellow Warbler	Least Flycatcher	17	Least Flycatcher
10	Magnolia Warbler	Eastern Wood Pewee	9	Eastern Wood Pewee
7	Cape May Warbler	Olive-sided Flycatcher	ALL	Olive-sided Flycatcher
10	Black-throated Blue Warbler	Horned Lark	10	Horned Lark
13	Cerulean Warbler	Tree Swallow	16	Tree Swallow
16	Yellow-rumped Warbler	Bank Swallow	16	Bank Swallow
12	Black-throated Green Warbler	Rough-winged Swallow	16	Rough-winged Swallow
10	Blackburnian Warbler	Barn Swallow	ALL	Barn Swallow
10	Yellow-throated Warbler	Purple Martin	15	Purple Martin
8	Chestnut-sided Warbler	Blue Jay	ALL	Blue Jay
11	Bay-breasted Warbler	Common Crow	ALL	Common Crow
13	Blackpoll Warbler	Carolina Chickadee	ALL	Carolina Chickadee
6	Pine Warbler	Tufted Titmouse	ALL	Tufted Titmouse
13	Prairie Warbler	White-breasted Nuthatch	16	White-breasted Nuthatch
5	Palm Warbler	Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	Red-breasted Nuthatch
11	Ovenbird	Brown Creeper	17	Brown Creeper
9	Louisiana Waterthrush	House Wren	17	House Wren
13	Northern Waterthrush	Winter Wren	17	Winter Wren
13	Kentucky Warbler	Carolina Wren	4	Carolina Wren
1	Connecticut Warbler	Long-billed Marsh Wren	4	Long-billed Marsh Wren
ALL	Mourning Warbler	Short-billed Marsh Wren	1	Short-billed Marsh Wren
16	Common Yellowthroat	Mockingbird	ALL	Mockingbird
8	Yellow-breasted Chat	Gray Catbird	17	Gray Catbird
12	Hooded Warbler	Brown Thrasher	ALL	Brown Thrasher
ALL	Wilson's Warbler	American Robin	ALL	American Robin
ALL	Canada Warbler	Wood Thrush	17	Wood Thrush
12	American Redstart	Hermit Thrush	13	Hermit Thrush
ALL	House Sparrow	Swanson's Thrush	6	Swanson's Thrush
ALL	Bobolink	Gray-cheeked Thrush	5	Gray-cheeked Thrush
ALL	Eastern Meadowlark	Veery	ALL	Veery
ALL	Red-winged Blackbird	Eastern Bluebird	ALL	Eastern Bluebird
2	Rusty Blackbird	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
ALL	Common Grackle	Golden-crowned Kinglet	2	Golden-crowned Kinglet
ALL	Brown-headed Cowbird	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
17	Orchard Oriole	Water Pipit	9	Water Pipit
ALL	Northern Oriole	Cedar Waxwing	2	Cedar Waxwing
13	Scarlet Tanager	Loggerhead Shrike	ALL	Loggerhead Shrike
13	Summer Tanager	Starling	15	Starling
ALL	Cardinal	White-eyed Vireo	8	White-eyed Vireo
10	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Solitary Vireo	3	Solitary Vireo
ALL	Indigo Bunting	Red-eyed Vireo	5	Red-eyed Vireo
2	Purple Finch	Philadelphia Vireo	16	Philadelphia Vireo
1	Pine Siskin	Warbling Vireo	7	Warbling Vireo
ALL	American Goldfinch	Black-and-White Warbler	15	Black-and-White Warbler
ALL	Red Crossbill	Prothonotary Warbler	5	Prothonotary Warbler
8	Rufous-sided Towhee	Worm-eating Warbler	ALL	Worm-eating Warbler
	Savannah Sparrow	Golden-winged Warbler	ALL	Golden-winged Warbler

BIRDS SEEN	Name of bird	Name of bird	BIRDS SEEN	Name of bird
17	American Coot	Great Crested Flycatcher	15	Great Crested Flycatcher
9	Semipalmated Plover	Eastern Phoebe	14	Eastern Phoebe
ALL	Killdeer	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	13	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
1	American Golden Plover	Acadian Flycatcher	11	Acadian Flycatcher
1	Black-bellied Plover #14	Wilson Flycatcher	7	Wilson Flycatcher
7	Ruddy Turnstone	Least Flycatcher	17	Least Flycatcher
3	American Woodcock	Eastern Wood Pewee	9	Eastern Wood Pewee
2	Common Snipe #1+4+7	Olive-sided Flycatcher	ALL	Olive-sided Flycatcher
14	Upland Sandpiper #3+6	Horned Lark	10	Horned Lark
14	Spotted Sandpiper	Tree Swallow	16	Tree Swallow
9	Solitary Sandpiper	Bank Swallow	16	Bank Swallow
9	Greater Yellowlegs	Rough-winged Swallow	16	Rough-winged Swallow
17	Lesser Yellowlegs	Barn Swallow	ALL	Barn Swallow
7	Pectoral Sandpiper	Purple Martin	15	Purple Martin
12	White-rumped Sandpiper	Blue Jay	ALL	Blue Jay
1	Baird's Sandpiper	Common Crow	ALL	Common Crow
1	Least Sandpiper	Carolina Chickadee	ALL	Carolina Chickadee
3	Dunlin #8	Tufted Titmouse	ALL	Tufted Titmouse
3	Short-billed Dowitcher #2-5-14F	White-breasted Nuthatch	16	White-breasted Nuthatch
7	Stilt Sandpiper	Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	Red-breasted Nuthatch
5	Semipalmated Sandpiper	Brown Creeper	17	Brown Creeper
13	Herring Gull	House Wren	17	House Wren
13	Ring-billed Gull	Winter Wren	17	Winter Wren
3	Bonaparte's Gull #2+4+5	Carolina Wren	4	Carolina Wren
4	Forster's Tern	Long-billed Marsh Wren	4	Long-billed Marsh Wren
4	Common Tern	Short-billed Marsh Wren	1	Short-billed Marsh Wren
2	Caspian Tern #10+14	Mockingbird	ALL	Mockingbird
ALL	Black Tern	Gray Catbird	17	Gray Catbird
ALL	Rock Dove	Brown Thrasher	ALL	Brown Thrasher
ALL	Mourning Dove	American Robin	ALL	American Robin
11	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Wood Thrush	17	Wood Thrush
5	Black-billed Cuckoo	Hermit Thrush	13	Hermit Thrush
5	Barn Owl	Swanson's Thrush	6	Swanson's Thrush
10	Screech Owl	Gray-cheeked Thrush	5	Gray-cheeked Thrush
7	Great Horned Owl	Veery	ALL	Veery
15	Snowy Owl	Eastern Bluebird	ALL	Eastern Bluebird
	Barred Owl	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
	Long-eared Owl	Golden-crowned Kinglet	2	Golden-crowned Kinglet
	Short-eared Owl	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
	Saw-whet Owl	Water Pipit	9	Water Pipit
	Whip-poor-will	Cedar Waxwing	2	Cedar Waxwing
16	Common Nighthawk	Loggerhead Shrike	ALL	Loggerhead Shrike
ALL	Chimney Swift	Starling	15	Starling
13	Belted Kingfisher	White-eyed Vireo	8	White-eyed Vireo
14	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Solitary Vireo	3	Solitary Vireo
15	Common Flicker	Red-eyed Vireo	5	Red-eyed Vireo
ALL	Pileated Woodpecker	Philadelphia Vireo	16	Philadelphia Vireo
13	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Warbling Vireo	7	Warbling Vireo
1	Red-headed Woodpecker	Black-and-White Warbler	15	Black-and-White Warbler
10	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Prothonotary Warbler	5	Prothonotary Warbler
ALL	Hairy Woodpecker	Worm-eating Warbler	ALL	Worm-eating Warbler
ALL	Downy Woodpecker	Golden-winged Warbler	ALL	Golden-winged Warbler
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2	Gadwall #2+5	White-breasted Nuthatch	16	White-breasted Nuthatch
2	Pintail	Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	Red-breasted Nuthatch
17	Green-winged Teal	Brown Creeper	17	Brown Creeper
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BIRDATHON '91 SPONSORED COMPETING TEAMS IN ORDER OF FINISH.

1. Oxbow, Inc. No.2 "FIRE AND BRIMSTONE BIRDER'S GUILD".	150 sp.
Joe Bens                      Tim Smert	
Tony Luekering           Paul Wharton	
2. University of Cincinnati "U.C."	144 sp.
Joanne Olman - driver	
Steve Pelikan	
Dave Styer	
3. Gilmore Ponds No.1 "BIRDS-R-US"	142 sp.
Dave Dister	
Ned Keller	
Jay Stenger	
4. Cinti. Museum of Natural Hist. "THE BIRD RANGERS"	132 sp.
Dave Minney	
Bill Whan	
Pete Whan	
5. Oxbow, Inc. No.3 "THE CREEPERS"	127 sp.
Charlie Saunders	
Allen Walls	
6. Audubon Society of Ohio "THE HAWK-EYES"	121 sp.
Sister Marty Dermody	
Teddy Mechley	
7. Cinti. Nature Center "NUMBER ONE"	119 sp.
Jim Anno                    Dave Helms	
Bill Creasey               Ed Larson	
8. Northern Ky. Bird Club "BLUEGRASS BUTEOS"	108 sp.
Joe Caminiti               Lee McNeely	
Kathy Caminiti           Tommy Stephens	
9. Cinti. Nature Center "NUMBER TWO"	105 sp.
Jim Berry                   Dave Brinkman	
Steve Bobonick           Jon Seymour	
10. Gilmore Ponds No.3 "MARSH HAWKS"	103 sp.
Jim Becker	
Will Harbaum	
Bob Yaekle	
10-A. Cinti.Zoo & Botanical Gardens "ZORILLA BIRDWATCHERS"	103 sp.
Kevin Hils                 Bea Orendorff	
Matt Miller                Gary Orendorff	
11. Cinti. Zoo & Botanical Gardens "THE BIRDSEEDS"	102 sp.
David Cody                 Cliff Mandela	
Brandon Kramer           Shawn Smith	
12. "FINNEYTOWN'S FABULOUS FLYING FORTUNE SEEKERS"	101 sp.
Erich Baumgarder	
Gary Hunt	
Jerry Lippert	
13. Raptor, Inc. No.1 "THE PREDATORS"	95 sp.
David Axt                  Kurt Vonderheide	
Fritz Haas                 Susan Wilkinson	
14. Gilmore Ponds No.2 "SWAMP THINGS"	88 sp.
Bob Herbst	
Ginny Herbst	
15. Cinti. Zoo & Botanical Gardens "JUNIOR ZOOLOGISTS CLUB"	84 sp.
John Frodge               Kalpana Katagal           Stan Rullman	
David Hedeem             Dana Miller	
16. Oxbow, Inc. No.1 "GERIATRIC GENTS AND A JUNIOR"	83 sp.
Jack Gottshang           Karl Maslowski	
George Laycock           Jerry Meyer	
17. Gilmore Ponds No.4 "NO NAME"	76 sp.
Lee Abell                 Ted Ellis                 Mike Feldhues	

INDIVIDUAL REPORTING NON-COMPETITIVE TEAMS.

I. "THE COMMON LOONS"				95 sp.
	Chris Blatz	Jerry Carter	Jonathon Mason	
	Cathy Carter	Christopher Mason	Bill Stanley	
			Tammy Stanley	
II. BILL BOCKLAGE				76 sp.
III THE LEONS				75 sp.
	John & Sarah Leon			
IV. RAPTOR NO.2				60 sp.
	Barb & John Eckles			
IV-A. "THE PARROT PATROL"				60 sp.
	The Bogosians - Don & Barbara			
	Aiden	Brendan	Calvin	

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 outside 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 APGAR** 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 its 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.

## A HISTORY OF THE OXBOW AREA.

Don Bogosian



### 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.

Next - Lawrenceburg

### 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.

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\*WETLAND MATTERS apologizes for the omission of Mr. Skidmore and Mr. Trabert from the February-March Memorials. Ed.

## STEAMBOAT 'ROUND THE BEND!



"**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, story tellers, 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.

### BARGE STOPS.

Huntington, W.VA. July 4-6	Louisville, KY. July 30- Aug 5	Mt. Vernon, IN. Aug. 23-24
Portsmouth, OH. July 8-9	Tell City, IN. Aug. 8-10	Golconda, IL. Aug. 27-28
Maysville, KY, July 11-13	Owensboro, KY. Aug. 12-13	Paducah, KY. Aug. 30-31
<b>CINCINNATI, OH.</b> <b>JULY 15-22</b>	Evansville, IN. Aug. 15-18	Cairo, IL. Sept. 2-8
Vevay, IN. July 25-28	Henderson, KY. Aug. 20-21	

## 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!



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**WE'VE GOT  
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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.

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**TUESDAY, JULY 9TH, 7:30 P.M.** Cincinnati Zoo Education Building.  
Enter through the Exit Gate on Erkenbrecher Avenue.

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!

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**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.**

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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.

Membership in Oxbow, Inc. is encouraged and solicited.

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