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Tri-Moraine's final May program meeting for the chapter's 2009-2010 year will be held at the Ag. Bldg. (former Extension) lecture hall at 3900 Campus Dr., OSU-Lima. (Go into the campus off Mumaugh Rd. for easiest access-first building on the left). Meetings and events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

## CALENDAR

May 4 program meeting

**ECUADOR: DIVERSE BEAUTY AT THE CENTER OF THE WORLD**, Tuesday, May 4, 7:30 pm. Ecuadorian bird guide, naturalist, and **Tri Moraine member,** Paul Sambrano, will be discussing his endeavors in the Andes mountains, Amazon Basin, Ecuadorian Cloud Forest and Galapagos Islands. Paul will be sharing stories and photos captured while on exotic walks in these areas. Some of these images include cuddly, massive rodents, elusive and even "stinky" birds, dangerous and deadly reptiles, beautiful flora, as well as breath-taking Ecuadorian landscapes. Paul's first-hand knowledge of one of the Earth's most biologically-diverse ecosystems will have you wishing you were in the center of the world!

May 8

**INDIAN LAKE LITTER PICK-UP,** Saturday, May 8, 9am-11:30am. Meet at Old Field Shop St. Rt.235, Lakeview, OH. Bags and gloves furnished. Lunch at 11:30 at Old Field Shop. Please call Indian Lake Park Office to sign up or for more details, 937-843-2717.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY**, Saturday May 8, 9am-3pm, Allen County Fairgrounds. This is North Central Ohio Solid Waste District's last collection day in 2010. Serving Allen, Champaign, Hardin, Madison, Shelby, and Union Counties, NCOSWD will accept automotive fluids, paint and hobby products, home garden chemicals, kitchen cleaning products, and household recycling. No tires will be accepted. Since the list of acceptable products is extensive, visit the website, www.ncowaste.org click on *2010 HHW flyer,* call the district office at 1-800-553-6763, or Program Coordinator for Hardin-Allen Counties at 419-674-2217 for additional information from the press releases.

May 10 field trip

**BIG BIRDING DAY**, Monday, May 10. This annual trek by TMAS birders will visit six or seven of Erie's best birding locations during peak of the spring migration. A car pool will depart at 6:30am, from Lima's Eastgate Mall parking lot behind Wendy's on SR 309. Appropriate clothing/footwear, binoculars, sun protection, lunch/snacks/beverages, and field guides are recommended. The group will leave "rain or shine" and return in the evening. The goal is to spot and identify 100 bird species. Open to the public. All interested birders, including beginners are welcome. For more information contact Eric Broughton at 419-9991987 or ebroughton@woh.rr.com.

May-June

**SAVE THE WILDFLOWERS.** Volunteers are needed in the battle to save the wildflowers at Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District's Kendrick Woods. Garlic mustard is the foe. Why not join us? Great progress has been made, but more hands are needed. You can set your own pace, your work will be appreciated, you get to know some really great people, and being outdoors has its own rewards. Workdays are scheduled as follows: Mondays (9am until noon) May 3 &10; Wednesdays ( 6pm until dusk) ---May 5**,** 12, 19, & 26. June dates, 1, 2, 3, 7, and 9, have also been set aside as workdays and hours will be set as needed. For more information and to register as a volunteer, contact JAMPD Naturalist Mark Mohr at 419-223-1025.

July- Oct. Save these dates

**SUMMER PICNIC**, Tuesday July 6, 2010, Ottawa Metro Park. Mark your calendar. Details next newsletter. Tuesday September 7, Tri moraine program with Leslie Riley on invasive invertebrates in western parks, and Tuesday October 5, Tri-Moraine program with Jim McCormac on owls.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP CONSERVATION IN OHIO**. No tax money is used to conserve, restore or manage wildlife and wildlife habitat in Ohio. Hunting and fishing license fees, the tax check-off, and the purchase of wildlife license plates all help fund Ohio Division of Wildlife's programs. And now there's the new Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp. If you're reading this newsletter, then you're probably a conservation believer. Purchasing this stamp will help fund habitat restoration, purchase land, preserve endangered and threatened species, fund wildlife and habitat research projects, provide educational products for students and wildlife enthusiasts, etc. The stamp sells for $15. Tri-Moraine's mini-bookstore has the stamp in stock or you can mail a check (payable to Tri-Moraine Audubon Society) to the chapter, PO Box 5648. Lima, OH 45802-5648.Questions? Call Carol at 419-227-9231. For online info, visit dnr.state.oh.us/

NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE BY EMAIL. Contact Bill Askins, chapter membership database chair, at waskins@woh.rr.com. State name, mailing address, e-mail address, and your desire to receive Flight Patterns via e-mail. You will receive an email notice of website availability containing a URL you can click on that will take you to the newsletter (in PDF format) on the chapter's website.

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**HANCOCK COUNTY NATURALISTS PROGRAMS AND EVENTS.** This group holds monthly program meetings the 2nd Thursday of the month, September through May, at 7:30 pm at Christ United Methodist, 225 West Bigelow Avenue, Findlay. All are welcome. For more information about the organization and details about upcoming programs and events contact Betsy Worden, newsletter editor, at bworden001@woh.rr.com or Jill Taber, program chair, at 419-423-2415 or mysilvervette@sbcglobal.net.

**UPPER MAUMEE VALLEY NATURALISTS CLUB PROGRAMS AND EVENTS**. All are welcome. For more information about the club and details about upcoming programs and events contact Lyn Warren at 419-749-2999 or lynwbaskets@gmail.com

**OHIO BREEDING BIRD ATLAS II (OBBAII)**. Are you aware you can help collect data for bird conservation efforts across the state? NO MATTER WHAT YOUR EXPERIENCE LEVEL MAY BE, one way you can help is to become a data collection volunteer for the Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas II. It has been almost 25 years since the completion of Ohio's first breeding bird atlas. Like the first atlas, OBBAII allows you to contribute information necessary for the effective conservation of Ohio's birds. The survey will document current distribution and conservation of breeding birds in Ohio, examine changes in distribution of breeding birds in Ohio over the last 25 years, provide statewide measures of bird abundance, identify important areas that support high bird diversity and species of concern, engage bird enthusiasts of all experience levels, and heighten public awareness of birds in Ohio. You can register by mail, phone, or online. Sign up for specific blocks, and record birds in the field during 2010 and 2011. Were you aware you do not have to take an entire block, but that you can submit information from your backyard, local parks, or some habitat that you frequent? Contact Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas II, School of Environment and Natural Resources, The Ohio State University, 614-247-6458, www.ohiobirds.org/obba2/ for more info.

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**2009-2010 ANNUAL APPEAL REPORT.** Once each chapter year (June 1 - May 31), TMAS, an all-volunteer, non-profit 501(c) (3) organization, asks for your financial support to help the chapter fulfill its mission at the local level. Our anonymous donor was again willing to match the total of member/friend contributions up to $1,000 and we again met the challenge. To date donations total $1,920. Add the $1,000 matching donation for a total of $2,920. In these difficult economic times the Society gratefully acknowledges the generosity of former and new donors for their Annual Appeal donations: Anonymous (9) - no name is listed unless consent was given on the donor form, Roy & Esther Baldridge, Bob & Carol Bertrand, Maria Borba, Warren Brim, Robbin Clark, John R. Daley, Jim Dennis, Dr. William R. Hanna, MD, Ed & Carol Hearne, Jim & Jan Heinrich, David Kreitzer, Frank & Martha Kuhlman, Bill & Jackie Light, Larry A. Oates, Bob & Margaret Obermeyer, Paul Parrick, Jim & Karen Spurgat, David & Nancy Steiner, Elizabeth Vogt, Jack A. Woodward, Carol Wright. We also thank the members and friends who make in-kind and financial donations at other times throughout the year.

**PRESIDENT'S CHAPTER NOTES**.....Bill Light, nominating committee chair, will submit the following slate at the annual meeting on May 4 preceding the program meeting: president, 2-year term, Eric Broughton; secretary, 2-year term, Vacancy; member at large, 3-year term, Anne Smedley.....Anne Smedley reports that the Winter Birdseed Sale netted a profit of $731 (includes $158.45 in donations).....For a variety of reasons the spring burn window was missed for Camp Myeerah. There is only one burn boss covering Indiana and Ohio. The 90 acres will be burned in the fall.....TMAS board meeting at Evelyn Prater's home, Tuesday, May 25, 7pm.....Well, this is my last President's Chapter Notes and soon it will be my last monthly meeting and then my last board meeting. It has been a fast four years. I haven't always been the best with thank-you notes, but I want you all to know how much I have appreciated your help and support throughout these four years. I especially thank my husband, Bob, because his help has been invaluable and much appreciated.....Carol Bertrand (Editor's note: Thank you, Carol, for all the leadership initiatives you have spearheaded these last four years.)