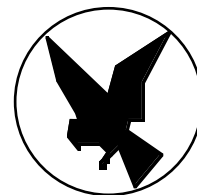


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## Indoor Program

September 29, 2008

### Backyard Bird Feeding: Project Feeder Watch

Hugh McArthur, on the board of Bird Studies Canada and the sponsor of Project Feeder Watch, will describe this program which can make the winter months a lot more fun by watching birds at your feeder and turn a backyard hobby into valuable conservation research - without ever leaving home! He will give helpful hints on bird feeding.

October 27, 2008

### Walpole Island Natural Heritage

Clint Jacobs, the Natural Heritage Coordinator for the Walpole Island First Nation, traditionally called Bkejwanong (meaning where the waters divide) will talk about the many nationally rare and endangered plant and wildlife species, species at risk, ecosystem recovery, education outreach in the community and the Walpole Island Land Trust.

November 24, 2008

### Rural Lambton Stewardship Network

Ron Ludolph, the Stewardship Coordinator for RLSN, will talk about the numerous, comprehensive, multi-partner stewardship projects which focus on projects for habitat restoration, conservation and enhancement. The RLSN promotes private land stewardship at the grass roots level.

## Outdoor Program

### \*Ipperwash Dunes & Swales Nature Reserve

Saturday August 23, 2008.

Come explore this Nature Conservancy Property, managed by LWI.

Meet: 9:30am at McPherson's in Port Franks or carpool at 8:45 at Brights Grove plaza (near Goodwill box)

Inquiries: Nikki May 519-542-8612

### Hawk Cliff

Sunday, September 21, 2008

Special Hawk Cliff Foundation weekend. On Lake Erie, just east of Port Stanley. Live bird demos. See their website for more info. Hawk Cliff Raptor Field Guides are sold at monthly meetings.

Meet: 8:00 a.m. Reece's Corners, Tim's parking lot. Get help from an expert on raptor ID. Bring a lunch.

Leader: Alf Rider 519-786-4213

### \*Fungi Foray

Saturday, October 4th, 2008

Enjoy a pleasant fall walk to learn about interesting and beautiful fungi.

Meet: 8:30 Bright's Grove Plaza (near Goodwill box)

Leader: Peter Banks 869-4243

\*- These outings are or can be a half day.

## In Memorium:

One of LWI's founding members and first President died at his home at Lion's Head on Thursday, June 19th. Dr. Peter Tasker along with his wife Elizabeth, Gerry Clements, Roy and Stephanie John and Dennis and Sue Rupert founded the club in 1966.

Dr. Tasker was in his 92nd. year and lived in his home on the shores of Georgian Bay. He was President in 1966, 1967 and again in 1970. Elizabeth was President in 1972 and 1973. Both were highly active in LWI and contributed immeasurably to the success of the organization. As Peter Banks said in a letter of condolence to Elizabeth "It is unlikely that Peter will ever be forgotten in this area by his many friends and associates, and certainly not by LWI".

Our condolences to Elizabeth and daughters Judith and Vanda.

Editor

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## Greetings from the President

I joined Larry Cornelis for his annual LWI Birding at Pinery Provincial Park event on May 17th. As Larry pointed out by then the leaves were fully out at Pelee, but not at Pinery, so we were able to extend enjoyable spring birding. Highlights were watching pairs of red-bellied and pileated woodpeckers change watch on their nests which were close together, bluebird, bald eagle and the obligatory (for spring birding) scarlet tanager. I had a delightful morning with William Gardiner. Those who attended our AGM will recall that William won the Margaret and Carl Nunn Memorial award from Ontario Nature for promising young naturalists. He will spend 4 days at Camp Kawartha. I car pooled with William's grandmother, Sylvia Kennedy. On the way home, William (11 years old) was in the back seat and Sylvia said that she was

pleased that he had shared his binoculars with some other children who were camping and had joined our group. He said, in an offhanded way, that it was important to encourage younger people to learn about nature. He went on to muse that he understood that all creatures were supposed to have some sort of benefit but he couldn't think of any benefits of the tick. He noted that even if you put your socks over your pant legs and wear a hat, that they can bite into the hair at the back of your neck. I then checked the hair on the back of my neck...likely more to humour him than anything else... and found a large tick that seemed quite firmly attached, without my feeling anything! I have never been knowingly bitten by a tick before. Thanks William, you made my day!

I checked with Alistair MacKenzie at the Pinery about what species of tick it was. He replied that to date they have only found the *dermacentor* species known as "dog" or "wood" ticks. They cannot carry Lyme disease. The much smaller *Ixodes damini* species, known as "deer" or "black-legged" tick and which occurs along the Lake Erie shore, is the carrier of the Lyme disease causing bacteria *borelia burgdorferi*. Alistair recommends caution with all ticks, as birds can carry the *Ixodes* species and, theoretically, you never know where it might turn up. Pinery is keeping up its vigilance. Alistair sent me bulletins from the Pinery and from Health Canada. Unfortunately we did not have another edition of Earthways for a while, so we sent an information package to LWI members who we have email addresses for. If you would like a copy of that information package, please contact myself or Dick Maxfield.

Our field trips are our strength...I urge you to try to attend as many as possible. They are really enjoyable and there is always something interesting to see and learn about.

Malcolm Boyd

### A New Butterfly for Lambton County:

By Blake A. Mann

One of my hobbies is looking at butterflies. On Sunday, June 22 I took a casual tour of various conservation areas in southern Lambton County. At McKeough I was excited to come across a Baltimore Checkerspot, a somewhat uncommon butterfly in Ontario. I had never seen one in Lambton before. The best was still to come.

My last stop was Reid's Conservation Area, the newest one in the county. I had been there the previous week and found lots of butterflies. I intended to check this spot throughout the summer. On June 22 I came across what I thought were the first banded hairstreaks of the season. I took several photos. There were two or three individuals. After downloading the photos at home, I noticed that the butterfly did not quite look like a banded. The next closest species was "northern" oak hairstreak and that was what I thought it looked like. I guess I refused to believe it, because I had to ask some more knowledgeable people to give me a positive ID.

It was not until late in the evening that a couple of people got back to me and positively identified it as "northern" oak hairstreak (*satyrium favonius Ontario*). What a find!

The official name now is southern hairstreak, as there used to be a northern and southern considered separate species. The "northern" is a little different than the "southern".

This species has only been confirmed three times previously in Ontario and these were all strays from the south.

The first was at Port Stanley in 1868, the others were at Point Pelee and Ojibway (Windsor).

To add to the significance, there is actually a colony at Reid's CA—something never found in Canada before! The most individuals I saw in one day were eight.

Hopefully this colony will continue to thrive and be protected within the conservation area. More information is being gathered on this find at the time of this writing.

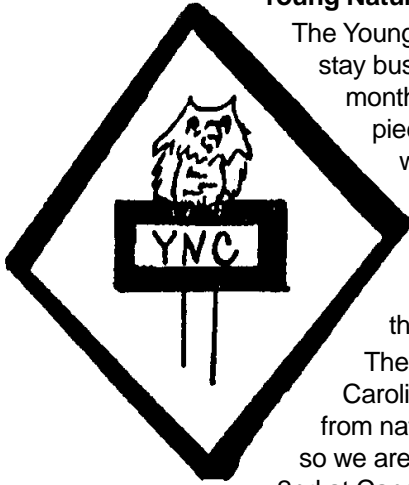
### Native Plant Sale May 3, 2008

The Native Plant sale was without question a success, raising \$4,600 for Lambton Wildlife. The hard work of many volunteers who store, grow, donate, label, transport, display, sell and buy plants are the main reasons for its success.

The plant sale really is continuous, with plants being stored immediately after the plant sale. This continues throughout the summer as people weed out plants they would normally discard. Many of these are potted by John Teasell and stored by volunteers in their backyards over the summer fall and winter. Plants that are needed to be ordered are noted, and are requested to be donated by Peter Carson and Mary Gartshore whose business, Pterophylla, is located near Walsingham in Norfolk County. They have been very good to us over the past years, and we have come to depend on their generosity. We are so very appreciative of all they do for LWI.

(See p. 3)

### Young Naturalist Group



The Young Naturalist's have been busy as usual! What is unusual for this year is that we plan to stay busy ALL summer long. For the first time, our group will stay active through the summer months, taking full advantage of all that this beautiful place has to offer. We've seen our piece of 'Carolinian Canada' through the fall, winter and spring and now we will witness what it becomes during the summer months.

We will be focusing on Tall Grass Prairies for the month of July. We will meet once at Canatara Park (July 5th 1:00PM) to explore the topic and will be meeting again, closer to the end of the month, at one of our local tall grass prairie remnants – The Ojibway Prairie! The group is very excited about this trip and will report fully on it in the next Earthways issue.

The month of August will also be very interesting – our topic being 'Human's at Risk' in Carolinian Canada. Unfortunately, the majority of the 'human' population has removed itself from nature. We aren't teaching ourselves or our children how to survive within nature – and so we are 'at risk' when we immerse ourselves in it! This month's meetings (including August 2nd at Canatara Park @ 1:00 PM and an overnight CAMPING TRIP in late August) will focus on

Survival Strategies. We will discuss how to lost-proof ourselves and how to remain safe if we do become lost! We will learn how to build shelters and fires, and find water and food in a survival situation. Again, we will report on this adventure in the next issue of Earthways!

Please keep in mind that September is around the corner. This will mark the beginning of a new Young Naturalist season and we are still welcoming and encouraging new members to join. Feel free to contact me if interested, or if you have any questions about the group!

Take care all, and enjoy your summer!

Melissa Levi

Young Naturalist Instructor

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(from p.2)

A Native Plant Sale meeting occurs in the fall for all those interested, and various jobs are divided up among the attendees. The past few years have had John keeping records and potting, Barb Teasell labeling plants, Gerry Clements, Gord Caterson and Floyd Elliot delivering plants, Brenda Kulon growing plants, John Brenda, and Mary Warkenton rescuing plants, and Floyd working on advertising and publicity. Setup, takedown, display, and sales are jobs for all group members on the day of the sale. But numerous volunteers are approached. This not a one person show.

Volunteers to sell and label plants are approached. This year Barb Teasell, Nora Penhale, Jane McLellan, Janet Sterling, Colleen Martell, Liz Soden, Marnie Joleun, Marilyn Shaw, Linda Westine, Betty Fletcher, Dorothy Tiedje, Avalon Hamlin, Dorothy Edwards, Judie Scott, Chris McGuinness, Mary Warkentin, Pam Gill, Joan McPhedran. Thelma Shaw, Tanya, Kim Gledhill, and Malcolm Boyd helped with labels and sales.

Nikki May, Brenda Lorenz, Janet Bremner, George Sunaitis, Ben Kulon, Modris Zandbergs, Nora Boyd, Avalon Hamlin, Joan DiFruscia, Alice Bellar, John Bellar, Joan McPhedran are all individuals that have stored, sold, rescued, donated or made significant contributions to the plant sale.

A February meeting involves checking on the donated plants and organizing work parties to rescue spring and summer plants. Advertising is put in place, delivery schedules are suggested and timelines are drawn.

Things fall into place and John begins to receive back the plants that have been stored by the second and third week of April. Those growing or rescuing plants also begin to drop plants off as well. Barb sets up a labeling party the Saturday before the sale, and invites all volunteers to pencil in the names of the plants on sticks and to attach them to a price tag. In the meantime Gord, Gerry and Floyd organize their trip to obtain donated plants (this is something that requires major attention, as over 400 plants and trees are transported back in cars or trucks from Mary Gartshore and Peter Carson's farm). The set up for the sale begins the night before, with many, many individuals pitching in to haul tables, display signs and move plants.

The native plant Sale is held at John and Barb Teasel's home on Lakeshore Road. Volunteers begin arriving by 7:30 a.m. to greet the prospective buyers who have lined up well before start time. At 8:00 a.m. the gates are opened and the sale will operate until noon, rain or shine. Interesting to note is that the event is usually sold out by 10:30 a.m. Takedown begins immediately and we are done for another year. We are all reminded that preparation for the next sale begins in 2 weeks, so not to put our feet up yet!

Thanks to all those whose names I have missed. We are so deeply appreciative to all who have made contributions. This is LWI's Native Plant Sale that requires so many volunteers. We work great as a group.

Thanks again

Brenda Kulon

**Butterfly Count June 28 , 2008**

The NABA (North American Butterfly Count) is an annual event that occurs at approximately the same time every year. Money raised is used for butterfly conservation.

The Pinery and North Lambton Butterfly count occurs each year on the weekend before July 1st as long as July 1st does not occur on the Friday or Monday. This year it occurred on June 28, 2008.

This year we began with a big surprise. Pinery and North Lambton was experiencing a major storm which hit the area just hours prior to the count and continued throughout the morning in the form of a drizzle. However by 10:30 a.m. the skies began to clear and prospects of finding some butterflies improved. Butterflies hiding in grasses, under shrubs and tree branches began to emerge. Things started to pick up.

We all were treated to a beautiful catered lunch, sponsored by Friends of Pinery at noon. This certainly was a major highlight of the day and was a harbinger of what was to occur in the afternoon. Weather conditions improved, warm sun emerged, and the temperature increased to 28 degrees. Butterflies were flying!

Peter Chapman, Alf Rider, Fern Noel, Paul Carter, Blake Mann, Malcolm Boyd, The Dugan Family, Maris Apse, Ann White, Rose Braxton, Christy Plommer, and Brenda Kulon attended. We had 16 people participating in what at first were unbearable conditions.

Best butterflies included :

Team Blake/ Maris/ Fern/Paul- 14 species

Best Butterfly -eyed brown ( only one seen on count)

Team Ann/Rose/Christy 17 species

Best Butterfly-common sooty wing (only one seen)

Team Peter/Alf 26 species

Best Butterfly -Acadian hairstreak (great butterfly)

Team Allan and Family 11 species

Best Butterfly for group -Hobomok

Team Brenda/Malcolm 29 species

Best Butterfly for Group -Milbert's tortoiseshell

Total species found 43

Thanks to all who supported the count in the incredible weather conditions our region has experienced lately.

Thanks to the Lambton Wildlife members, especially for their attendance at this event. Thanks to Friends of Pinery for sponsoring the beautiful lunch for the butterfly counters.

Enclosed are the corrected results.

Hesperiidae

Common Name-Spreadwing Skippers

- 8 Silver Spotted Skipper
- Northern Cloudywing
- Southern Cloudywing
- Dreamy Duskywing
- Sleepy Duskywing
- Juvenal's Duskywing
- Mottled Duskywing
- Columbine Duskywing

- Wild Indigo Duskywing
- Horace's Duskywing
- 1 Common Sootywing
- Common Name-Grass Skippers
- 5 Least Skipper
- 750 European Skipper
- Fiery Skipper
- 1 Peck's Skipper
- 1 Tawny-edged skipper
- 1 Crossline Skipper
- 1 Long Dash
- 3 Northern Broken Dash
- 1 Little Glassywing
- Delaware Skipper
- Broad-wing Skipper
- Mulberry Wing
- 2 Hobomok Skipper
- Dion Skipper
- Black Dash
- Dun Skipper
- Common Roadside Skipper
- Leonardus Skipper
- Dusted Skipper

Common Name-Swallowtails

- Black Swallowtail
- 2 Giant Swallowtail
- 27 Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
- 9 Spicebush Swallowtail
- 4 Canadian Tiger Swallowtail

Common Name-White/ Sulphur

- 484 Cabbage White
- Mustard White
- Olympia Marblewing
- 3 Clouded Sulphur
- 4 Orange Sulphur
- Little Sulphur
- 1 Acadian Hairstreak
- Banded Hairstreak
- 1 Coral Hairstreak
- 1 Edwards Hairstreak
- Hickory Hairstreak
- Striped Hairstreak
- Gray Hairstreak
- "Spring" Spring Azure
- 258 Spring "Summer" Azure
- 1 Eastern Tailed Blue
- Eastern Pine Elfin
- Hoary Elfin
- Brown Elfin

	American Copper
	Bronze Copper
	Karner Blue ***
	Frosted Elfin***
59	Speyeria cybele
	Silver-bordered Fritillary
1	Meadow Fritillary
71	Silvery Checkerspot
47	Pearl Crescent
2	Tawny Crescent
	Baltimore Checkerspot
13	Northern Crescent
6	Question Mark
34	Eastern Comma
	Green Comma
4	Gray Comma
	Compton Tortoiseshell
7	Mourning Cloak
1	Milbert's Tortoiseshell
	Painted Lady
1	American Lady
10	Red Admiral
	Buckeye
1	Viceroy
42	Red-spotted Purple
	White Admiral
	Tawny Emperor
	Northern Pearly Eye
1	Eyed Brown
	Appalachian Brown
92	Little Wood Satyr
3	Common Ringlet
17	Common Wood Nymph
Common Name-Milkweed Butterflies	
4	Monarch

#### YEARLY STATISTICS

43	Number of Species
1986	Number of Butterflies
14	Number of Observers
North American Yearly High	
Highest Record ever for any NABA	
First appearance on Pinery Count	

#### ADDITIONAL:

28	Party Hours on foot
7	hours in car
31	miles by foot
115	miles by car

Brenda Kulon

#### LWI Visits "The Bruce"

Friday, June 13 boded well for sixteen keen LWI members who headed to Bruce County just north of Wiarton for a weekend of botany and birding. The group gathered on the deck of McPhedrans' "McCottage" on Berford Lake. After a social hour with aperitifs and a rundown of the next day's activities we headed to dinner in Wiarton.

The all night rain disappeared early Saturday morning and the group drove to Lion's Head Provincial Nature Reserve where we set out on the Bruce Trail. Along the way we spotted many native plants in the mixed woods (birch, maple, cedar, and white ash). There was horsetail, bladder campion, potentilla, buttercup, bracken fern, speedwell, round-leaved dogwood, wild lily of the valley, common blackberry, holly fern, and striped coral root. On the moss covered rock faces we noted ferns such as polypody, maidenhair spleenwort, purple cliff brake, wall rue, and slender cliff brake. A shy wood peewee and a wood thrush sang from the tree tops. An impressive 10,000 year pothole was formed in the last ice age - scoured out of limestone during an ice melt. We were rewarded at the end of our trail on Georgian Bay with a view of blue sky, deep clear blue water, and a long expanse of beach back where we had come from at Lion's Head Park.

We returned to the Park for a picnic lunch and a rest and headed out again. This time half the group meandered into Cathedral Woods but were soon chased out by hoards of mosquitoes. The other half hiked the rugged trail to Jackson's Cove, a point on the Niagara escarpment overlooking Cape Croker, Hope Bay, and Barrier Island in Georgian Bay. On the return path we were surrounded by poison ivy, Virginia waterleaf, squawroot, baneberry, Canada anemone and more. The afternoon ended with Happy Hour and a delicious catered dinner on McPhedran's deck.

Our Sunday morning destination was a board walk over the Ontario Nature fen at Petrel Point on the Lake Huron side of the peninsula. The area is home to a deciduous swamp, a cedar swamp, an open fringe fen, a wet fen, treed islands, and a dry fen. The alkaline environment supports marsh fern, yellow lady's slipper, star flower, pitcher plant, tamarac trees, potentilla, rare arrowgrass, Indian plantain, ragwort, round-leaved sundew, thread-leaved sundew, bluet, Indian paintbrush, star toadflax, white bog orchis, wood lily, buffalo berry, Joe Pye weed, honeysuckle, red osier dogwood, sweet gale, and marsh marigold.

After heading south to the beach at Oliphant we stopped at the taped off area where dedicated volunteers patrolled the beach during daylight hours in an effort to protect the endangered piping plover sitting on two eggs in a little depression which it had scratched out in the sand. Males have been known to scratch out as many as 57 "nests" in an effort to please its mate! After two failed nestings the volunteers placed a large cage over the current nest in a effort to protect the eggs from crows, gulls, dogs, racoons, and people! Not far away from the plover nest there was a high wooden platform erected to attract nesting osprey. A

pair was in the process of completing its large stick nest as we watched. The wonderful morning ended with a delicious lunch in a restaurant on the beach.

Sincere thanks are proffered to Don Smith and Gerry Clements who planned the weekend and especially to Gerry who was our guide and who arranged for perfect weather! We are grateful to Joan and John McPhedran who offered gracious hospitality. We look forward to next year!

Judie Scott

#### **Artwalk:**

On June 7th and 8th, 2008 Lambton Wildlife left its 'mark' on city hall – literally!

A few lucky members participated in this year's Sarnia Artwalk promoting LWI within the 'Eco-Village' portion of the event. There was a display board, members handing out pamphlets and, to top it all off, we offered our visitors the opportunity to mud-paint on the steps of city hall! This nature inspired artistic activity encouraged people of all ages to get creative and make a temporary piece of artwork, using mud on the sidewalk! The event was a success receiving positive feedback from visitors of all ages!

The event went for two days. After the first day of success, however, all the available sidewalk space was covered in soil-based graffiti! Although it was nice to see such enthusiasm, the problem this created was there was no room left for the next day's artwork! Mother Nature, of course, had it under control! That night, as many of you remember, it rained and rained (practically a monsoon!). Although the storm knocked the display tent over in the middle of the night, it luckily washed away the previous day's artwork, leaving a clean slate for the next day's mud-painters!

This event was not only fun for all LWI members who participated, but it also gave LWI an opportunity to promote our mandate and various involvements with our greater community. All in all our participation was enjoyed by many – we will of course be involved again next year!

Thanks to all who helped make this event happen - especially Richard Maxfield, who was the main organizer for the event, and Janet Bremner who's good at bringing us all together and making things happen!

Anyone who is interested in this involvement and may want to volunteer in future years please contact Richard, Janet, or myself and let us know!

Melissa Levi

#### **Lambton Wildlife honoured by Carolinian Canada Coalition:**

On May 22, Malcolm Boyd and Janet Bremner attended the Annual General Meeting of Carolinian Canada at Bird Studies Canada which is located near Port Rowan, on Lake Erie. Lambton Wildlife was presented with a plaque for "enhancing the unique nature of Carolinian Canada". The

plaque was in recognition of the many years that LWI supported Carolinian Canada through integrating the CCC finances, including tax receipts, with LWI's. CCC is now incorporated and will no longer be using LWI's tax receipts.

#### **The Editor.**

#### **EARTHWAYS**

Dear Gord.

From July 2008 the North American Birds bird reports will be most ably handled by Blake Mann. So for all those early, late or interesting bird records he is now the one to contact.

Blake can be reached at <boatmann@kent.net>

Many thanks for all your past reports and photos.

Thanks.

Alf.

#### **Work Party: Port Franks Forested Dunes**

Saturday, April 26, 2008

Present: Malcolm Boyd, Dick Maxfield, Gord Catterson, Robert DiFruscia, Wayne Bowen Klaus Keunecke.

The job was to mark the property line between the PFFD property and the L Lake C.A. and remove Phragmites and Garlic Mustard along the shore of Mud Creek.

We carried the equipment in on 2 wagons, encountering a large tree which we chose to lift the wagons over, rather than remove the tree, as it was thought that the tree could be a detriment to ATV's using the trail.

Because much of the line is along the steep side of a dune, and full of vegetation and tangle, it was not an easy task and took much of the day, including numerous set ups of the transit and clearing for sight lines. We put in 5 fence posts to mark the line. The line crosses the trail quite close to the LWI sign. We are now able to work from that line, to the east, to restore the Oak Savannah and barrens habitat which has become degraded.

Malcolm and Robert then walked up to the washout area and sprayed some Garlic Mustard patches which had been brought in during high water and germinated. The small patch of Phragmites was on the County Forest side of the creek. It was decided that we wait until the water was lower and the new crop of Phragmites had emerged before we try to eliminate the patch. They then drove to the bridge and found significant patches of Garlic Mustard at both ends, but mostly at the easterly (mainland) side. Fighting Phragmites and Garlic Mustard may be very difficult as they seem to be brought in on the spring high water. Robert noted that there were very large areas of both weeds in the Mud Creek watershed above the County Forest and PFFD.

Report by M. Boyd

**Cleanups:**

LWI completed two cleanups celebrating Earth Day. The first was conducted by Joe Haselmayer on Saturday April 12th, and involved our annual cleanup of highway 402 between Airport Road and Mandaumin. See p. 8 for a write up by Joe.

The other cleanup was the following Sunday, April 20th organized by myself. Again not as many people meant we had to leave the sections south of London Road undone. In the past few years both the Sea cadets and the Navy Cadets helped out in those sections but were unavailable this year. Technically the area south of Exmouth is not part of the Howard Watson Nature Trail but I generally try to clean as much of the trail as possible.

A few days previously Peter Hill, Bill Hoad and I did the sections from Mandaumin to the end of the trail. Again this is not part of the HWNT but we do it as it is never badly littered and it is nice to pick up what little that is there. It also gave us a chance to do some clearing of some fallen trees and growth which is beginning to infringe on the trail.

The Venture group from Bright's Grove under Doug Winch cleaned from Mandaumin to Waterworks while again the Tent Toters and Trail Trotters (4T's) under Lorne Longley did the section from Waterworks to Brigden. Janet Bremner did the section from Telfer to Blackwell Side Road and the Sunday morning crew of about 20 did from Brigden to Telfer and Modeland to London Road. The Young Naturalists did the section from Modeland to Michigan while a group of six under Steve MacDonald and Fern Noel did from Exmouth to Michigan. David Dell, Peter Hill, myself and the YMCA Learning Centre Quest group tackled the part from Exmouth to London Road. This was far and away the worst section as the area at London Road is very badly littered. There are several fast food places nearby and people are careless. I have asked the City to place a litter barrel there which should help.

My thanks to everyone for helping out. Also to Pitch In Canada for the bags. We again filled the bucket provided by Canadian Waste Management. This year it was a 6 yard bucket and it was filled to overflowing.

Gord Catterson

**Two Anniversaries:**

In going through some material in the archives I discovered a mock up of what appeared to be a programme for the official opening of the Howard Watson Nature Trail, scheduled for June 4th, 1988. As well I found the programme for the official opening of the Karner Blue Sanctuary on July 8th, 1988.

After checking with Peter Banks and Fern Noel I discovered that the nature trail event was never held, but that the Karner Blue event was. In any event this seems an appropriate time to mark the 20th anniversary of both events. Of course in many ways there is no exact date when these things occur, given the original proposals, fund raising, management agreements and so on, but the above dates will serve well enough. The June 1988 issue of Earthways covers both subjects in great detail.

Both of these projects are amongst the most significant ever undertaken by the club. In the case of the Karner Blue project it was a purchase of property while the nature trail was an effort to protect a significant community asset from being sold off to adjacent landowners. Both represented a major undertaking and took a lot of energy and drive to be successful. I always shy away from mentioning names because no one person is ever solely responsible for success. However in this case two people deserve particular credit, Brenda Kulon on the Karner Blue property and Peter Banks on the Howard Watson Nature Trail. Long after we're long gone these two natural treasures will remain.

Gord Catterson

**Board Resignation:**

Alf Rider has announced his resignation from the Board of Directors citing travel difficulties from his home at Kettle Point, particularly in the winter. It was accepted with regret by President Malcolm Boyd.

Alf joined Lambton Wildlife in 1969 and next year will be his 40th year. He was President in 1978 and 1994. Malcolm noted that we couldn't thank him enough for wanting to return to the Board in the first place and enriching it by his presence and vast knowledge. It is impressive that Alf takes so much time and effort to lead so many LWI birding outings. He is so helpful and patient with the beginners. Birding with Alf is a treat as his knowledge is so extensive, we always learn more and want to do more birding.

## ----- CUT AND MAIL -----

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                  Fungi    Fish        Trees  
                  Conservation        Environment  
                  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Activities: Hiking                    Camping            Bicycle Riding  
                  Canoeing                    Walking            Talking  
                  Writing                    Cross Country Skiing  
                  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Might be willing to:

Serve on Committee  
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Serve on Board  
Act as LWI Representative  
Come to Indoor Meetings  
Go on Outings  
Participate in Slide Show  
Be an Advisor

Other Information to Share with LWI:

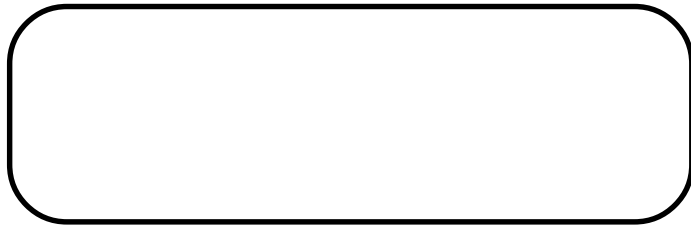
Need transportation to meetings \_\_\_\_\_  
Special skills or work experience \_\_\_\_\_

**Highway 402 Cleanup:**

We again cleaned up the south side of Hwy 402 from Airport Road to Mandaumin Road on the morning of April 12th. While it threatened rain there were 14 people who were not going to be denied the satisfaction of doing a good deed. As a reward it didn't rain a drop from 9 to 11 am, when we were finished. Please think about helping out next year. It will be on April 25th, 2009.

Thank you to Marilyn, Janice and Richard, Barb and John, Gord, Malcolm, Tony, Larry W., Avalon, Kevin, Bruce and George. Special thanks to Bill and Judie who cleaned up the Airport Road cloverleaf.

Joe Haselmayer



*Fern Noel has been an enthusiastic winter camper for many years. He has come up with an idea that might appeal to some of our more hardy members. Give Fern a call if you are interested. Ed.*

**Winter Camping:**

I've been discussing with Ron Baker, who is a director on the board for Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory, a winter trip (Feb. 09) to note whatever wildlife is resident in February in the Cabot Head, Wingfield basin area. The Bruce Trail used to go through this area but now skirts it.

The high Cabot Head escarpment, and the large basin is very scenic, and harbors much wildlife. The idea is to snowshoe in from Dyers Bay to the basin or light house, and camp there for a few days. While there we would scout the area for any wildlife, or signs thereof, and take in the scenery. This is cold tent camping and involves snowshoeing some 10 km to get to the reserve area. We would not use the lodge that is there since it is closed up for the winter. I'm organizing this trip through the Lambton Outdoor Club and would welcome any able LWI member. (the key word here is "able"). My contact phone number 542-9694 or email <fern@ebtech.net> for anyone interested.

Fern Noel

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Membership fees: Single \$20 Family \$25 Young Naturalist \$15 (\$5 ea. add'l child) (Circle one)

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