



CRADLE OF TEXAS CHAPTER
AGRI LIFE EXTENSION BLDG.
21017 CR 171, Angleton, TX 77515-8903
<http://tmn-cot.org>

TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, October 8, 2014, 9 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.
AgriLife® Extension Building
Angleton, Texas

Attendance:

53 Members were in attendance for the October 2014 General Meeting.

President's Report:

Mike Mullins, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and presented the agenda.

- Mike introduced guest Vicky Kirby.
- Mike recognized Chris Kneupper and his son Carl for being named Texas Invaders for the month of October. Chris told the members that the mobile App introduced by Dave Brandes during the September meeting prompted their adventure of stopping along the road and mapping locations of invasives as they traveled.
- The Green Ash Project has not been funded for this year but interested members can collect seeds.
- The TMN-COT media library has been organized. The books and CDs will be available for checkout soon. Neal McLain added the checkout will be the honor system and functioning in a couple of weeks.
- Mike recognized Carolyn May-Monie for her donation of land to the San Bernard Wildlife Refuge in honor of her late husband.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Gerald Forrest gave the treasurer's report:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u>	<u>ENDING BALANCE</u>
9/1/14 THRU 9/30/14	\$6,328.82	\$6,228.54
Revenue Summary		
Donation from BCLS		\$60.00
Dues Payments		\$50.00
Nametag		\$6.50
Interest		\$1.38
		Total \$117.88
Expense Summary		
Mileage Reimbursement Monarch Program		\$203.00
Milkweed Seed Supplies		\$15.16
		Total \$218.16



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Outreach:

Ed Barrios, State Representative, spoke to the members about required background checks for all those interested in volunteering in the DEEP and WHEEP programs. Brazosport Independent School District (BISD) requires background checks every year. These are free and can be completed online.

<http://tmn-cot.org/Forms/ChangeinProcedureforbackgroundchecks.pdf>

Ed has his laptop and will assist anyone needing help after the meeting. Volunteers are needed starting October 14.

Barbara Burkhardt, Past President and Chairman of the Nominating Committee, asked members to come up with candidates for three positions that need to be filled for the coming year: President, Vice President, and Secretary. Contact any one of the members of the Nominating Committee - Barbara, Leo Novak, or Elaine Crews – with ideas.

Ruby Lewis, Outreach Coordinator, reported on the September event turnouts, reminded members of the upcoming events and passed around signup sheets for volunteers.

There were two events in September:

- September 18 – Monarch presentation to Danbury Elementary 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students.
- September 13 & 20 – Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza. There were a total of 711 participants, 525 adults and 186 children.

Upcoming Events:

The following dates will provide more volunteer opportunities:

- ✓ October 14 – Birds of Prey Show - Tuesday @ 6:30 pm at the Angleton Library
- ✓ October 18 – Urban Initiative KBR Kids Day at Buffalo Bayou. For a map and driving directions go to the TMN-COT calendar. Volunteers are needed.
- ✓ October 14, 28, & 30 – DEEP (Brazoria **Discovery** Wildlife Refuge Educational Program) needs volunteers
- ✓ October 20 – Seed collecting at Nash Prairie 9am – 12pm. Seeds can be collected for a group or self.
- ✓ October 26 – Spooktacular at Sea Center Texas 1-4pm
- ✓ November 22 – Lake Jackson Festival of Lights

Also, October is Texas Archeology Month. To find out more about the speakers consult the calendar.

There are two upcoming Birds of Prey shows:

- ✓ October 25 at Brazos Bend State Park
- ✓ November 1 in Baytown at the **Baytown** Nature Center



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Programs:

Mike Mullins reminded members that at the November General Meeting on November 12, Johnney Pollan will speak on Antebellum Plantations of **Brazoria and Matagorda Counties**. ~~in Brazoria County.~~

The **Nature Quiz** was presented by **Leo Novak**. The title was "Plants That Look Like Their Name."

Roy Morgan will present the quiz in November.

Membership:

Jerry Eppner, Membership Coordinator, called on **Roy Morgan, Training Coordinator**, to present the Certification Pins to two members of the 2014 Intern Training Program. They were: Lorna ~~Whitt~~ **Witt** and Hope Cepak.

Jerry also presented Donna Graham with the Recertification Pin for 2014 and 250 Volunteer Hours. Neal McLain, Ed Johnson and Bob Woods also received Recertification Pins for 2014.

Roy Morgan, Training Coordinator, reported that he had sent out 15 packets to potential 2015 interns.

(Break – 9:50-10:10)

President Mike Mullins introduced the guest speaker, **Mary Carol Edwards**. Mary Carol is a Stormwater Wetlands Specialist for created wetlands. The goals for these created wetlands are:

- Water quality
- Flood control
- Natural habitat
- Parkland

Project sites in the Galveston Bay watershed zone include the following:

- Exploration Green in Clear Lake City
- Clear Creek ISD's Education Village Stormwater Pond
- Kost Pond in Alvin (on hiatus)
- Pearland Nature Center
- MD Anderson – Pilot sites

Master Naturalists Contributions:

- Plant / Seed collection
- Propagation
- Wetland / Prairie planting
- Mentoring volunteers and students
- Flora / Fauna surveys (especially bird counts)

To sign up for weekly volunteer updates go to Mary Carol's email.

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President Mike Mullins stated that today's meeting has been approved for 1.5 hours of Advanced Training for the quiz and program and 1 hour of Volunteer Time for the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

Submitted by Becky McClendon, Secretary TMN-COT