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MOS FALL MEETING: October 17-19, 1986

Hosted by Jackson Audubon Society

VENUE: Admiral Benbow Inn, 905 N. State St., Jackson, MS 39201,  
ph. 948-4161.

RECEPTION: Friday, Oct. 17, 6:30-9 PM. Bob and Gail Bowling  
will host a reception for out-of-towners at 169 St. Andrews  
(Country Club of Jackson; see map) ph. 957-5838. Sally  
Hathorn (366-3933), with lots of help from her cohorts,  
will take care of the arrangements.

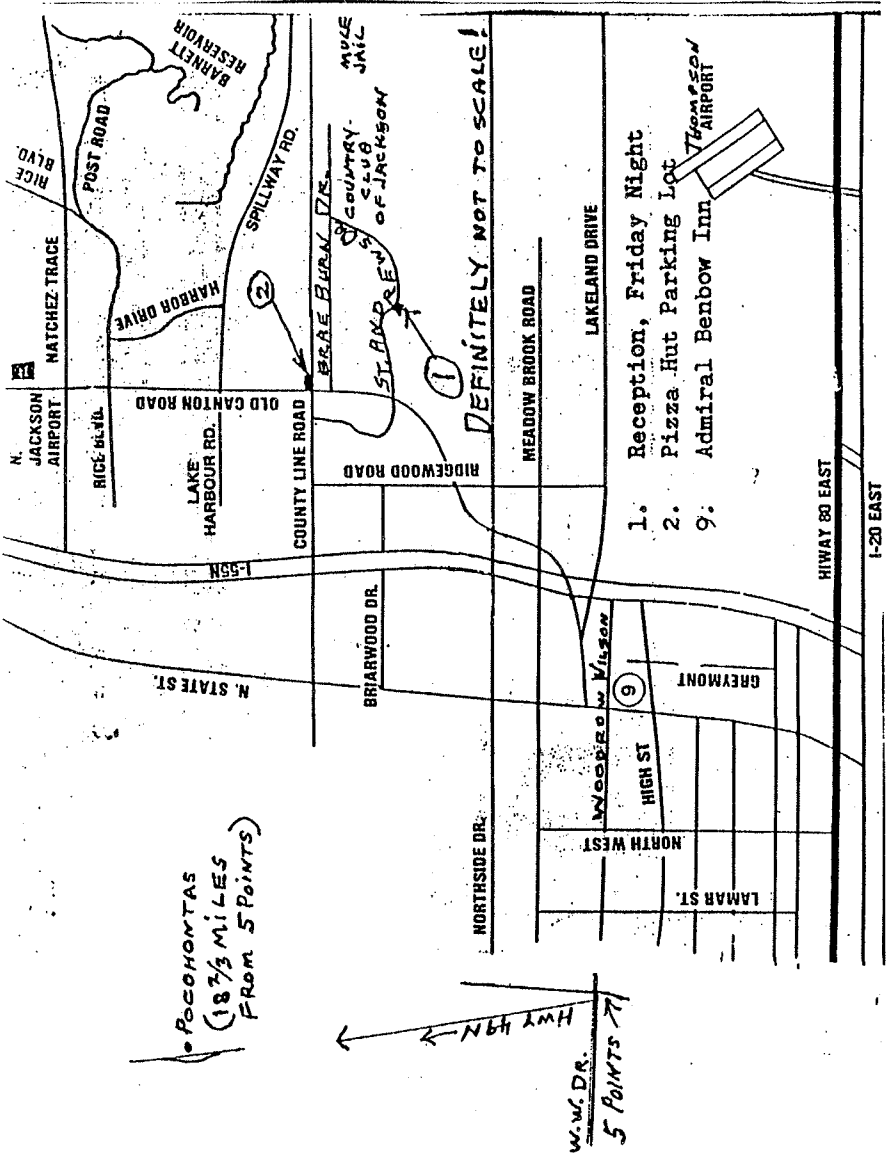
FIELD TRIPS: Saturday, Oct. 18

#1 Bill Turcotte (932-2337) will lead you to Hillside Refuge,  
the catfish ponds in Yazoo County, and possibly migrants in  
the bluffs to the west. Meet at rest stop, Hwy. 49 N at  
Pocohontas (see map), 7 AM. Return midafternoon.

#2 Evelyn Tackett has birded the Barnett Reservoir area since  
the lake was constructed. You can start with her from the  
parking lot of the Pizza Hut, Old Canton Road at County Line  
(see map) at 7:30 AM to bird the reservoir. Return for  
lunch.

ps to birding sites around Mississippi State  
 et with a special program by Walter Anderson's

#3 Bob Bullard will host our visit to Mule Jail Club, 300 acres of almost pristine Pearl River bottomlands within the city limits of Jackson. Vic Duvic (362-3056) will lead from Pizza Hut parking lot, 7:30 AM 'til after lunch.



1. Reception, Friday Night
2. Pizza Hut Parking Lot
9. Admiral Benbow Inn

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FIELD TRIPS (cont.): Sunday, Oct. 19

#4 Visit Mule Jail Club (see #3 above), 7:30 AM, Pizza Hut lot. Vic Duvic will lead (362-3056).

Incidentally, why don't you members of cliques split up on field trips and get to know other MOSers better. The birding might suffer but the camaraderie should improve.

BOX LUNCHESES: Tom Stokes (372-7976) is arranging for a \$3.00 lunch (guaranteed to surpass those of bluebird and AOU meetings!). Out-of-towners should indicate on reservation form their desires. In-towners (and "non-reserving" out-of-towners) should contact Tom before Oct. 14. No plans have been made for drinks--please supply your own.

BANQUET: Saturday, Oct. 18, time undetermined. \$9.00 per person. Admiral Benbow Inn.

Jerry and Bette Jackson take this means to express their sincere gratitude for the dozens of baked cookies and the many, many hours of work that MOS and Audubon volunteers contributed to help make the American Ornithologists' Union meeting at Mississippi State a tremendous success. Thanks, Thanks, Thanks!!!

GOOD NEWS!

The Kite is up to date! If you didn't receive issues 13(1) & (2), 14(1) & (2), 15(1) & (2), and 16(1), then you are either a new member or did not pay for those years for which you have no Kites. If you would like to have the missing issues or wish to be a member for 1987, please complete the enclosed dues payment form and mail it along with your check for the appropriate amount to our treasurer, Ed Alexander; make your check payable to the MOS.

You may also pay dues and get back issues of Mississippi Kites at the Fall Meeting in Jackson, thereby saving MOS the postage fees involved.

#### Minutes of the Spring 1986 MOS Meeting in Starkville

The 1986 Spring meeting of the MOS was held in Starkville, MS on April 5, 1986. President Bette Jackson called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Edward Alexander gave the treasurer's report. There was no old business. It was announced that Pinewoods Audubon Society would like to contribute financially to MOS to help in sponsoring the AOU meeting in August.

Steve Peterson announced that the MS Wildlife Federation had approached Jackson Audubon Society about possibly having a representative from MOS on their board. Dr. Jerome Jackson stated that MOS had been approached in the past and had agreed to do so. Marita Smith volunteered to be that representative.

The nominating committee for the fall election of officers was announced and includes: Malcolm Hodges (chair), Marita Smith, and Margaret Copeland. A committee was also appointed for the selection of a possible recipient of the Tucker Award. Hal Moore will chair with Marvin Davis and Jan Dubuisson as members.

The possibility of having the Fall Meeting in Jackson was raised. Bill Turcotte agreed to host the meeting there. It was announced that MOS T-shirts and patches had almost all been sold. A motion was made, seconded and passed to order a new supply, and to include printing of checklists, if needed.

Ray Weeks introduced the speaker, Dr. Jerome Jackson. Dr. Jackson first announced that volunteers were needed for the AOU meeting to be held in Starkville on 17-21 August 1986. The meeting will include a canoe trip on the Tombigbee River and a trip to the coast the weekend following the meeting. People will be needed to meet planes and buses in MSU vans, make refreshments, help with field trips, registration, etc. Financial support is also greatly needed to cover costs of such items as buses for field trips, renting the banquet hall, banquet favors, the "Auklet" publication, printing and mailing announcements, etc. All donations to AOU are tax deductible. A motion was made, seconded, and passed for MOS to help financially with the meeting. No specific monetary amount was set.

Dr. Jackson also announced that he feels MS needs a breeding bird atlas. It would be necessary for volunteers to help census the state divided into regions and local sections, with a captain for each region. All birdlife in each section would be recorded. He also stated that financing was needed and that such publications are usually financed by the state Department of Wildlife Conservation. Dr. Jackson then gave a program on the history of MOS and of Mississippi birdlife.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Dubuisson.