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## Last Meeting of the Season!

Last year the GAAS board decided to revive an old tradition, that of the June meeting being a potluck dinner instead of a regular meeting and a speaker. It was such a success that we're going to do it again. We'll be gathering on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Octagon Shelter of the CVNRA (directions to follow). We hope to have some surprises and door prizes. The program should be fun as well—volunteer from the Akron Zoo will bring some feathered friends for us to see and even touch! We have the shelter from 6:00 PM onward, and will have dinner at 7:00 PM. Please bring your own silverware, and a casserole, salad or dessert to share. GAAS will be providing soft drinks, plates, cups, and napkins. This will be the last meeting of the GAAS "season;" the next meeting will be September 28<sup>th</sup>, and we'll be back at the Seiberling Naturealm. Please join us for a casual gathering in a lovely setting.

Heading north on Rte. 8, exit at Rte. 303, turn left (west) on Rte. 303, pass under Rte. 8 and turn left on Akron-Cleveland Rd (called State Road in Cuyahoga Falls). Approximately 3/4 mile later turn right onto Kendall Park Rd. Go 1 mile west to the entrance road for the Octagon Shelter; the road to the shelter is on the north side of Kendall Park Rd. If you're coming north on Akron-Penninsula Rd., Kendall Park Rd. is called Truxell Rd. on that end.

## Witt's End

### *The Same Old Tricks*

The area where I walk my dog almost every evening has prime killdeer nesting habitat. Each year at this time I say to the dog, "Dingo, don't get fooled by that old broken-wing trick this year!" More often than not we both get fooled. But that's okay because there's something reassuring in old tricks, even when you know how and why they are done.

So what's the point? The point is that while old tricks may be comforting, it's the new tricks that are exciting and challenging.

Toward that end, at the May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting we passed out some cards for you to note program and field trip ideas. The executive committee is looking for some new tricks. We'll repeat our performance at the June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, a great picnic evening in Virginia Kendall Park. Please join us and bring just one idea of a program you've seen or someplace you'd like to take a field trip. We've not held any fall or winter trips for a while and it's about time we did.

And Dingo and I will probably be tricked by the killdeer again this evening. In part because we're suckers, but in part because we like an adventure and you never know where that killdeer is trying to lead you.

– Clyde Witt

## Chapter Elections

It's that time of year again, when the chapter elections committee comes forward with a slate of officers for the next year. Allan Dooley, as the chair of the committee, has put forward the following list of officers who will serve the 1999-2000 term:

*President:* Clyde Witt

*Vice President:* Wolfgang Pelz

*Treasurer:* Susan Dooley

*Secretary:* Pat Haddad

Voting will take place at the June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor (as long as you've cleared it with the nominee!).

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If you have a question about our organization and its activities, call or FAX GAAS Central at 644-0373. Upcoming events are announced at this number. You can also write to: Susan Dooley, 768 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron, 44319, or email me at [sedooley@aol.com](mailto:sedooley@aol.com).