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NEWSLETTER

Winter 2010-2011

2010 President's Message

The past year was especially exciting for the Friends of the Osprey. We finally launched our telemetry project this spring and have been monitoring the progress of the birds. Unfortunately one of the transmitters has malfunctioned or something has happened to one of the birds. The signal was lost just south of Puerto Rico. Hopefully she will return safely and we can recover the PTT (transmitter). We have learned a great deal from the birds and have now confirmed that they do in fact go to South America for the winter.

The booth at the Lindsay Exhibition was a great success with many people expressing interest in Osprey and their habits. Tickets were sold as well as memberships. Thank you all who helped man the booth this year.

We have several winter projects to carry out over the winter months so if anyone would like to get more involved in our activities, these platform building and repair projects present a great opportunity to get involved. Contact us through the website and someone will get in touch with you.

The AGM (Annual General Meeting) will be held **Saturday May 7th at 2:00 pm at the Glenn Crombie Theatre (Room 250) at the Frost Campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College.** This year the AGM is going to be in a different format. It will be an information session with a guest speaker and there will be no cost. In the past we have held a banquet and even with a minimal cost the largest turnout was 30 people. We are hoping with this new format it will encourage more of the membership to attend. We would like input from the membership for future projects such as webcams, youth education etc.

We are still determined to get youth involved with the FOTO so bring along your children or grandchildren. You will be surprised how interested they will be about Osprey. Hopefully this year we will be able to be more present in schools to educate children. To this end we have a youth program in the works and plan to implement it this year.

Hope to see you out to some of the events. We will try and get you involved. Have a great year.

Jim Brown
President of the Friends of the Osprey

FRIENDS OF THE OSPREY SWITCHES TO AN E-NEWSLETTER

In an effort to reduce costs and help the environment, Friends of the Osprey has moved its newsletter to an electronic format. Members will be emailed newsletters once they become available, and they will also be posted on our new website www.friendsoftheosprey.org

To ensure you receive your copy of the e-newsletter, please send your email to friendsoftheosprey@gmail.com
For the time being, we will mail newsletters out to members who have not provided an email, or who would prefer a paper copy.

As a small, non-profit organisation, we hope this small change will make a big difference in not only the quality of the newsletter received, but also in the cost to get it to you.

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Winter Works Update

As usual, winter and strong ice cover on the lakes and marshes gets us busy on maintenance of osprey nests. We have poles and platform material ready for start-up and we have planned a day in the "pole bush" to cut and haul out more for the season and next season. We plan to have some great warm chilli in a bush sugar shack to reward the hard working volunteers.

Hopefully we will be able to repair three nests and build a new one on a site where an active stump nest has finally sunk in to the water.

We are also involved in an advisory capacity at three other nest sites that are in communities where local P.U.C. staff will do the work. There are also some nests to "de-goose" to prevent take-over from the ever persistent Canada goose residents.

May we also extend an early thank-you to students of Fleming College, volunteers, and the fellows who are volunteering their snowmobiles and time. We couldn't do it without you.

Jim Chappel

Contest Updates

Caption Contest

The Winner is...

"WIRED" by Michael Irwin



Thank you to all who participated! See you again next year!

-FOTO

First Sighting Contest 2011

This will begin in spring 2011. Keep checking the website for updates on telemetry data and contest details!

Don't forget to check regularly at our website at www.friendsoftheosprey.org. Since its launch, we have had 4551 visitors, which averages out to about 65 a week. There is updated information on the site, and we try to update it at least monthly.

We have links to the telemetry data, our past newsletters on the site and will continue with that in the interest of saving paper. If your membership fee is due, or if you want to enrol a new member, you can download a .pdf copy of the membership form from our website.

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