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MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON SOCIETY:

Greetings from all of us to all of us, and welcome to the beginning of a new season of activities. We hope everyone has had a good summer and is ready to come to meetings, work on committees, participate in mailings, watch birds, re-cycle - you name it, you've got it at S.S.A.S.

All of our meetings this year will be on the second Tuesday of each month at the Freeport Public Library, Merrick Road, Freeport. The first meeting will be on September 14th, at 8:15 P.M. Our own Al Lemke will give an illustrated talk on "Wildlife in South Africa". Come one, come all!

Subsequent meetings will be same time, same place, on:

October 12th
November 9th
December 14th

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REPORT ON THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING: MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

With the executive decree of Governor Patrick J. Lunen proclaiming May 17 - 23 as National Audubon Society Week, the Sixty-sixth Annual Audubon Convention convened.

Dr. Elvis J. Stahr reported an increase in membership to 138,271 and an increase in chapters to 212. He said the magazine, as we know, continues to be beautiful and thought provoking. The Film Lecture Department produced over 1500 programs.

With the growing interest in environment, Audubon House received an average of 1,000 pieces of mail per day and 1,000 'phone calls per week. The coming year will have two Audubon television specials. The first will be "The Eagle and the Hawk". There will also be thirty-nine Sunday evening television programs entitled "Audubon Wildlife Theatre".

The 1971 Annual Appeal promises to be the best yet with \$190,000 raised as of May; although many members still do not respond to the Appeal. The Society has no immunity from rising costs.

Audubon 1970-71 successes in the Courts - often in conjunction with other groups, have been productive in the fight against DDT and the problems of the Florida Barge Canal. The Everglades and the Alaska Pipeline are still with us but the SST seems to be in the past tense.

Dr. Stahr cited the need for facts in fighting environmental problems. The vital concern with soil, water, air, sunlight and countless thousands of plant and animal organisms which make life possible cannot be overemphasized.

We need increased local membership. We need help and cooperation to get our local environmental problems solved.

There were many interesting seminars and meetings. A high point for us was a nature and bird walk with Roger Tory Peterson.

Alvin Friedman, President

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FIELD TRIPS - Fall Season:

10:00 A.M.

- September 12 - J.F.Kennedy Sanctuary (Tobay Beach)
- " 19 - Jamaica Bay
- " 26th - Mill Neck Conservancy (Oyster Bay)
- October 3 - J.F.Kennedy Sanctuary (Tobay Beach)
- " 10 - Jamaica Bay
- " 17 - Riis Park
- " 24 - Quogue
- " 31 - West End, Jones Beach

Elliott Kutner

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LEGISLATION:

S.J. Resolution #108 - This resolution to declare the achievement of population stabilization by voluntary means to be United States policy, needs the support of all of us who feel that this is a national imperative. For those of us who can remember walking all day on the New Jersey coast without seeing human or habitation, the people pressures have long since filled in these and other areas where one could find open vistas that enlarge the spirit and delight the eye. For those of you who are campers, the sites are more crowded, the lines for admission to parks longer and the opportunity for being quietly a part of and with nature more and more difficult to achieve.

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Senator Javits is a co-sponsor of this resolution but our Senator Buckley feels there is "no ecological imperative to establish population control at this time". I'm sure he should be persuaded otherwise.

H.R. #5060, S #78 - This bill which makes it a Federal crime to shoot wildlife from an airplane, except under carefully defined permit, was passed by the House but needs to be jogged into hearings and action in Senator Philip Hart's Sub-Committee on the Environment of the Senate Committee on Commerce.

H.R. #10450 - Rep. John Dingell and eleven others - will strengthen the Bald and Golden Eagle protection law.

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