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COMING ATTRACTIONS

August 26, Sunday, 8a.m. Field trip to Bodega Bay

Meet leader Mike Parmeter at the upper parking lot at the Tides Wharf at Bodega Bay. Migrating shorebirds should make for an interesting trip. Bring lunch, binoculars and a jacket.

September 13, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. RROS General Meeting & Potluck

This is our first meeting of the year and our annual potluck dinner. Sugarloaf State Park will be the location. Bring your favorite main dish or salad or dessert! We always eat well at these functions. This year, please bring you own plates, cups and utensils. After dinner, we should see (or hear) Poorwills and Screech Owls. Pygmy Owls sat in on the meeting last year and we've had delightful aerobatics performed by a Golden Eagle.

September 29, Saturday, PRBO Second Annual BIRD-A-THON

PRBO raised \$12,000 during last year's first United States Birdathon and they're trying it again. Here's how it works: get sponsors to pledge 10 cents or more for each species you see on the "thon" day (Sept. 29) in any state or country in the world. Example: Bob Stewart (birder) sees 120 species times 10 cents equals \$12.00 tax deductible contribution to PRBO. You can sponsor anyone, including yourself, or some of last year's leaders including Laurie Binford (156 species last year), Bill Clow (141), Gary Page (126), Rich Stallcup (138), Dave DeSante (134), Bob Stewart (121). RROS members John & Mike Parmeter had 156 and David Lowe had 90. Let's get out and help PRBO with a fun day of birding. For full details write: Birdathon, PRBO, 4990 Shoreline Highway, Stinson Beach, Ca. 94970.

October 14, Sunday, Monterey Offshore Trip

Contact Debi Love, 935 Lighthouse Ave #2, Pacific Grove, Ca 93950, for information of this trip. The cost is \$16.00 per person. Enclose a SASE with your check.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trip chairman Mike Parmeter has prepared an exciting list for this year. Mark them on your calendar now!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Aug. 26, 1979	Bodega Bay	Mike Parmeter
Sept. 15, 1979	Bodega Bay	Jack Arnold
Oct. 7, 1979	Point Reyes	Mike Parmeter
Nov. 10, 1979	Willow Creek/Jenner	Doug Ellis
Dec. 16, 1979	Santa Rosa Christmas Count	Gerry Mugele

AWWWWWWWW!

We all make mistakes. The Chimney Swifts that have caused so much excitement in Sonoma this summer have turned out to be Vaux's Swifts. On July 11, Mike Parmeter and Laurie Binford netted and measured one. Too small was the verdict and we've lost a county record. These swifts are interesting though. They are dark and they are successfully raising a family in a nest of twigs glued to the inside of a chimney. Better luck next time!

SIGHTINGS

John Parmeter is off to Berkeley to spend his time studying. His time will be taken up with things other than birds(hard to imagine John without his binocs). We have managed to keep this column in the family however. Mike Parmeter has offered to give it a try. He will need your help. Call or write him with any sightings of interest. A deadline of the 25th of the month should make the next newsletter. Call Mike at 255-6757. Remember-- this column is only as interesting as we make it!

A NEW YEAR

Your new officers have planned an exciting year--super field trips, terrific programs, a record-breaking Christmas Count! Attend the meetings and the field trips and find out how much fun birding and birders can be!

DUES

Remember! Your 1979-1980 dues are payable now. With this fun new year ahead, you won't want to miss a single issue of the Kite Tales. Send your dues to Ruth Hawksley, 51 Shadyleaf Ct, Santa Rosa, Ca 95405. (Family--\$6.00, Individual--\$4.50, and Student--\$2.00).

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Organized in 1962, the purpose of the club is to encourage the study and conservation of birds, other wildlife and their habitats.
Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month, September thru May, at 7:30 p.m. in room 221 of Darwin Hall, Sonoma State College, Rohnert Park.
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