



SUMMER POT-LUCK PICNIC—AUGUST 18

Our annual summer pot-luck picnic will be on Saturday, August 18, at 12:30. We will use the outdoor screen room at the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center's Alligator Creek site, 10941 Burnt Store Road in Punta Gorda. A brief Board meeting will be conducted to cover any immediate business matters.

Please bring either a covered dish and/or a dessert. Also, please bring your own plates and utensils. Drinks, ice and cups will be provided.



Members' families and friends are encouraged to join us. This will be a casual afternoon of socializing and everyone is welcome. A guided "wading walk" will follow lunch.

dates for your calendar.....

Our first 2002-2003 General Membership Meeting will be on Thursday, September 19, beginning with social time at 7 and the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Our meeting day is normally the third Thursday of each month...and here are some specifics:

- Thursday, October 17 Harvest Supper and Membership Meeting
- Thursday, November 21 Membership Meeting
- Saturday, December 7 Hopefully, we'll have a special Birding Class
- Saturday, December 14 Christmas Bird Count; followed by....
- Thursday, December 19 Christmas Bird Count Social

Our meeting site is: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2565 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte.

Some 2003 dates (besides the regular membership meetings for your calendar:

- Saturday, February 1 Charlotte Harbor Nature Festival
- Saturday, February 8 5K Cross-country Wildlife Run (name may change)
- Monday, March 24 Banquet/Silent Auction at Victoria Estates
- Saturday, April 5 Birdathon

BIRDING WALKS:

Birding walks will be scheduled the third Saturday of each month according to Gene Christensen and Dave Mathewson. Tentatively the schedule looks like this—**volunteers are needed** to lead any of these dates and they may choose the destination(s):

- ◇ September (?) ?
- ◇ October 19 Possibly lead by Dave
- ◇ November 16 Manatee State Park
- ◇ December 14 Christmas Bird Count - Cathy Olson, chair
- ◇ January (?) Whooping cranes - Gene
- ◇ February (?) East Coast or Shark River Valley
- ◇ March (?) St Pete
- ◇ April 5 Birdathon - George Marks, chair
- ◇ May (?) ?

To pick your date(s), please call now:

Gene 575-4170
Dave 629-6376

The September "White Bird" will show any new destinations and/or dates with those volunteers who have called Gene or Dave. That schedule will be discussed at the September 19 membership meeting; so if you would like your "pick," call one of the coordinators now, or take your chances at the meeting.

Audubon announcement:

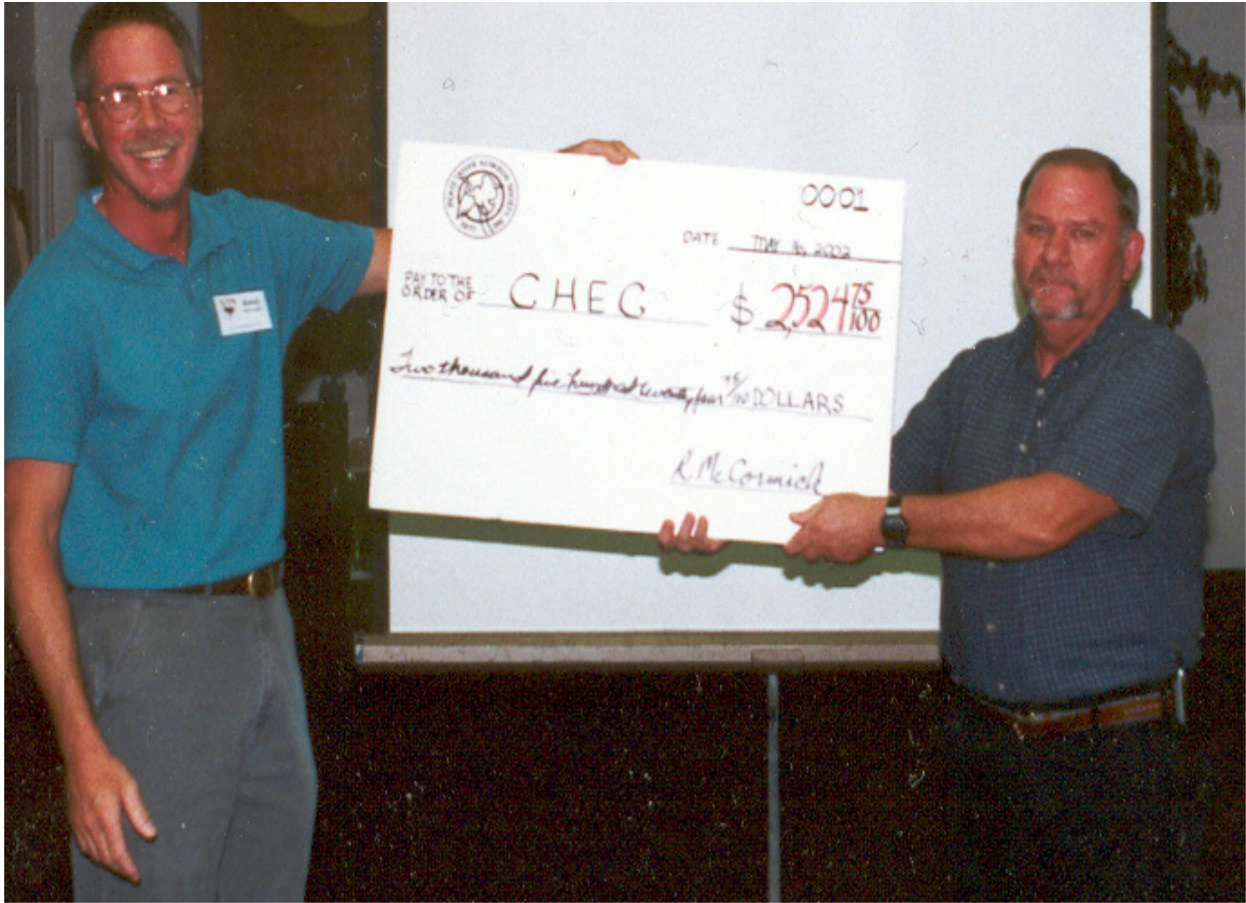
"Beginning with the September issue, AUDUBON magazine will be published quarterly instead of bimonthly; the May/June issue was the last bimonthly issue. A postcard explaining this change was sent to all active members in June."... "AUDUBON will now be published quarterly in March, June, September and December."

..."Any member who had one or more issues of AUDUBON remaining on their membership record after delivery of the May/June issue has had their membership extended. This extension applied to all members whose membership was current as of the end of June...new extended membership expiration date printed on the label affixed to their December issue...For example, if after the May/June issue was sent, a member was due to receive one more issue of AUDUBON, their membership was extended through September 2002. If there were two issue remaining after the May/June issue was mailed, the membership was extended through December 2002, and so forth."

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A CHECK FOR CHEC...



Past President, Randy McCormick (left), presents a check to Al Cheatham, CEO of the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center

At our Annual Meeting on May 16, Randy McCormick, our past president, was able to present a check for \$2,574.75 to Al Cheatham, CEO of the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC). Our Chapter raised the funds for this check as a result of two major fund raising events this year. The first was a Silent Auction which was held at our Annual Banquet on March 28, and the second was our first Annual Birdathon which was held on April 20. Peace River Audubon Society members made these two events a big success by volunteering their time, making personal donations and soliciting contributions from others. The funds will be used by CHEC to support their youth environmental education programs which include the fourth-grade interpretive field trips and the second-grade interpretive wading trips.

Thanks to all who participated in the Birdathon and Silent Auction!

May 7 Bird Walk at CHEC reported by Lynn Bates (Trip Leader):

Fourteen birders gathered at the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) on Burnt Store Road in Punta Gorda on May 7, at 7:30 am. We started out on the Pine Flatwoods Trail and then onto the Three Lakes Trail.

The first lake unfortunately was all dried up, but we were fortunate to see 7 Roseate Spoonbills fly over the lake. We had one of those extraordinary "birding experiences" at the second lake with an aerial display put on by 100 plus WHITE Pelicans. For over 15 minutes we watched them circle over our heads and around and around the lake. The view, with the only sound being the flapping of their wings, was one of those spectacular moments in Nature!!

We also viewed Great Blue Herons, Tri-colored Herons, Lesser Yellowlegs and more. At 9:30, we returned to the Caniff Building where we again saw a pair of Red-shouldered Hawks across the pond. Some of the birders then went to the bird blind only to see a few mourning doves. Seven staunch birders decided to continue on to walk the Eagle Point Trail while the others decided the heat and humidity were getting to be a bit oppressive and ended their walk. We birders were lucky to see 2 Clapper Rails - spotted by Eleanor Marr - and heard several others at the Black Needle Marsh before finishing our walk at 10:30 am, having seen a total of 31 VERY interesting species.

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