

MINUTES OF WCAS DECEMBER 2003 MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society (WCAS) was held at Rocky River Nature Center in North Olmsted, Ohio, on December 2, 2003. President Tom Romito conducted the meeting.

1. A pre-meeting Christmas Potluck dinner was attended by approximately 15 people.
2. Tom opened the meeting by displaying our new newsletter done with Publisher software. He then passed out index cards to all members so they could submit entries to a contest on naming the newsletter.
3. Treasurer Mary Anne Romito presented new name tags and official Passport Pamphlets to all chapter members. She briefly explained how Passport points are to be recorded by each member.
4. Field Trip Chair Person Nancy Howell reminded us about the Christmas Bird Count on Dec. 28, and also about our Jan. 6 program, "A Birder's Tour of Iceland".
5. Don Altemus, retired chief naturalist of the Rocky River Nature Center, explained what the Christmas Bird Count is and why it came about. In the Cleveland area it involves a 15 mile diameter circle which includes a lot of shoreline and water fowl. Birding volunteers will count and record all birds seen on their chosen walks.
6. Guest speaker John Winterich showed the video "Northern Ohio Nature" which he researched and produced himself. He offered copies for sale.
7. The index cards were turned in to Tom with entries for the newsletter name. All in attendance voted by show of hands for the title of their choice. "The Feathered Flier", submitted by Ed Innocenzi, won. All who participated received prizes, and lapel pins were given to those who stayed to the end of the meeting.