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KERN AUDUBON

Tues. JANUARY 10*, 2017

(*note the date change!)

Kern Supt of Schools

1300 17th St (17th & L Sts.)

Street parking or lot at 18th & K

**"Bakersfield to Bakersfield -
A Journey Across America"**



Felix Adamo has worked 37 years as a news photographer for *The Bakersfield Californian* and is currently the chief photographer. Adamo started in photography shooting for *Cycle News*, a national newspaper covering the world of motorcycle racing. Adamo was also one of the founding members in 1989 of the Artists Guild at Cunningham Art Gallery, now the Bakersfield Museum of Art. Adamo also does commercial photography through his business, Adamo Pictures.

Adamo has recently published a 124 page book, *Bakersfield to Bakersfield*, documenting his 2012 motorcycle trip across America visiting other towns sharing the Bakersfield name. Felix will be sharing his adventure and photos with us and will have copies of his book for those who might like to purchase a copy, which we're sure he would autograph!

Expanding his work beyond photojournalism and commercial work, Adamo also participates in the local art scene. *Bakersfield to Bakersfield* was his third solo exhibition at the Bakersfield Museum of Art. He also produces the popular Bakersfield Twang notecard series which has been in production for 18 years.

Adamo has been published in *Life*, *Time*, *Sports Illustrated*, *USA Today*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Rolling Stone* and many other publications throughout the United States and the world via the Associated Press and Zuma Press. As a photojournalist for *the Bakersfield Californian*, Adamo provides daily photographs to accompany the stories that appear in the paper, including news, features and sports. In journalism "we never re-create images or 'set up' photographs. We shoot events as they happen. The only exception is for portraits and illustrations. *What I like about photojournalism is the variety of subjects we get to shoot. One day might include a court assignment in the morning with a feature on a restaurant in the afternoon and the next day I may have a high school playoff football game. It's these type of assignments that keep the job interesting.*"

JANUARY FIELD TRIPS

Christmas Bird Counts are still planned in January, so feel free to participate. Call the leader for more information:

Sunday Jan. 1, 2017 - Kern River Valley, Bob Barnes (760)382-1260

Wednesday Jan 4, 2017- Tehachapi area, Larry Parmeter (559)276-8753



Tue. January 17 - Lake Ming - 8:00 am

Roger Coley will lead us on a wonderful morning of winter birding along Lake Ming off Alfred Harrell Highway. Expect to see waterfowl and winter birds. Meet at the first parking lot, dress warm, bring binocs, water, snacks. Contact Roger for more info: 832-1820.

Sat. January 21 - Bakersfield Treatment Ponds - 8:30 - 11:30 am

Gary File will meet us at the south end of Mt Vernon off hwy 58, then right at the Bakersfield Sewer Treatment Ponds. This is a spot with a multitude of waterfowl and shorebirds...good birding and photography opportunities. Birders wanting to bird longer in the day, there is a possibility Gary will be available for additional birding. Bring water, binoculars, snacks and dress in layers. For more information call Deb 661-809-6135 Good for all levels of birders!

Sat. Jan. 28 & Tues. Jan. 31 - Birding field trip workshops with Bob Barnes in Tehachapi. See p. 3 for

PROPOSAL TO CHARGE FEE FOR USE OF HART PARK

Hart Park: a gem owned by Kern County. It is a park that is enjoyed by families, the elderly, and for those who want a refuge from the city. It is a park for family fun, an escape from the summer heat. The park is also a haven for us, birders. Any morning you can go to the park to find your favorite species of bird, whether it is a beautiful Wood Duck or a noisy Rose-ringed Parakeet..

On **Tuesday, January 10**, at the **2 PM session**, the Kern County Board of Supervisors will be hearing public testimony regarding a plan to charge a \$5 daily use fee for Hart Park. This park has always been open to all, as a gift to the people. It is the people's park and fees will discourage it's use, especially by those who can least afford it.

Please consider attending this public hearing and let the supervisors become aware of your concerns about this proposal. You can also write them in either of two ways: by letter (1115 Truxton Ave, 5th Floor, Bakersfield 93301) or email: board@co.kern.ca.us. Direct your comments to your supervisor. The supervisors are: District 1: Mick Gleason, District 2: Zack Scrivner, District 3: Mike Maggard, District 4: David Couch, District 5: Leticia Perez.

Please do it today! Let's keep Hart Park a free place for all people, at all times.

Harry Love, Conservation Chair (805-1420; love3@bak.rr.com)

WORKPARTY AT PANORAMA VISTA PRESERVE



Sat. January 14, 9-11 AM--Work at the preserve will include collecting and stacking tumbleweeds so they can be burned. *Lots of help is needed*, so bring your gloves, water, jacket and a pitchfork, if you have one. If you have questions please contact David Schaad at davidws@pacbell.net. Meet at the east end of Roberts Lane off of Manor Drive at the locked gate. Open to everyone and it's just 2 hours!!

We appreciate all who come out to the Panarama Vista Preserve on our workdays with special thanks to Al Caetano, David Schaad, Ted Wright & Mac McCarthy for helping out in

VOLUNTEERS FOR KERN RIVER PRESERVE

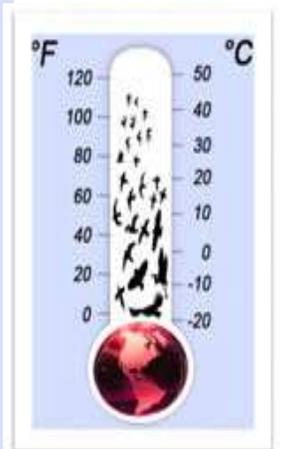
The Southern Sierra Research Station in Weldon, together with the Audubon California Kern River Preserve and California

Department of Fish and Wildlife, are working on restoring 63 acres of field and old forest by planting trees.

Volunteer help is desperately needed! Work will be ongoing almost every weekend throughout the winter and spring. In January, hoped-for work dates are the weekends of January 7/8, 21/22, and 28/29. If you are interested in volunteering, please RSVP with Patti Wohner at 760-378-3345

CLIMATE CHANGE CORNER

Question: Glaciers are melting. So what? The disappearance of glaciers is one of the clearest signs of climate change. People who rely on melting glacier water are facing shortage and in many regions, the situation is only getting worse. In a world unaffected by climate change, glacier mass stays balanced, meaning the ice that evaporates in the summer is fully replaced by snowfall in the winter. However, **when more ice melts than is replaced, the glacier loses mass.** And the people who depend on melting ice for water to support their farming and living needs are deeply affected.



WEBSITES to check out...

Info about birds? Go to www.birds.cornell.edu, the website of Cornell Lab of Ornithology, world leader in the study and conservation of birds

Kern Birding For a great website about Kern County birding spots: www.natureali.org

Audubon California has an excellent website: www.Audubon-ca.org

Audubon in the news - To learn about National Audubon go to: www.audubon.org



If you'd like to find out what similar groups to Audubon are doing, consider joining **Meetup!** You get email reminders of events and it's free! Go to:

www.meetup.com/Kern-Audubon-Society and follow the instructions. We now have over 200 members! Thanks to Carly Summers for keeping the site updated!



KERN AUDUBON ON FACEBOOK

"Like" us and add your comments, photos, bird sightings and get updates on field trips and programs! Thank you



Kern Audubon-Tehachapi
Tuesday JANUARY 31, 2017 - 7:00PM
 Golden Hills Elementary School cafeteria
 20215 Park Road, Tehachapi



"BIRDING FOR ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS TO AMAZING EXPERTS"

Bob Barnes, Birder Extraordinaire

Bob will be the speaker at our quarterly Kern Audubon-Tehachapi meeting at Golden Hills School. Bring binoculars, birding books, iPads, Smart Phones, laptop computers, etc. so we can learn about the many birding resources available.

Bob Barnes is the past Director of Bird Conservation Programs for Audubon California and has 35+ years experience leading over 250 formal birding field trips to Arizona, California, Nevada, Texas and Costa Rica. A Master Teacher, he has taught beginning birding extension classes for California State University Bakersfield.

PLUS...As part of Bob's commitment to birds and birding, he will be leading **two Tehachapi field trip workshops** where he will focus on foundations of observing and identifying birds. Field trips will be to local birding spots where he will give instruction and assistance as we practice hands-on techniques in the field. Attend either or both of these field trip opportunities:

- Saturday January 27, 9am - noon

Meet at the Burger King on Tehachapi Blvd. at 8:30 a.m. and we'll start our adventure at a local lake where Bob will teach and demonstrate bird identification techniques. We'll have time to practice, ask questions, and get individual coaching. Those who wish will follow up with lunch at a local restaurant. Bring water, snacks, binoculars, dress warm

- Tuesday, January 31, 2017. 9am - noon

We'll visit another local birding area to get more practice and experience. Meet at the Burger King on Tehachapi Blvd. at 8:30 a.m. Bob will continue teaching techniques, answering questions and coaching individuals. Bring water, snacks, binoculars, dress warm.

Your Chance to Learn Ornithology with New Textbook and Course

Ornithology—it sounds like something you need a Ph.D. to study, but ornithology is for anyone who wants to learn about birds. Now you can take a college-level course from the Cornell Lab called **Ornithology: Comprehensive Bird Biology** that's delivered in a friendly, online format enriched by online videos and interactive animations. This self-paced course uses the new third-edition of the *Handbook of Bird Biology* textbook. Course learners earn digital badges for passing quizzes. Those who pass the course receive a printed certificate signed by Cornell Lab director Dr. John W. Fitzpatrick. Read more about the textbook and online course at www.birds.cornell.edu

2016 ANNUAL HOLIDAY AUCTION

On December 6, KAS held its annual potluck dinner and holiday celebration at First United Methodist Church. Musical entertainment was provided by the excellent East Bakersfield High School choir directed by Christy Rohyem and an astonishing array of potluck items were provided and enjoyed by those in attendance. We appreciate the MANY wonderful donations provided for the silent auction. In addition, for the live auction, we had very creative items made by members, including a necklace, handmade quilt, a watercolor, and birdbath & mobile. Thanks to **Betty Woollomes, Sasha Honig, Andy Honig, and Randi Hodson** for these beautiful item in support Kern Audubon. Many local businesses also provided items for the silent auction, so please show your appreciation by patronizing them: **Spencer's Restaurant, Chef Noodle Bar, Tejon Ranch Conservancy, Dewar's, Outback, Frugatti's Restaurant, John's Incredible Pizza, Bakersfield Melodrama, Wind Wolves, and Rosemary's Ice Cream Parlor.**

Because of the generous donations of items and member bids, \$2090.00 was raised for Kern Audubon's work in 2017!

Looking ahead....Kern Audubon's **February 7th** program will be presented by Bud Darwin of the Sequoia Riverlands Trust, a non-profit dedicated to strengthening the natural and agricultural legacy of the southern Sierra Nevada and San Joaquin Valley.

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Join KERN AUDUBON for these activities...

- Tues. Jan. 10, 7pm - Meeting & program
- Sat. Jan. 14, 9-11am - PVP Workparty
- Tues. Jan 17, 8am - Lake Ming field trip
- Sat. Jan. 21, 8:30am - Treatment ponds field trip
- Sat. Jan 28 & Tues. 31 - Tehachapi field trips

Membership Application -- KERN AUDUBON SOCIETY (C4ZC300Z)

If you would like to be part of a grass-roots conservation organization with a distinguished history, join the National Audubon Society and Kern Audubon! Please complete the form below and send with your check.

Membership includes *Audubon Magazine* (6 Issues) and the *Audubon's Warbler* (10 issues)

New Member \$20

Renewal \$20

Make check payable to **NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY**

SEND this form and your check to National Audubon for \$20 to:

Kern Audubon
PO Box 3581
Bakersfield CA 93385

Name(s) _____ Amount enclosed _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Phone # _____