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The Wildlife Society 14th Annual Conference
September 22-26, 2007
Tucson, Arizona

<http://www.wildlife.org/conference/index.cfm>

You'll want to take time to see the surrounding Sonoran Desert and its impressive saguaro cactus; visit nearby historic Spanish missions and colonial forts; cross over the border into Mexico to shop; or explore the wilderness serenity, cottonwood-lined streams, and unique birding opportunities of Sabino Canyon Recreational Area, Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge, and Coronado National Forest.

The President's Corner

"TWS Membership Is For You"

By Mike Schroer, President

First of all, let me start by saying, "Thank you," for having enough confidence in me to elect me as YOUR President of MoTWS. So what does that really mean? For me, it means carrying on a great tradition in the Missouri wildlife annals. I do not take the responsibility lightly, nor have the forty-three Missouri Wildlifers who have come before me since we were chartered in March of 1962. I was still a babe, likely out of diapers and "climbing curtains." When you look back through the list of past Presidents, you see many names that helped shape wildlife policy and charted courses for Missouri's wildlife. I am humbled and honored to have my name in that list.

OK, enough reminiscing and on to the future. Have you looked at the photos from this year's student workshop? You really should. One day in the not-to-distant future, someone in those photos will likely be supervising some of us "not-so-new" members. The student chapters continue to have a great interest in TWS, maybe more so than some of our old timers. In the last 5 years, we have added four student chapters to MoTWS. We are currently working on one additional student chapter. Five Student Chapters is a great feat, but for us to have six student chapters would be outstanding! So you say, "Yeah, yeah, yeah, but what does that mean to me?" The best time to "hook them for life" in the wildlife profession is when a student's interest is high. I mean that in the best possible light. What better could you do than to help a young biologist land and excel at a rewarding and fulfilling career? Granted, you may not have done their bank accounts any favor, but being a wildlifer is a noble cause. There are some extraordinarily outstanding young adults observing, recording and analyzing the things that make us tick. The big question is will that be enough to make them interested in the field and in TWS?

So, I offer this challenge to the members who think "I've done my time": Attend the nearest Student Chapter's meetings and get to know the student members. Then, pick one or two and vow to mentor them. I realize mentoring is a trendy concept at present, but we shouldn't let that stop us from participating in it. We have some seasoned veterans who have retired from their "real" jobs and possess a wealth of experience that will not be used again - unless there is an intentional effort to share those experiences. Waxing about the "good ole' days" will not effectively transfer enough

knowledge to be useful. That's why I say the effort needs to be intentional.

Another challenge I have is for everyone who reads this newsletter to join TWS at the national level. It should be out of devotion to the profession if for no other reason. Some of you might say "I don't really get anything from membership." I say you are not paying for a product similar to going to the grocery store. By paying your TWS dues, you are building on other wildlifers' legacies, supporting the history of TWS, and recognizing tons of hard work by colleagues - all so we can enjoy "wildlife biologist" as a legitimate profession and occupation. The legacy we are building is keeping references like JWM and TWS Bulletin going. There are hundreds of papers waiting to be published and some of that information pertains directly to your job. I'm betting that each one of us used a JWM reference in our papers to get through college. Our ability to research the necessary background information was dependent on credible sources. The Wildlife Society has been the bellwether for wildlife professionals for decades. The questions are: Will you support students in Alaska, South America, the Continental U.S., and Peru? Will you support the many agencies and other wildlife professionals that need the information TWS stores? Will you support the wildlife profession by joining TWS?

Think of it this way - your dues partially pay for the past. But, more importantly, without dues-paying members, there isn't any future. If TWS has no future, neither will many prospective wildlife biologists.

Donations for Raffle Needed

We are constantly searching for good items to raffle at our annual meeting. Please keep your eyes open throughout the year for any possible raffle items. Do you have a print, tent, or other item of value that is collecting dust, not being used, and would be a good item for the silent auction or raffle?

So, pilfer the storage room, look under the bed, and clean out the garage for new or like-new items you could donate. Some of our members and past members have been very generous to donate items, including guns, and we appreciate it. This is our only money maker of the year, so help if you can. Contact Dean Stucker or any of the Executive Board to donate.

Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2007 thru May 31, 2007

By Tom Kulowiec, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning balance as of 01/01/07 **\$7611.89**

Credits

2007 Membership dues: 140 @ \$10 \$1400.00

2007 MNRC income \$ 906.61

Silent auction \$ 552.61

Gun raffle \$ 330.00

Pocket knife sales \$ 24.00

Spring 2007 Workshop \$ 780.00

Registration \$ 780.00

Other \$ 33.83

Dividends \$ 33.83

Total Credits \$3120.44

Debits

2007 MNRC expenses \$ 519.25

(Booth rental for 2007 MNRC was paid 10/06

& listed with 2006 debits \$212.00)

Award plaques & engraving \$ 286.75

Rifle purchased for gun raffle \$ 232.50

2007 Spring Workshop \$1051.57

Food & accommodations \$1051.57

Other \$1043.00

MoTWS caps (down payment) \$1020.00

Semi-Annual PO Box Charge \$ 23.00

Total Debits \$2613.82

Ending Balance as of 05/31/07 **\$8118.51**

Have You Paid Your Dues?

Many of us don't think about MOTWS dues except for once a year, while at the Missouri Natural Resources Conference, when someone asks, "Have you paid your dues?" The State Chapter dues are vital to maintaining our funds towards projects, the website, scholarships, workshops, and travel reimbursement. If you have not paid your dues for 2007, please mail ten dollars (or a check) to:

**Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society
PO Box 743
Columbia, MO 65205 – 0743**



Please make plans to attend the 68th Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference on December 9-12, 2007 in Madison, Wisconsin. The Conference will be held in the beautiful Frank Lloyd Wright designed Monona Terrace Convention Center on the shore of Lake Monona, just blocks from the State Capitol, the University of Wisconsin campus, and downtown dining and night life.

The Conference theme is **“Be The Change: Manage Locally, Conserve Globally.”** Mahatma Gandhi's “You must be the change you want to see in the world” was a call for local, individual action to make a difference. Likewise, Rene Dubos challenged participants in the 1972 United Nations Conference on the Human Environment to “Think Globally, Act Locally,” suggesting that ecological consciousness begins at home. What we do locally on our individual fish and wildlife properties or on private lands in our own states can and will have an effect on Midwest regional fish and wildlife populations and their habitats. We are inviting attendees to explore ways to put their individual management actions into a larger context to benefit all fish and wildlife across the Midwest.

Please visit our website early and often to keep track of the call for papers & registration details, and to learn more about the exciting program as it takes shape:

<http://midwest.ncd-afs.org/>

The diverse program, unique setting, and special events promise that the 2007 conference will be one that you will not want to miss. **So, please, put December 9-12 on your 2007 calendar NOW, and plan to come and see us in Madison.**

Student Chapter News

Please visit student chapter websites to learn more about the exciting projects, seminars, workshops, and outreach on which each chapter is currently working!

University of Central Missouri – Warrensburg

<http://www.cmsu.edu/wildlifesociety>

By Dr. Vicki Jackson, UCM Student Chapter Adviser

The student chapter of TWS at the University of Central Missouri has been busy this past semester. We began by attending the MNRC where several of our students had the opportunity to meet potential employers; networked with interesting wildlife, fisheries, and natural resources personnel; and even presented posters during the smoker! Several of our students took a Herpetology course, spending several hours in the field identifying creepy/crawlies and learning frog calls. This April, we attended the 3rd Annual Spring Workshop, hosted by MoTWS at University Forest. It was quite a l-o-n-g drive, but totally worth it! We learned a great deal about forest ecology, nuisance animal control, and grant writing. It was great to interact with students from other universities as well as meet new wildlife professionals. Our biggest event this spring was the 5th Annual BioBlitz in late April. We spent the day at Pertle Springs (a natural area owned by UCM), interacted with Warrensburg community members, educated interested kids and their folks, and surveyed the flora and fauna. We were extremely pleased to raise quite a bit of money through silent auctions and raffles (which will support student travel to this fall's TWS meeting in Tucson). We have a new Executive Board starting this fall and have some great plans to become more involved in local conservation efforts and fundraising.

University of Missouri- Columbia

<http://www.missouri.edu/~wildlife>

By Adam Jones, MU Student Chapter President

We started our semester off in January with our annual resume workshop where professors and professionals are invited to review students' resumes. This gives our members a polished document in time for application to summer jobs. We also funded students attending the annual MNRC conference at Tan-Tar-A. At many of the meetings throughout the semester, we had guest speakers such as Dr. Joshua Millspough, speaking on TWS certification, and Glenn Chambers, highlighting some of his trips to the Arctic. Lastly, we ended our semester on May 2, with our end-of-the-year BBQ, and on May 5, with a mist-netting experience for students.

Southeast Missouri State University

<http://www.missouri.edu/~wildlife>

By Brennan Swallow, SEMO Student Chapter President

The SEMO student chapter helped the Missouri Department of Conservation with an invasive plant removal project. We also assisted the USDA with bird

harassment work. Robert Byrd from USDA attended one of our meetings to discuss animal damage control programs. Student members attended the MNRC and the MoTWS Spring Workshop. The chapter held two on-campus fundraising BBQ's. To end the semester, we are planning a camping trip at the Current River, scheduled for the weekend after finals.

Missouri Western State University – St Joseph

<http://www.missouriwestern.edu/orgs/twschap/>

Missouri State University - Springfield

<https://www.ws.missouristate.edu/studentorganizations>

Spring Workshop 2007 Report

By Mike Schroer, President

Thirty workshop attendees were presented information on subjects ranging from wild hogs to International Bird Conservation to grant writing. University Forest proved to be an excellent venue for the workshop. Participants showed up from 6:00 pm until mid-night. The weather wasn't great for driving curvy roads at the edge of the Ozarks, although, everyone did arrive safely. Most participants had requested to camp, but with the rain, almost everyone opted to stay in cabins (wise choice). Most did not anticipate how nice the facilities would be. One student even commented "This is better than my apartment." Having a son that is going through four years of college, I was thinking "and likely cleaner than most." But, I kept that thought to myself.

After the workshop, I sent a short survey to all the participants asking 1) if we had reached a saturation point (indicated by declining numbers); 2) if scheduling was an issue; 3) what did they like; 4) what did they dislike; and 5) if we should hold the workshop every year or every other year. Everyone that responded said "have it every year." Another common theme was to provide hands-on tasks/experiences. To plan a demo and presentation is time-consuming, but to get the details in line for hands-on is a step up. We have a challenge ahead of us! But, we may be setting the stage for someone's career, so we don't take it lightly.

The interaction between the professionals and students is important. But, just as important is the interaction between schools. It is highly likely they will work with or have contact with other students across the state at some point in their career. I am continually amazed at the folks I know from college.

Put **April 4-6, 2008** on your calendar to attend or assist with next year's workshop. Let one of the Executive

Board members know if you have any great ideas for activities/tasks/demos.

If you have not been to the MoTWS website lately, you should check out the photos and the link to more photos, compliments of Dr. Eddelman from SEMO.

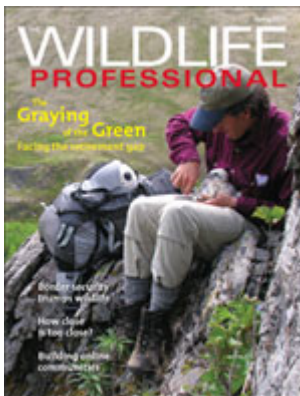
New MOTWS Hats Coming Soon!



What better than a high quality hat with several logos and features specific to MOTWS to show your support for our organization! Stay tuned to the MOTWS website for more details on how to order a chapter hat.

New publication by TWS: “The Wildlife Professional”

By John Vogel, President-Elect



For those of you that are members of the parent society, you should have already received your copy of the new magazine, *The Wildlife Professional*, from The Wildlife Society. I'm not sure if any of you were as impressed with this new publication as I was, but I think TWS did a great job! We have all probably cracked open a copy of the *Journal of Wildlife Management* or *Wildlife Monographs* at some point in our student or professional career to see what is new with the latest research, to research an important topic, or to find enough technical mumbo-jumbo to cram into that term paper at midnight

before the 8:00 a.m. deadline the next morning. But *The Wildlife Professional* gives us the opportunity for something new. It is not another technical journal, but instead a communication tool to provide a broad range of information impacting our profession.

I've included the TWS news release concerning *The Wildlife Professional* for all of you to read. If you are not a member of the parent society, I would encourage you to become a member and to reap the benefits, old and new, that TWS has to offer.

THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY PREMIERS NEW MAGAZINE FOR WILDLIFE PROFESSIONALS

BETHESDA, MD – Making its premier today at the National Press Club, Bethesda-based scientific and educational organization The Wildlife Society (TWS), has added *The Wildlife Professional* to their line of professional publications. *The Wildlife Professional*, a quarterly publication, takes a bold step toward creating an information resource for longtime wildlife managers and conservationists, as well as those who are at the beginning of their careers. “*The Wildlife Professional* is designed to meet the growing information needs of professional wildlife managers and conservationists,” stated Michael Hutchins, Ph.D., executive director of The Wildlife Society. “However, *The Wildlife Professional* is not a technical journal. The magazine is an agent of change, designed to empower professionals to take a comprehensive look at what is shaping wildlife management and conservation, from politics to science to increasing human-wildlife interaction.” Allen Press, a science journal publishing service provider has worked closely with The Wildlife Society to get *The Wildlife Professional* off the ground. A benefit of membership in TWS, *The Wildlife Professional* will be published in both print and electronic forms providing readers with a broad range of information related to the complex challenges of managing and conserving wildlife in an increasingly human-dominated world. Regular features include “Science in Short,” which will recap current research relevant to wildlife managers and conservationists; “State of Wildlife,” which aims to highlight wildlife-related management challenges and achievements; and “Today’s Wildlife Professional,” a biographical look at the people that are making a difference in conservation practices right now. Rotating features will address laws and policies that affect wildlife conservation, some of which are controversial. One such feature appears in this premier issue entitled, “Bordering on Disaster,” an in-depth look at new Homeland Security legislation and physical barriers to be erected along our southern border that may have a profound impact on wildlife. Other features will focus on wildlife health and diseases, human-wildlife interactions, human attitudes towards wildlife, relevant

movie and book reviews, as well as a look at new tools and technological advances that will impact the professional wildlife manager or conservationist. "One of the most exciting aspects of *The Wildlife Professional* is that it marks a shift in the 70-year-history of TWS," said Philippa Benson, Ph.D., editor-in-chief of *The Wildlife Professional*. "As we embrace the endless possibilities of new publishing technologies, we can intertwine our print and online resources. This interconnectedness showcases the changing nature of TWS as it becomes an active mechanism for the work of its members." One of the most important online features allows members to link directly to abstracts of all articles mentioned in the magazine. "Not only are abstracts hot-linked, but our site will lead the reader to specific laws, journals, technical resources, data and analysis as they drill down into our web," continued Benson. "We also link the reader to the bibliography so they can continue to delve deeper into the subject matter in which they are interested." "When it comes to contemporary wildlife management and conservation, the challenges are great and increasingly complex," said Hutchins. However, knowledge is power, and we hope that our new informational resources, including *The Wildlife Professional*, will empower wildlife professionals to fulfill their important mission of conserving our precious and irreplaceable wildlife resources, both now and into the future."

To become a member of The Wildlife Society and receive *The Wildlife Professional*, visit:
www.wildlife.org

Need Help With Travel Expenses?

One of the main reasons our dues increased to \$10.00 a couple years ago was to assist members with funds towards travel for professional development. Is there a conference, symposium or workshop you would like to attend? MoTWS has not received any requests for the current year. If you plan to apply, please submit your application by **July 15, 2007**. The travel application form is available at:

<http://www.motws.org/TravelGrant.html>

Conferences of Interest

TWS Annual Conference Locations

Tucson, Arizona -- September 22-26, 2007
Miami, Florida -- November 8-12, 2008
Monterey, California -- September 20-24, 2009

Websites to Know

Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society
<http://www.motws.org>

The Wildlife Society
<http://www.wildlife.org/index.cfm>

Missouri Department of Conservation
<http://www.mdc.mo.gov>

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
<http://www.fws.gov/>

International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
<http://www.iafwa.org/>

Conservation Federation of Missouri
<http://www.confedmo.org>

MO DNR
<http://www.dnr.mo.gov>

USDA/NRCS
<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>

USDA/APHIS
<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/>

Texas A&M job board
<http://wfscnet.tamu.edu/jobboard/index.htm>

Conservation Federation of Missouri
<http://www.confedmo.org/>

U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance
<http://www.wlfa.org/>

Organization of Wildlife Planners
<http://www.owpweb.org/>

Wildlife Management Institute
<http://www.wildlifemanagementinstitute.org>

MoTWS Student Chapter websites:

1. Missouri State University
<https://www.ws.missouristate.edu/studentorganizations>
2. Missouri Western
<http://www.missouriwestern.edu/orgs/twschap/>
3. University of Central Missouri
<http://faculty.cmsu.edu/blog/wildlifesociety.php>
4. University of Missouri
<http://www.missouri.edu/~wildlife>



Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Application Information

The Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society cordially invites you to join us! If you haven't already done so, take a look at [what we are all about](#).

You do **not** have to be a member of our parent society, [The Wildlife Society](#) to join our State Chapter. However, if you would like more information about our parent society, just click [here](#).

Annual Dues are just \$10.00. As a member you will receive:

- A semi-annual newsletter.
- The opportunity to interact with other wildlife professionals in Missouri.
- The opportunity to serve on several committees and working groups which actively influence wildlife conservation and management in Missouri.
- The opportunity to attend occasional continuing education workshops and symposia.

To Join:

Down-load a [membership form](#) (in PDF format),

OR

Send us your:

name

mailing address

phone number (optional)

fax number (optional)

e-mail address (optional)

along with your \$10.00 dues (make Checks payable to “Missouri Chapter TWS”) to:

Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society

P.O. Box 743

Columbia, MO 65205 - 0743

If you just would like more information, you can e-mail us at motws@motws.org.

We Hope To Be Hearing From You!