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APRIL PROGRAM SPEAKER: FRITZ DAVIS

GET THE FACTS AND THEN ACT

HOW MARJORIE HARRIS CARR AND THE FLORIDA DEFENDERS OF THE ENVIRONMENT STOPPED THE CROSS FLORIDA BARGE CANAL.

Thursday, April 22nd, 918 Railroad Avenue
Social at 7:00 p.m. Program 7:30 p.m.

This illustrated talk tells the story of Marjorie Harris Carr, wife of Archie Carr, who fought the construction of the Cross Florida Barge Canal, first with the Alachua Audubon Society and then with the Florida Defenders of the Environment. This was one of the first successful grassroots environmental campaigns to challenge the Army Corps of Engineers.



Fritz Davis studied the history of science and environmental history at Harvard, the University of Florida and Yale. *His first book: The Man Who Saved Sea Turtles: Archie Carr and the Origins of Conservation Biology* was published by Oxford University Press. He is an associate professor in the Department of History at FSU.

Posting Bird Sightings

Your Apalachee Audubon Society has been posting and updating bird sightings at locations in our area. The latest posting has been at the Robert Williams Birding Trail on Orange Avenue across the bridge west of Springhill Road. We want to give a hearty thank you to the Leon County Parks and Recreation Department for installing the kiosk containing the sightings chart.

Sightings charts may also be found at the Black Swamp Nature Preserve off Orange Avenue across from the Seminole Golf Course; and at San Luis Mission Park on San Luis Road.

These charts are by species and by month so an easily read matrix indicates to viewers when and if a specific species has been seen during the month. The charts typically contain sightings over a 10-year or longer period.

The charts are most helpful to visitors to our community but may be helpful to our citizens as they attempt to identify a species they see in our bird parks. As data is accumulated, we hope to install additional sighting charts at other locations.

If you see a species that is not on the chart for a specific month, or you would like to recommend a posting site and know where to get or have the data for the chart, please contact Bob Henderson, (850) 575-6610 or bob@rkhenderson.com.

Apalachee Audubon Annual Awards Dinner

May 20th, 6:30 p.m.

Lafayette Presbyterian church
4220 Mahan Dr.

\$10 per person. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the April program meeting, Wild Birds Unlimited and Native Nurseries.

This year's speaker is **Dana Bryan**, a biologist with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, who will give a presentation on Limpkins.

Birdathon 2010

April 9-25

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outreach. Find out
how you can help
on page 3.

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Allow 4-6 weeks for arrival of your first issue of *Audubon*. The cost of membership is tax deductible except for \$7.50 (which is allocated to *Audubon* magazine).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Ed Gartner

There's a vast difference between misinformation and disinformation. Misinformation is often, but not always, caused by error.

Disinformation is usually intentional, to promote one agenda at the expense of another using knowingly false claims. Once recognized, disinformation should be dismissed out of hand.

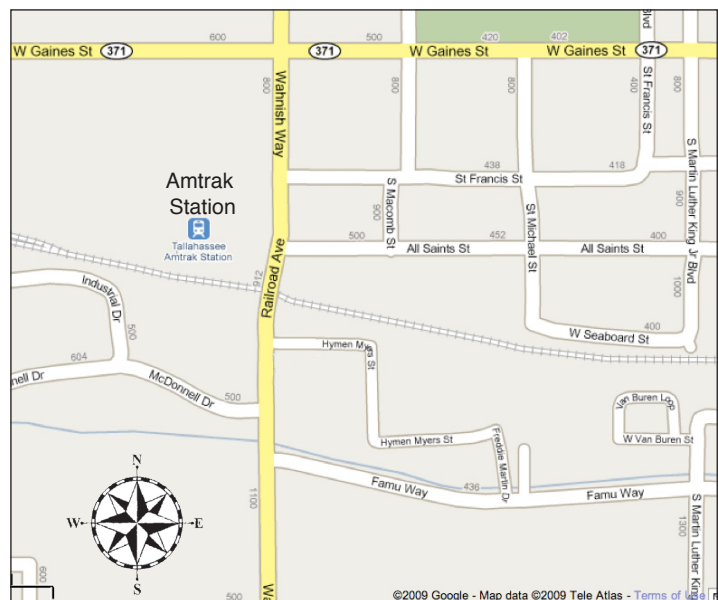
In next month's newsletter, the reason for this series on realities.



AAS PROGRAM MEETING LOCATION

Historic Amtrak Station
918 Railroad Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida

Note: A reminder that Gaines Street is undergoing construction and portions of the road will be closed between 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Please allow extra time for potential detours.



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TO: Members of the Apalachee Audubon Society
FROM: Birdathon Committee
DATE: April 2010
SUBJECT: Birdathon 2010

Birdathon 2010, Apalachee Audubon's major fundraiser, begins April 9th and wraps up April 25th. Please note that we are not sending individual solicitations or staffing a phone bank this year but we still need your help.

Money raised during Birdathon pays for Apalachee Audubon's environmental education programs such as Audubon Adventures. These subscription kits, developed by The National Audubon Society help 3rd through 5th graders form positive attitudes about nature and support teachers with instructional content aligned with national and state standards for Social Studies (with an emphasis on Civics), Science, and Language Arts. Each Audubon Adventures kit comes with a Classroom Resource Manual and different editions of a student newspaper. The teacher's manual includes classroom tips, hands-on activities, and background material for teachers. Each year there is a new theme, currently "Action for Planet Earth." For more information about this program visit www.audubon.org/educate/aa/index.html.

One Audubon Adventures subscription package costs approximately \$45. Birdathon 2009 funded kits for 55 classrooms in 25 Leon, Gadsden and Wakulla county schools. In 2010 Apalachee Audubon aspires to expand the program to over 100 classrooms. If we exceed this goal, we might offer scholarships for teachers to attend an Audubon Field Environmental Camp. AAS pledges that 100% of your contribution will stay in our region for local projects.

Please fill out the pledge form below and return to the AAS address on the form. You may choose to support one of the teams listed, or the combined teams. You may donate a flat sum, for instance \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or any level that suits your budget. Or, you may add some extra interest by pledging an amount per bird, to your favorite team or to the combined team lists. For example, if 125 species are seen by a team, at \$.10 a bird your commitment would be \$12.50. At \$.50 per bird, it would be \$62.50, etc. After Birdathon 2010, we will report our sightings and collect the pledged donations. Your gift is tax-deductible as AAS is a 501(c)3 organization and no goods or services will be exchanged for your contribution. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your support!

APALACHEE AUDUBON SOCIETY BIRDATHON PLEDGE FORM

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Karen Wensing

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Marvin Collins, Melissa Forehand, et al

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Team Number 5

Chris Borg

Write-in new team: _____

Combined Teams: _____

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**UPCOMING THURSDAY
PROGRAM DATES**

- April 22
- May 20
(Annual Awards Dinner)

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APALACHEE AUDUBON SOCIETY CALENDAR: APRIL-MAY 2010

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Social begins at 7:00, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Located at the historic Amtrak Station, 918 Railroad Avenue—map on page 2. For more information, call (850)510-4877 or visit: www.apalachee.org

Chapter/Audubon Events

April

- 22 **AAS Program Meeting (EARTH DAY!): Fritz Davis**
will give a presentation about Marjorie Harris Carr

May

- 20 **AAS Annual Awards Dinner** (Details, pg. 1) NOTE:
Earlier editions of this newsletter had the wrong date
for the dinner. May 20 is the correct date.

Related Events

April

- 22 **Earth Day at the Capitol:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Waller Park at the Capitol Complex, Downtown
Tallahassee. The theme for 2010 is Easy as One
and will focus on easy green practices each person
can implement in their daily lives.

- 23 **Idle Free and Alternative Transportation
Day:** Kleman Plaza, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Event featuring live music, free refreshments,
StarMetro's new electric/diesel hybrid bus,
information on environmentally friendly
practices, and the opportunity to take the Idle
Free Pledge.

- 24 **Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale:**
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Compost bins and rain
barrels will be on sale for \$50 each at the
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