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OXBOW, inc.

Save the Oxbow Society

In December, 1986 the Audubon Society of Ohio, Cincinnati Chapter, offered Oxbow, Inc. a five thousand dollar grant to be used for land acquisition, IF Oxbow, Inc. members could match these funds within six months. Oxbow, Inc., through President Judy Bramstedt, accepted the challenge in January, 1987 and within TWO MONTHS these funds have been matched and an offer made to purchase 27.580 acres strategically located adjacent to the Oxbow lake.

It is vital we do not lose the exciting momentum generated by the Audubon challenge. The land acquisition fund requires constant renewing to keep Oxbow, Inc. in a favorable financial position so offers can be made as desirable acreage becomes available. Although we may pause to congratulate ourselves on a challenge met, we may not luxuriate in resting on our laurels. We must continue to spread the word that Oxbow, Inc. is a vibrant, growing organization confidently going about the business of preserving a unique wetland area. The bandwagon is beginning to roll and it's time to jump on board. The word is out that the most dynamic group to join in 1987 is Oxbow, Inc. Join us! It's the in thing to do!

THE SPEAKERS' BUREAU continues to reach a great number of people through talks and slide presentations. On March 10th, Morris Mercer and Lynn Holtzman spoke before a full house at the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History. Oxbow, Inc. wishes to recognize Lynn Holtzman from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Lynn's talk addressed the necessity of conserving wetlands. He also presented an interesting film on duck identification. The Speakers' Bureau does an important job in getting the Oxbow preservation story out to business people, organizations and clubs. If anyone knows of a group interested in this service, contact Donna Wagner, 513-831-7606.

Donna Wagner reports the Bureau was presented with an exceptional series of slides by photographer-naturalist Karl Maslowski. These slides along with others from Greg Mendell and Mr. & Mrs. McManaman will be incorporated into our Speakers' program.

Thanks to everyone for responding to our request for slides. To others who feel they have suitable wildlife slides but who need additional coaxing, come on now - send them to Donna Wagner, 1255 East Day Circle, Milford, Ohio 45150. Include a stamped self-addressed envelope if you wish your slides returned.

GILMORE PONDS REPORT - an update by Committee Chairman, Jim Becker.

"It has been determined by the Board of Trustees of the First National Bank that the Krueger estate may not be sold to assist in the purchase of the Gilmore Ponds area. This would have been the key financial amount needed to purchase a major section of the ponds

The Isaac Walton League of America (IWLA) Hamilton Chapter has submitted a proposal to the City of Hamilton stating what the intended use of the area would be and how it would be controlled and maintained for all of us to enjoy.

The Gilmore Ponds acquisition project has a balance of over \$5500.00. We sincerely thank all of you for your kind and generous donations. This area deserves protection and you can be assured we will do all that we can to accomplish just that!"

Oxbow, Inc. members interested in walking the Gilmore Ponds area are invited to do so. The ponds may be reached by taking Route 4 North of I-275. Turn right onto Bypass 4. Take the second road to the left (Symmes). Go 1/2 mile and park across the road from the water tower. Walk into the ponds area from there. Rails, grebes, coots and rusty blackbirds have been sighted. Take a 'scope if you have one.



## WILDLIFE PRINTS

Bill Zimmerman is a well known wildlife artist, lecturer and naturalist. He is also a member of the Advisory Council of Oxbow, Inc. Mr. Zimmerman has generously donated a number of his wildlife print, "Mallard Ducks" to be sold. The proceeds are to go to the land acquisition fund.

Mr. Zimmerman's gesture is a testimonial to his dedication to the conservation and preservation of wildlife and wetlands, and it is greatly appreciated by Oxbow, Inc.

The Newsletter will carry information on how these prints may be obtained.

OXBOW INC. congratulates Anne Wickham on her appointment to Deputy Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Ms. Wickham is a wise choice for this position because of her enthusiasm and knowledge.

Our thanks to Director Joseph Sommer for his decision on this appointment and best wishes to Ms. Wickham.

## OXBOW, INC. NEEDS YOUR HELP!

As Oxbow, Inc. continues to grow and pursue its goal of preservation of the Oxbow area, we need more and more people to help us. If you have some spare time or a special talent you could donate, please consider helping us. When you donate your time to preserve the Oxbow, you are helping our wildlife to survive. We have opportunities to help that require only 2-3 hours of time a month or opportunities that would allow you more involvement. Please call our committee chairpeople if you are interested.

## THE CINCINNATI ZOO AND BOTANICAL GARDENS is supportive of Oxbow, Inc.

Thane Maynard, Assistant Curator of Education, wrote an article which was carried in the Zoo's newsletter. This publication reaches over 30,000 people. The article, entitled "Save the Oxbow", pointed out that loss of habitat takes a greater toll on wildlife each year than poaching, pesticides and all other threats to species combined. Referring to the Oxbow area, Thane continued, "The Cincinnati Zoo is fully supportive of the efforts to save this area. Zoo Director, Ed Maruska, serves on the Scientific Advisory Board of Oxbow, Inc. as do Zoo photographer Ron Austing and Curator of Education Barry Wakeman. Dr. Betsy Dresser also serves as an advisor to the group." Thane concluded by stating, "Work is underway to preserve this area, but it cannot happen without local support to prove that the Oxbow is as important to people as it is to the birds."

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH, 8:00 A.M. - Migrating spring warblers.

Meet Dave Styer at the upper boat ramp parking lot at Shawnee-Lookout Park. Bring a 'scope. Waterfowl may also be on the agenda. Motor vehicle permit required. Dave, 513-772-4395.

TUESDAY, MAY 12TH, 7:30 P.M. - Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens Education Building.

Enter through the Exit gate on Erkenbrecher Avenue. Thane Maynard will be the guest speaker. Thane is a frequent guest on TV programs and the host of the TV series "ZOO, ZOO, ZOO". Mr. Maynard's topic will be "Conservation".

TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH, 7:30 P.M. - Greendale Cabin, Greendale, Indiana. (See map).

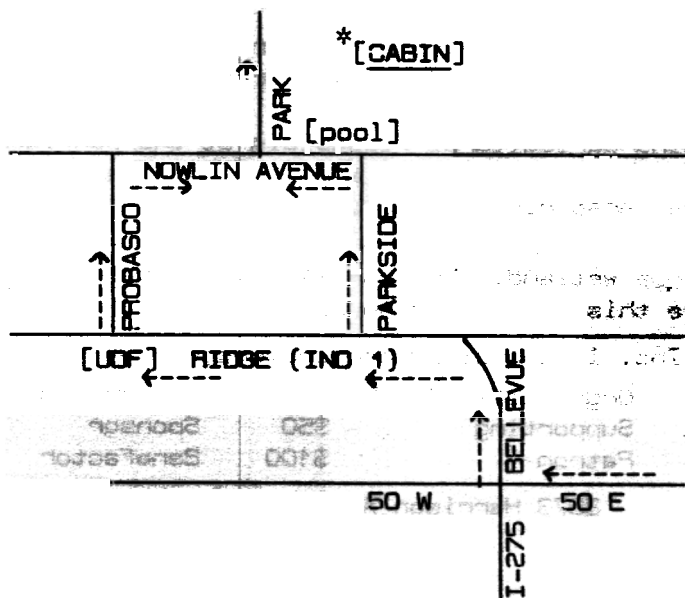
The speaker will be an Indiana conservation officer from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

MONDAY, JUNE 15TH, 6:30 P.M. - Meet at the 50's Root Beer parking lot off Route 50. Join John and Velda Miller for a surprise evening walk. Velda, 812-438-3920.

DIRECTIONS TO THE GREENDALE CABIN:

At I-275 & US 50 intersection take Bellevue to Ridge (IND 1). Turn left. Proceed on Ridge to Probasco. (By the United Dairy Farmer). Turn right. Take Probasco to Nowlin. Turn right. Park is on the left. Cabin is just beyond the pool.

You may also take Parkside to the right off of Ridge to Nowlin. Turn left onto Nowlin Park is short distance on right.



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OXBOW, INC.

A non-profit organization formed by conservation groups and concerned citizens of Ohio and Indiana for the purpose of preserving and protecting a wetlands area known locally as the Oxbow, Hardintown, or Horseshoe Bottoms, from future industrial development and to preserve the existing agricultural floodplain at the confluence of the Great Miami and the Ohio Rivers for use as a staging area for the seasonal migrations of waterfowl. This is an agricultural area rich in geological, archaeological and anthropological history.

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 solicited and encouraged.

Individual	\$10	Organization/Club	\$25	Cornerstone	\$250
Family	\$15	Supporting	\$50	Sponsor	\$500
Contributing	\$25	Patron	\$100	Benefactor	\$1000

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