



# Chapter News

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## CALENDAR

May 5 and May 13: INEOS

May 11 General meeting and  
Advanced Training:  
Dragonflies **At GCBO**

May 12-13:  
Matagorda Beach Fest  
Costal Expo

May 17 and May 19:  
DEEP

### June 20-23: Camp Mohawk

Summer Library Programs

MC Photo Contest display at  
The Center for Arts & Sciences

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## A MESSAGE FROM "the PREZ"

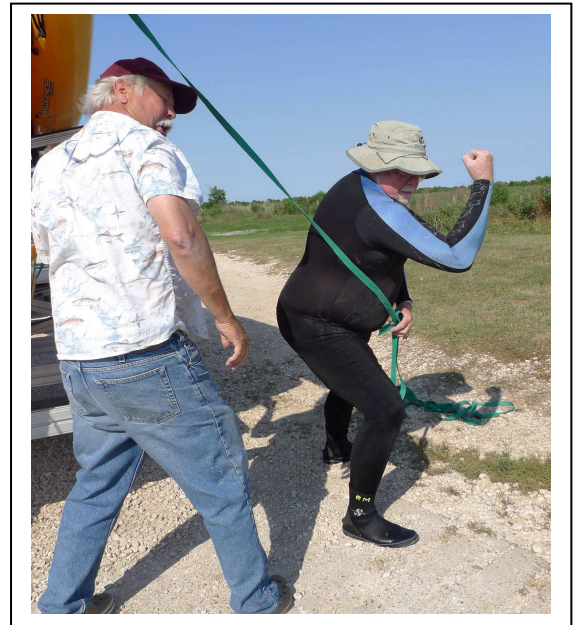
The 17<sup>th</sup> Migration Celebration has come and gone. We had wonderful weather this year and the public showed their appreciation by coming out in record numbers. Almost 200 folks attended the kick-off dinner and enjoyed my wonderful spinach/apple salad (with secret sauce), the silent auction and Kathy Adam Clark's great presentation on photography.

By the way, if you happen to just run into Kathy or attend one of her excellent photography classes, please say "thanks" to her. She goes out of her way to support the Migration Celebration by judging the annual photo contest. This year she added a photograph critique session and did the key-note address.

The attendance count on Saturday was approximately 1100 folks and Sunday over 450 attended. I want to thank all of YOU who spent so much time and effort in making this MC such a success.

Two of the favorite activities were kayaking and crabbing. Carole Wenny, Roy Morgan Sandy Henderson and David Heinicke helped with this activity. Rich was his usual jolly self as he did one of his favorite things—helping kids to catch fish or in this case, crabs. Everyone had a great time.

A few more photos are on the next page.



"The Deadly Duo"—Rich Tillman and Roy Morgan. Roy has promised to really catch everyone's eye by wearing a hot pink wet suit next year!

TMN-COT has been nominated for a *Take Pride in America Award*. Win or lose, it is an honor to be recognized for our volunteer work. For more information, go to <http://www.takepride.gov/awardAP.cfm>.

When you read this, I'll be enjoying the "produce" of the Napa Valley. I won't forget to toast a great organization—TMN-COT!

**Cheers!**

The Prez

**Thanks to everyone for your help and support**



Denis, Carole and David Heinicke loading up after a long day of kayaking.



Chief cook and organizer, Marty Cornell. Paella anyone?



Pit boss Ron Bisbee with sous chefs Ellis B and John Marshall

*Master Naturalists at Work and Play, Right Here at here at home.*



Al and Volunteer Boss, Ed Barrios



Preparing to serve: Carole, Jane and Susan



Service with a smile: Justina and Ruby

Look for more Migration Celebration Photos at <http://tinyurl.com/MC-2011-RP>

## Membership Report, Jerry Eppner

To date, 26 COT members have submitted timesheets. Total volunteer time submitted is 2526 hr. Great job!

At the June (I will be out of town during the May meeting) general meeting, the following people will be recognized for their service:

- Certification – Marlies Greenwood
- Recertification – Don Rosebury

Jane Eppner has reached the 500 hour volunteer time milestone, and Barbara Burkhardt has volunteered more than 2500 hours of her time on COT activities. Congratulations! I am sure more hours will be submitted between now and the June meeting, particularly those associated with Migration Celebration efforts.

## Reminder from Chapter Host, Jerry Krampota

Those members who signed up to bring refreshments for the May 11 meeting are Ramah O’Gorman, Pam West, Phyllis Gerdes and Kirby Rapstein. If for some reason you have a problem, please notify Jerry Krampota at 281-585-3249 or email at [jkrampota@hotmail.com](mailto:jkrampota@hotmail.com). Please note change in meeting location below.

### **May General Meeting and Advanced Training**

#### **Gulf Coast Bird Observatory**

**Wednesday, May 11, 2011**

**8:30 a.m. – Coffee and Social Time**

**9:00 a.m. – Business Meeting**

**9:30 a.m. - Program: Damselflies**

**presented by Bob Honig, Environmental Consultant**

## Training Report, Laura Brandes

**MAY 4TH: “FORESTS”** with Instructor Kirby Rapstein. The class will begin at 9:00 am in the AgriLife Conference Room. Following the lecture you will proceed to **HUDSON WOODS** for the field activity.

You will need to wear appropriate clothing for walking along pathways. Coffee and goodies will be available during the lecture. Bring a **BROWN BAG LUNCH WITH DRINK** which will be eaten either in the Conference Room or at Hudson Woods. Bring **WATER** for Hudson Woods along with mosquito spray. IF it is raining the Lecture will still take place and the Field Activity will either be canceled or rescheduled by the Instructor. Class: 2-3 hours; Field TBA

**MAY 11TH: GENERAL MEETING on “Damselflies”** will be held at the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory (GCBO). This will include both Lecture and Field. As always, the meeting will start at 8:30 am with the “social hour” and continue from there. These hours can be assigned to Certification or Intern Training/Field.

**MAY 18TH: “ENTOMOLOGY”** with Instructor Ed Barrios. The class will begin at 9:00 am in the Discovery Center at Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge. Coffee and goodies will be available during the lecture. Bring a light **BROWN BAG LUNCH WITH DRINK** which will be eaten there after the lecture. The Field Activity will be conducted at BNWR so dress for the activity which will include Bug Sweeping and Pond Dipping. You will be on dry land, out in the sun (SPF) and with bugs (skitter spray). Class: 2 hours; and Field: 2 hours.

**MAY 19TH: “MAMMALS”** with Instructor Dave Heinicke at Brazos Bend State Park beginning at 10:00 am in the Learning Center (2nd parking lot, 2nd floor above shop/museum). The Field activity will be after the Lecture. Bring a **BROWN BAG LUNCH WITH DRINK**, dress for the outdoors (comfy shoes, sunscreen, skitter spray). Class: 2 hours; Field: 2-3 hours.

As always, COT Members are invited to attend. If you have not had one or more of the Class Topics during 2009 and 2010 then the hours can be used as AT plus your TT. Anyone wanting to attend should notify the Training Director ([lib823@comcast.net](mailto:lib823@comcast.net)) so that the Instructor can be notified and materials be readied.

**INTERNS:** ALL hours for Intern Training and Certification should be submitted no later than **MAY 31, 2011**. The Training Director will review your Timesheets. If your Intern Training is completed then your sheets will be signed off and you will be recognized as a **NEW Texas Master Naturalist** at the June meeting. If your training is not completed, then the Training Director will work with you on the Fall classes so that you can complete your Internship. Remember—**the deadline is May 31st for Timesheets.**

**A little something to think about in this “green” world.**

## Upcoming events

**Wednesday, May 11, 2011**

TMN-COT

General Meeting, Intern training, and Advanced Training

Gulf Coast Bird Observatory

<http://tinyurl.com/4otdk7n>

**Thursday and Friday, May 12-13.**

Beach Fest Coastal Expo

<http://refugefriends.org/calendar/BFCE.pdf>

<http://tinyurl.com/MBN-Park>

**See Attachment #3 to this newsletter. Volunteers are needed for TMN-COT booth. Contact Barbara Burkhardt for details. 979-297-4386**  
[bburkhardt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bburkhardt@sbcglobal.net)

**Friday, May 13, 8:30am**

INEOS EE PROGRAM

INEOS Education Building at INEOS Chocolate Bayou Works

<http://tinyurl.com/4uq9o96>

**Tuesday, May 17, 8:30am**

**Thursday, May 19, 8:30am**

DEEP: Discovery Environmental Education Program

Discovery Center at BNWR

<http://tinyurl.com/2009-10-DEEP-Schedule>

**Wednesday, May 18, 8:30am**

Intern Training

Discovery Center at BNWR

<http://tinyurl.com/43vw5kr>

**Monday, May 23, 6:30pm**

Nature Night at the Library

Sea Shell Searchers of Brazoria County

Monday, May 23, 6:30pm

Angleton Public Library

**Monday, May 30, 2011**

Memorial Day

Agrilife Extension Office closed

**June 1 - July 10, 10am – 5pm**

The Art of Photography Exhibit

Migration Celebration Photo Contest Entries

Art League, Center for Arts and Sciences

*The Art of Photography --  
A Focus on Nature*

*A display of photo contest entries*

*June 1 - July 10*

*The Brazosport Art League Gallery*

*The Center for the Arts & Sciences*

*400 College Boulevard -- Clute, Texas*

*Meet the photographers at a reception*

*7 o'clock p.m. June 4 in the Gallery*



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## **It's All About "The Green Thing".**

By Jim Knowles

In the line at the store, the cashier told the older woman that plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The woman apologized to her and explained, "We didn't have the green thing back in my day".

That's right; they didn't have the green thing in her day. Back then, they returned their milk bottles, Coke bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, using the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But they didn't have the green thing back her day.

In her day, they walked up stairs, because they didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. They walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time they had to go two blocks. But she's right. They didn't have the green thing in her day.

Back then, they washed the baby's diapers because they didn't have the throw-away kind. They dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 220 volts, wind and solar power really did dry the clothes. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that old lady is right; they didn't have the green thing back in her day.

Back then, they had one TV, or radio, in the house that everybody gathered around as a family, not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a pizza dish, not a screen the size of the state of Montana. In the kitchen, they blended and stirred by hand because they didn't have electric machines to do everything for you. When they packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, they used wadded up newspaper to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, they didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn, they used a push mower that ran on human power. They exercised by working so they didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right; they didn't have the green thing back then.

They drank from a fountain when they were thirsty, instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time they had a drink of water. They refilled pens with ink, instead of buying a new pen, and they replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But they didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar and kids rode their bikes to school or rode the school bus, instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service. They had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And they didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint.

But that old lady is right. They didn't have the green thing back in her day.

## ATTACHMENTS

There are three attachments to this newsletter:

### Attachment #1

*Minutes of the General Meeting of April 13, 2011.*

[May2011-Attach-1\\_April\\_GenMtg.pdf](#)

### Attachment #2

*Birds of Prey Show - Van Vleck, Texas*

[May2011-Attach-2\\_Birds-of-Prey.pdf](#)

### Attachment #3

*Beach Fest Coastal Expo*

[May2011-Attach-3\\_BFCE.pdf](#)

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