



STRI NEWS

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This seminar will be in the Ancon Conf. Room.

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This seminar will be in the BCI Lounge. Please R.S.V.P. Barbara Butler (52-2124) if you plan to attend.

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ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT PAZ Y SALVOS

As previously announced, everyone except children under 18, and persons that come with a tourist card and stay 30 days or less, must have a valid paz y salvo to leave the Republic of Panama. We recommend that even if you do not intend to travel in the very near future, it would be advisable that you obtain a paz y salvo (which is usually valid for 6 months). Paz y salvo forms can be obtained from: Argelis Ruiz at Ancon, Vielka Vergel at Naos, Barbara Butler at BCI, and Elena Lombardo at the Tivoli. Once the form is filled, it can be sent to the Office of the Special Asst. with 25¢ so that it can be processed. (Please see back for example of how to fill out form.)

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

For those of you with an ornithological bent, we would like to remind you that the Panama Audubon Society will be holding its annual Christmas counts on Saturday the 15th of December (on the Pacific side) on the 22 of Dec. (in the Pipeline Road area) and on Saturday the 29th of Dec. on the Atlantic side. Last year the three days of census were the three highest counts in the world, and the Atlantic side count was the highest one-day census of species ever made (355 species). The Panama Audubon Society encourages anyone who would like to participate to do so. They emphasize that no previous knowledge of avifauna is necessary, but they certainly do not discourage those among us who could disseminate the benefits of their superior knowledge to the poor of the earth. Why not go? For those interested, the arrangements will be made at the meeting of the Audubon Society on Thursday, Dec. 13th at 7:30 p.m. at the J.W.B. on La Boca Road.

Incidentally, if the membership of the Panama Audubon Society is not significantly increased within the near future the organization will be disbanded. They would like to encourage anyone with an interest in the outdoors, in birds, flora or fauna in general, or in conservation of the environment, to join this organization. Please encourage anyone you know to join the society; it would be a pity to see it go under. For further information about the Society or the Christmas Bird Count, call Dr. Nathan Gale at 52-3210 between 7-4 Mondays-Fridays.

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