

## **South Mountain Airs**

**The Newsletter of the South Mountain Audubon Society**

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### UPCOMING BIRD RELATED / OTHER EVENTS

#### **SMAS Annual Picnic**

**Monday August 13th** - - South Mountain Audubon Society (SMAS) Annual Picnic

SMAS members Kathy King and Mike Bertram are hosting our annual picnic again this year.

All are welcome to arrive anytime after 5:00 PM and the picnic dinner will begin at 6:00 PM. Please bring a dish to share, your drink(s) of choice, and a place setting for all in your group.

Also, don't forget to psych yourselves up for the "Annual SMAS Bean Bag Competition!"

PLEASE RSVP to Mike Bertram at [mike@the2nomads.org](mailto:mike@the2nomads.org) if you plan to attend. Questions - call Mike Bertram at 717 809-3911.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

Unless indicated otherwise, all SMAS Programs are held at the Adams County Agricultural Resource Center, 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg, PA . Usually, there is social time and light refreshments from 7:00 to 7:30 PM. The program presentation is at 7:30 PM.

A room number for the SMAS meeting will be posted on the front lobby entry inner door.

**Tuesday August 4th** - - **Bonnie Portzline** will be giving her “**Birds With a Gettysburg Address**” presentation.

This will take place at the Gettysburg National Military Park on August 4th at 7:30 PM at the Amphitheater located along West Confederate Avenue.

**Monday September 17th** - - **B.J. Small** from the **Chesapeake Bay Foundation** will be speaking at the monthly meeting. 7 PM social half hour; 7:30pm meeting presentation.

**Monday October 15th** - - “My Educational Tools - Nature & Travel” presentation by Cindy Ross.

Cindy is the author of 6 published books on the outdoors as well as over 1,000 magazine articles. Her 7th book, “The World is Our Classroom - How One Family Used Nature & Travel to Shape an Extraordinary Education” is coming out September 1, 2018. 7pm social half hour; 7:30pm meeting.

UPCOMING SMAS FIELD TRIPS and BIRD WALKS

**Saturday August 11th** - - **Bird walk at Oakside Park** in Biglerville. Meet at the parking lot off of Rt. 394 at 8 AM.

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**Announcements** - keep your eyes open for announcements about 2 overnight field trips this fall. The first will involve 3 nights in New Jersey which will include (1) day at the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge and one (1) day at Cape May. The second field trip will be an overnigher to Hawk Mountain in early November for the peak of the Golden Eagle migration. The next SMAS Newsletter will have the details on these trips.

Please let the Leader know in advance if you plan to attend any field trip, especially if you plan to go direct. Trips are subject to weathering out, especially in the colder months, or otherwise being changed. In addition, if we have only one or two known attendees, we may cancel or reschedule a given field trip. We cannot alert you unless we hear from you.

We've posted the information on our total activities' schedule at the end of this edition.

**HEY!! Checkout our South Mountain Audubon Society Website!!!**

SMAS has a Website. The home page has some general information and synopses of Chapter activities as well as a number of links to other informational aspects. These include the Calendar, Board members and officers, Chapter meeting minutes, current and archival newsletter editions, and links to a number of other Adams County organizations as well as other county, state and national groups and organizations.

We are also working to put up some location specific area checklists. Many of these are in place.

All readers are encouraged to offer suggestions on what you would like to see on the website. Contact info is on the site.

## Accessing the SMAS Newsletter

A great feature of having the Newsletter on-line and receiving it via e-mail, is that you can always access a misplaced or discarded issue at a future date. You can access the Newsletter in several ways.

First, if you do not routinely discard your emails or you retain selected items in your in-box or transfer them to a saved information folder or similar, you can always access them at a future date on your own system.

Second, we archive the electronic edition on the internet at the following url: [perch.es](http://perch.es) Simply copy the url and paste it into your browser search box or just type it in (Clicking usually will not work).

The first header that appears is for the current (most recent) issue. In addition, there is a heading, by year, for past quarter issues which we archive on the site. We have put the past issues here since we started the electronic edition.

Third, you can access it on the internet at the Yahoo.com Chat Group site, Adams County Nature Chat (AdCoNaChat). Presence of the information on this site may lag the Newsletter somewhat.

We post our SMAS field trips, meeting dates and topics, special events like an annual picnic, annual luncheon, and other club news on the calendar. There are directions uploaded to the files section for some areas we have trips to, and also, we often upload the species list from completed field trips and Christmas Bird Counts on the Files area.

You can access the AdCoNaChat web-site at the link provided below. This is the link to the home page and from there you can access posts and messages by members, the Calendar and Files section, and much more. Copy and paste the following url into your browser search box:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AdCoNaChat/>

And, of course, per information above re the new SMAS Website, you can reference current & past issues there.

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### **SMAS Annual Schedule Information**

Regular SMAS Monthly Program Meetings are held Jan / Mar / May / June / Sept / Oct / Nov.

Unless indicated otherwise, all meetings are held on Mondays at 7:30 PM at the Adams County Agricultural Center. Please see complete information at the beginning of this and every Newsletter in case there is any variation by quarter. Please check individual programs in each issue in the event of a change in times and / or venue.

Field Trips are normally held monthly in Jan / Feb / Mar / April / May / Jun / Sept / Oct / Nov. In December we substitute the annual Christmas Bird Count for the monthly field trip.

Some of these monthly field trips traditionally repeat each year, such as the Christmas Bird Count and the Migration Count in May. We usually go to a nearby hawk watch site in late September or early October.

The Annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is held by design between 14 Dec and 5 Jan. For SMAS, this is in lieu of a regular field trip. We schedule our SMAS CBC on the first available Saturday after 13 Dec. In the event of really bad weather, we may cancel and reschedule.

The Annual Luncheon has been traditionally held in April, in lieu of, the regular monthly meeting.

Our SMAS Annual Picnic and get together is held in August on the second Monday. This is "Bring A Dish" to share and the kickoff is 5 PM with dinner at 6 PM. In addition to bringing a dish to share, attendees should bring their own place setting materials. Drinks and some type of main dish(es) will be provided. See the summer Newsletter edition for details on times and directions.

All meetings, field trips and other activities are subject to weathering out or other cancellation reasons. If you are on our email list (receiving our Newsletters and other information) you will get an email notification as soon as the decision is made. Otherwise, if there is some question based on the weather or some other issue, please contact the field trip leader or someone from the list of Board Members / Committee Chairpersons applicable to your question(s).