

THE BRODIE CLUB

The 915th meeting of the Brodie Club was held in the Howard Savage Faunal Archeo-Osteology Laboratory of the University of Toronto on Oct. 15, 1996.

CHAIRMAN: Jennifer Young

SECRETARY: W. Carrick

ATTENDANCE: There were 17 members and 6 guests present, including the speaker.

Jill Cameron guest of Don Huff
George Boyer " " Michael Boyer
Mary Leask " " Don Young
Vicky Draper " " Dave Fowle
George McLean and Sean Keating were guests of the Club.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as circulated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BRUCE FALLS: Long Point Bird Observatory Annual Meeting Nov. 3rd Port Dover. Joey Slinger will be speaker.

LUMSDEN: FON Oct. 19th Lake Ontario Regional Meeting.

SCOVELL: Book sale by Ontario Field Ornithologists - Oct. 19th at Inland Water Centre in Hamilton.

HUFF: FON 65th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Nov. 7th Tickets are \$65. each which includes a \$20. tax receipt.

TREASURER: Presented a Financial Statement

Cash from Speakman (Oct. 17/95)	64.12
Membership Donations	180.00
Postage (10 mailings to date)	144.45
FON Fees	75.00
Refreshments	10.00
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CASH ON HAND - - - - -	14.67
Number of stamps of hand - 47	

- - Members contributed \$130. at the meeting - -

SPEAKER: Ron Scovell introduced the speaker George McLean.

Illustrated with slides, George gave a most interesting summary of his development as a wildlife artist. This included growing up in Parkdale, attending art school, the influence of Terry Shortt and others including Bud Feeley, his agent for 10 years.

George spoke briefly of his forthcoming book "Painting at my Doorstep" and showed slides of his 100 acre farm near Bognor including before and after shots of creating a forest from farmland. Other slides were of reference material for painting and several of his artworks. Technique, his philosophy, goals and other artists were also discussed. An extended question period indicated the members' interest and the speaker was doubly thanked by Norma Martin and Bill Carrick.

OBSERVATIONS:

- BRUCE FALLS:** Large number of fall migrants. Noticeable increase in Monarch Butterflies.
- BODSWORTH:** Hurricane Fran transported ocean birds to southern Ontario. 23 Black-capped Petrels have been picked up to date. Two Fork-tailed Flycatchers, one immature at Kingsville, one adult at Nobleton - only previous record at Dorion in 1974.
- SCOVELL:** Update of Petrel specimens and sightings - 33. one in Lake Ontario - the rest from Lake Erie. Birds appear to have starved.
- SPEAKMAN:** Observed three Otters south of Kirkfield. Otters are being seen more frequently in this area.
- READING:** Found a Barn Owl nest in El Salvador in a depression in bat guano down a mine shaft.
- LUMSDEN:** reported 123 Trumpeter Swans free flying in Southern Ontario, part of the release program started in 1982.
- FOWLE:** Victoria Museum examined and measured Marmot bones found in a cave three years ago - knife marks on bones indicate human use. Cave location 2000' lower in elevation than any Marmot habitat.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:15 PM