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MEETINGS ARE THE 4TH TUESDAY
AT THE LEBANON COMMUNITY ROOM
AT 7:30 PM

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MEETING: Don Gowan of The Nature Conservancy gave a talk and slide show presentation on the mission of the Conservancy. He covered some of the things actually going on in Russell county.

We missed all of you who could not attend.

We picked up a new member. Richard Fulgham has been to several meetings and finally decided to join our ranks. Richard is a reporter for the Lebanon News.

Happenings: May 30th, Bob Riggs lead a group to Glade Springs to see Barn Owls and owlets. The group included James & Sandy Chafin, Tom & Laverne Hunter, Richard Fulgham and Bob's lovely wife, Diana.

June 6th, Larry McDaniel and Dave & Diana Worley went with members of the Bristol Bird Club to visit Vanessa Hawleys` Wildlife Rehab Clinic in Kingsport, Tn. She did a splendid job of entertaining us with her assortment of critters. She was able to show us 6 American Kestrels, 3 Eastern Screech-owls, 2 American Robins, an adult Red-tailed Hawk, 3 young raccoons, a Groundhog and 7 Opossum babies. We had a grand old time. Dave then led the group to Glade Springs to see the Barn Owls and owlets. We observed 1 adult and two babies.

June 7th, Dave & Diana Worley, Fred & Janice Martin, Bob & Jean Montgomery, Ben & Ellen Ames, Dean & Sean Gates and Bob Riggs went back to Glade Springs to visit the Barn Owls. We saw the babies, but no adults. We took pictures and video on this trip. The pictures will be at the July meeting.

Presidents` Corner: HEY!!! Let`s go camping and birding on Beartown Mountain. Our field trip this month will be a picnic and overnight trip on Beartown. We should find some interesting birds on the summit. It should be a good trip for wood warblers, wrens and kinglets. The company and fellowship will be the best part of it. We are going to have a blast. Just remember to come prepared for a high elevation camping trip, that will include cold nights, bugs and maybe rain. It will be a primitive camp site. That means no showers or rest rooms.

Saturday, June 20, we will leave Elk Garden Elementary School parking lot at 1pm. We will proceed to Corn Valley, where those without 4 wheel drive can leave your vehicles. After 4 wheeling to the top, we will have a picnic. Hamburgers will be provided for anyone who brings a covered dish treat. Those of you who don`t want to camp, will be provided a ride back off the mountain before dark.. If the weather is bad, an alternate spot will be chosen. Come enjoy the picnic, birding, the view and great companionship.

Any one with questions call Bob, saturday morning, at 540-889-5007.

This outing will count as our June meeting, so no meeting on the 4th Tuesday.

July Meeting: 28th, At the usual place. We will also have a field trip in July, to the Clinch River at Nash`s Ford. A lot of good birds to be seen. Details on this trip in next issue of THE DRUMMER.

Tom and Laverne Hunter made a trip to the Pinnacles recently where they found Louisiana Waterthrushes.

Call Dave at 880-1373 to report your trips and sightings.