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Meeting: Monday, January 25, 2010

When/Where: 7:15 PM/refreshments; 7:30/Meeting
The lounge, Olin T. Binkley Baptist Church, corner
of Hwy. 15-501 bypass and Willow Dr., behind
University Mall, Chapel Hill.

Who/What: **David & Judy Smith** will be
speaking on:

“Birding in Borneo”

Our own Chapel Hill Bird Club members David and Judy Smith will reprise their trip to Borneo last year in search of new birds and experiences. Many of us remember reading when we were young, of the impenetrable Borneo highland forests with their Stone Age tribal inhabitants. Stories of tribal warfare and headhunting, exotic birds and animals, made the island a distant place of mystery. Join us for an introduction to some of that wonderful wildlife, fantastic birds, and to see whether our imagination was wild enough.

“A Physicist Looks at Birdsong” Implications for brain research

A talk at Carol Woods on Thursday, Jan 21, 2009
At 7:30 PM., by Professor Henry Greenside of the
Duke Physics Department.

After working for many years in nonlinear dynamics and non-equilibrium pattern formation, Prof. Greenside’s group has begun studying problems in theoretical neurobiology in collaboration with Professor Richard Mooney’s experimental group at Duke which is studying Bird Song. The main scientific question is “How do Song Birds learn to Sing their Songs?” or more broadly, “How do animals learn behaviors?”

For folks interested in birdsong, this is a special chance to look at bird song from a different perspective.

Saturday Field Trips Resume

Trips led by Doug Shadwick depart from Glen Lennox Shopping Center Parking lot off HWY 54 promptly at 7:30 most Saturday mornings. All skills are welcome. Trips are usually over by noon. Dress for the weather and for walking. For further details, call Doug at 942-0479.

Join the CHBC

For birders who have not yet joined the Chapel Hill Bird Club, and for people who may have let their dues lapse, this is a reminder that we ask people to contribute to the on-going expenses for our meetings, our contributions for the Christmas Bird Counts, the maintenance of our website, and other projects.

We have not raised dues in over 10 years, even as expenses have risen.

Membership benefits include interesting programs, weekly field trips, the newsletter, and camaraderie with local birders at all levels – in a welcoming, inclusive group. Membership dues for one person or family are \$15 per year, or \$10 for a student. Make your check payable to the **Chapel Hill Bird Club**, and please mail to:

**Patsy Bailey,
277 Mint Springs Rd.
Pittsboro, NC 27312**

Membership Form

Name _____
Address _____

ph _____
E-mail _____

New member: _____ or, RENEWAL: _____
dues: \$15/yr. individuals/family, \$10/year students

Virtual invitation: You're invited to visit the Chapel Hill Bird Club website for good info on the club, bird counts, and places to go birding in the Triangle:
<http://chbc.carolinanature.com/>

Looking for Officers!

There will be a few openings in the ranks of the officers of the Chapel Hill Bird Club after the end of the summer. If you'd like to have a chance to help out, have a great time, have a chance to chat with some wonderful speakers,

and meet some interesting people, please mention your interest to one of the officers. We will be needing people to help with the Bulletin, and with some administrative tasks such as arranging for speakers.

Call for Nominations!

Your Favorite Bird/Nature/Wildlife Book

We're looking for your favorite book. It can be one you remember with affection from your childhood, a book that suddenly opened up an aspect of the natural world to you, and a book that made a concept suddenly clear, a scientific book or a book designed for the lay reader. Whatever you like, just send us the name and author, and a few words about what made the book special.

We'd like to have some titles and comments to list in the April Bulletin. It would be nice to have summer reading suggestions, or ideas for gifts for special people. Please send nominations to Karen Piplani at: krpiplani@nc.rr.com, or at 1502 Halifax Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

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