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MEETINGS ARE THE 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY  
AT THE LEBANON COMMUNITY ROOM  
AT 7:30 PM

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**MEETING:** Our last meeting was a camping trip to High Knob in Wise County. Friday night found Bob Riggs, Janet Brown, Dave Worley and James & Sandy Chafin watching the evening antics of the local birds. Many of them came right into our camping site.

Saturday morning, James & Sandy fixed breakfast before we headed out to see what we could spot, but before we left camp we were visited by a male Blackburnian Warbler and a male Rose-breasted Grosbeak. We then hiked around the lake and picked up lots of good birds. To find out what was seen you will have to attend the next meeting.

Saturday afternoon we were joined by Diana Worley, Larry McDaniel, Bob Quillen and Tom & Laverne Hunter. Dave & Laverne grilled steaks for everyone and the others added items they had prepared to make up a feast. Most of us over ate. We birded until dark then sat around the campfire roasting marshmallows and telling our tales.

Sunday morning Janet cooked for everyone, scrambled eggs, steak and bacon.

We had a fabulous time before departing mid day. I want to personally thank everyone who attended. The world needs more of the joys we shared on this trip.

**Happenings:** Wallace Coffey and Dave Worley birded with 3 other VSO members recently on Whitetop Mountain. Many good birds found, including Wild Turkey, Winter Wrens, Vesper Sparrows, and a flock of 9 Red Crossbills.

Sorry about the short newsletter, no one has called in their reports this month.

**PRESIDENTS' CORNER:** The southward migration and post breeding dispersal is slowly beginning to build. Sitting on the south shore of Laurel Bed Lake I spotted a white dot drop from the sky. The dot turned into a Caspian Tern after it got within viewing distance. I was impressed that this tern had flown all that distance just to entertain me. The tern flew and fed along the lake for about 45 minutes and then was off again, providing a good study for this mountain birder. I checked my records when I got home and found that this was a new bird for me in Russell County, which really made it special. I once told someone that I would like to see every bird in the Peterson guide right here in Russell County. I have made a good start, but I know that some will never be seen like the Ivory Billed Woodpecker, but one thing is sure, you will not see any unless you are out there looking. Come on out and enjoy Gods gifts and wonders.

Thanks go to Dave & Diana Worley and Tom & Laverne Hunter for their help with the breeding bird surveys at High Knob. Lots of good birds and other stuff. Laverne Hunter will hike you into the ground.

Bob Riggs

**Meeting:** The next meeting is Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Room in Lebanon. The program will be on the shorebird migration and Horseshoe Crabs. There is quite a stir about this right now. Hope to see you there.

Dave & Diana Worley will be birding in Nevada on July 18, 19, 20 and 21<sup>st</sup>. Report next month.