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Lake Calumet Open Space Reserve Featured at Awards Dinner

— by Jerry Garden

Attendees of the 2003 Chicago Audubon Environmental Awards dinner on April 26th were treated to an update on Phase One of the Lake Calumet Ecological Management Strategy by Suzanne Malec. In her position of Deputy Commissioner of Natural Resources for Chicago's Department of Environment, Malec facilitated several focus groups and worked with the many groups and individuals concerned with Lake Calumet to design an ecological management strategy that has resulted in a plan for the preservation and natural development of the remaining open lands of the Lake Calumet area.

"In total, 1,480 acres of open land have been included in this strategy," Malec said, "and have either been purchased or designated for purchase by the various public agencies involved in the area." The plan encompasses in its natural inventories some of the places well known to birders as nesting habitats or migratory feeding stops for many rare or endangered species of birds. This includes Indian Ridge Marsh where the endangered black-crowned night heron has nested for many years, and Dead-Stick Pond where large numbers of shorebirds can be seen in both spring and fall.

Other familiar names reported by Malec as part of the plan included Big Marsh, Heron Pond, Hegewisch Marsh, Railroad Prairie and Van Vlissingen Prairie, which Malec announced has been renamed the Marian Byrnes Natural Area in honor of her wonderful efforts to rescue the natural areas around Lake Calumet.

"The area's industrial cornerstone in this Strategic Plan," said Malec, "is the Ford Centerpoint Industrial Development, where brownfield grounds are being recycled for industrial use in an environmentally responsible manner. Many of Ford's parts suppliers will be located right here, near the assembly plant in order that the high environmental costs involved in parts production and transportation

can be avoided. Also as part of the agreement Ford made to use the grounds, Indian Creek has been cleaned up and its drainage restored so that the fish, frogs and turtles that once called it home may return to its unpolluted waters."

The Strategic Plan discussed by Malec calls for many of these areas to be preserved, restored and enhanced with native species of plants and ani-

mals. It also calls for the establishment of an Environmental Center that will celebrate the area's cultural, industrial and natural history. In the spirit of Lake Calumet's rebirth, the Center will serve as a base for educational activities and research by institutions that will experiment with and hopefully discover new and better ways to save more areas like Lake Calumet.



Award Winners: (left to right) Terry Schilling, Richard Biss, Linda Day, Dale Bowman, Mary VanHaften, Paul Cline



Suzanne Malec presenting program

Open Space Issue Finally Put to Rest

by Jim Hook
Staff Writer

Mike Filippini is used to waking up and looking out his window at the deer, raccoons and other animals that congregate in the wooded space across 107th Street. After all, that was one of the primary reasons Filippini moved to Palos Hills 25 years ago.

So three years ago when a developer proposed building 250 condominiums, townhomes and single-family houses, Filippini became a little nervous. "I know you can't stop progress, but there has to be a place that can be preserved as open space," he said. "There would have been so much construction over there."

Fortunately for Filippini, the Palos Hills City Council felt the same way about the 29 acres and blocked the developer from building on the property. The legal battle that ensued included the city council voting to condemn the land, saying most of it was in a flood plain and was not able to be developed.

On Thursday, aldermen put the issue to rest for good, agreeing to pay the developer \$2.2 million for the last large piece of open space in the city. The council approved \$2.2 million in debt certificates for the land. The certificates will be paid back in annual \$165,000 increments over 20 years. The money will come from the city's general fund; the sewer and water fund; and the custom forfeiture fund.

Ald. Martin Kleefisch (1st), whose ward includes the property, said he is glad the issue is over, and that most of the property will be maintained as open space. "This was definitely money well spent," he said. "Other towns are trying to preserve whatever open space they have, too."

The city plans to eventually build a nature trail around the site and possibly add some soccer fields. But the city is moving ahead with plans to develop seven of the 29 acres into a new public works garage and a facility to store cars the police department recovers in drug arrests. The property, which includes the former Lake 'N Park restaurant and bar, is bounded by Stony Creek, 107th Street, 76th Avenue and Roberts Road.

Mayor Gerald Bennett said he was excited about the city getting the property. "I'm thrilled," he said. "The property represents a future for the city. "We're going to take our time developing the recreational component," Bennett said. "We're going to see about state grants to help do that. We'll take it one step at a time. But at least it's ours."

—Reprinted with permission from the *Daily Southtown*, May 4, 2003

Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to Kill Hundreds of Thousands of Cats!

Feral and other free-roaming cats are responsible for the annual killing of hundreds of millions of native birds and small mammals. To reign in this serious problem, Florida F & W has proposed a very strong policy "to protect native wildlife from predation, disease, and other impacts presented by feral and free-ranging cats" in their state.

In their newsletter, Alley Cat Allies

are asking their members to write the Florida F & W to express their outrage at this proposal. It's really essential that birders and others in the conservation community counter the effort by what will be thousands of free-roaming cat defenders.

Please act now! E-mail Brad Gruver at Florida's Fish and Wildlife Commission indicating your strong support for their proposal.

You can reach him at: Brad.Gruver@fwc.state.fl.us

As Judy Pollock stated in her recent post to the BCN listserve: "If the Florida FWCC passes a strong policy, it would serve as a model for other state wildlife agencies to follow when dealing with the tremendous toll that domestic cats have on wildlife across the country."

Audubon — Evolving Conservationist

by Don Darnell

How can it be that an American with a near life-long habit of carrying a firearm and shooting at virtually every bird he came across on country walks has the granddaddy of all conservation movements named after him? A legitimate question, that. Fact is, the Audubon Society's namesake is very much an enigma to 21st-century Auduboners.

John James LaForest Audubon claimed to love birds more than any other entity in nature, save for mankind, yet for the greater portion of his life he had an insatiable appetite for killing them. And killing them in prolific numbers. Make no mistake about it, the love 'em—kill 'em dichotomy that was John Audubon, made a daily practice of slaughtering a great many more birds than he would ever need as specimens for his artistic needs. As he admitted in his journals, he had a special need to "possess" the bird.

Listen to the account he gave of his taking a pot shot at what turned-out to be an immature Mississippi Kite:

"At the report of the gun the [parent] bird came holding food in her claws. She perceived me, but alighted and fed her young with great kindness. I shot at both and again missed. ... The mother flew in silence over my head just long enough to afford me time to reload, returned, and to my great surprise gently lifted her young, and sailing with it to another tree about thirty yards distant, depositing it there. My feelings at that moment I cannot express. I wished that I had not discovered the poor bird; for who could have witnessed, without emotion, so striking an example of that affection which none but a mother can feel; so daring an act performed in the midst of smoke, in the presence of a dreaded

and dangerous enemy. I followed, however, and brought both to the ground at one shot, so keen is the desire of possession!"

One can safely say that for all Audubon's emoting over his adoration of birds, in his quasi-anthropomorphic way, our intense gun-toting woodsman with the French accent was a dreaded and dangerous enemy to any bird within sight or sound, at least through the middle part of his life. In his younger years, he was fully a man of his time. Like contemporary woodsmen Daniel Boone and David Crockett, he was a skilled marksman who took pride in his ability to kill animals not only for food — or as in Audubon's case, for drawing specimens — but for the pure, unadulterated sport of it.

Like today's "sportsman" who swaps his ten-gauge for a "ten-power" at the age of 50 or 60, Audubon was an evolving man — dare we say, an evolving "conservationist." As he watched and took part in the slaughter of America's wildlife he gradually began to see the shame of it, the immorality of it.

So now that we've exposed you to one of the more sickening early quotes of our namesake (the kite kill), lets move a few years down the road in his journal for a snapshot of his emerging conservationism. The following was written as Audubon approached 50 years of age, after having witnessed the cruel and wasteful excess of sealers, whalers and eggers off the East Coast of Canada:

"So constant and persevering are the depredations that ducks, guillemots, puffins, gulls, etc., which, according to the accounts of a few settlers I saw in the country, were exceedingly abundant twenty years ago, have abandoned their ancient breeding places. ... Nature having been

exhausted and the season nearly spent, thousands of these birds left the country without having accomplished the purpose for which they had visited it. This war of extermination cannot last many years more." And again, in that same year of 1833 he wrote, "Nature herself seems perishing."

As to the wholesale slaughter of buffalo in his day, Audubon wrote "One can hardly conceive how it happens, notwithstanding these many deaths and the immense numbers that are murdered almost daily. ... But this cannot last; even now there is a perceptible difference in the size of the herds, and before many years the Buffalo, like the great Auk, will have disappeared; surely this should not be permitted."

"Murdered." It's a word Audubon used early and often in his journals and letters, referring to the way concealed hunters lure fellow animals and birds in close by providing food or using sounding devices only to betray them with the blast of a gun.

Giving John Audubon a revered place in conservation history is a tough call, for some of his detractors, especially by 21st century mores. But when trying to do so, keep in mind the message he left us 170 years ago when he expressed his concern about nature perishing: "Where can I go now, to visit Nature undisturbed?"

You can't say he didn't try to warn us.

To read more about our enigmatic namesake, we recommend checking your library for his journals:

The two-volume Audubon and His Journals, Dover Press, compiled by his granddaughter, Maria Audubon;

The Bicentennial of John James Audubon, by Alton A. Lindsey, Indiana University Press, 1985.

Land-Use Wins in Springfield

by David Cohen

Conservationists around the state racked up a big political victory in April, when Governor Blagojevich presented his first budget to the General Assembly in Springfield. Important land acquisition programs, threatened by a severe budget squeeze, enjoyed better funding than many predicted. Appropriations for the Natural Areas Acquisition Fund and the Open Space and Land Acquisition Development Program both survived the axe that felled other items.

"We think that we've been able to convince the Governor and both chambers of the General Assembly of the importance of these programs," declared John Comerio, a planner with the Illinois Association of Park Districts.

Introduced in 1985, OSLAD and NAAF have enjoyed combined annual funding of \$20 to \$30 million. The figure in the proposed budget came out at the top of the range, at just under \$30 million. The sum is insufficient to acquire all the parcels targeted by the state's land-use planners, but remains

an impressive amount in a hostile spending environment.

The Open Land Trust, the third major program, saw a reduction in funding, but some conservationists were happy the item survived at all. The initiative has been closely identified with former Governor George Ryan, who extended \$40 million a year to the program during his years in office. The new administration cut the figure to \$5 million. "The fact that it stayed in the Blagojevich budget at all is a positive sign," argued Comerio.

"We're very pleased with the appropriations for OSLAD and NAAF," echoed Claudia Emken, director of government relations for the Illinois chapter of The Nature Conservancy. "But we are disappointed over the \$5 million budget for the Open Land Trust. We talked with some of the Governor's staff during budget development, and we had expected more. That said, we understand that it's tough budget times, and we're realistic enough to be happy there's \$5 million."

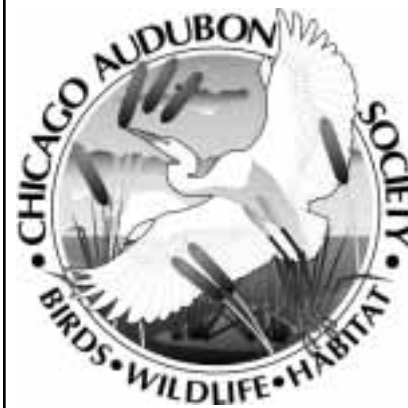
The Governor's spending targets immediately entered a phase of intense

political competition. Between now and the end of June—the state's fiscal year begins July 1—his appropriations will have to survive negotiations with legislative leaders in the General Assembly. "The Governor's budget is a work in progress to the very end," said Comerio.

Land acquisition in recent years has emerged as a top priority for regional conservationists, who have lamented Illinois' tendency to lag other Midwest states in protecting undeveloped land. Environmentalists in Northwest Indiana witnessed a smaller victory at the end of March. The Save the Dunes Conservation Fund transferred six acres of natural land to the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Near Miller Woods in Gary, the parcel is one of the few remaining examples of ridge and soil topography, and is thought to offer habitat for the karner blue butterfly, a federally endangered species. Native plants such as blueberry, goldenrod, buttonbush, marsh fern and blue flag iris have taken root on the property.

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CAS LAUNCHES CENTER FOR NEW BIRDERS

by Marci Buettgen

While it's thrilling to spot a new bird, it's almost as much fun to watch a new birder—dazzled by a warbler or a wood duck—fall in love with birding for life.

In order to ease the path for adults and youngsters starting out in birding, the Chicago Audubon Society (CAS) and the North Park Village Nature Center (NPV) have formed a partnership to establish the Center for New Birders. Housed in the North Park Village Nature Center Education Facility, the Center will offer a variety of resources including a lending library of field guides and binoculars, special birdwalks, and workshops.

This partnership is a natural for NPV and CAS. The Nature Center is a 46-acre preserve situated between Bryn Mawr, Petersen and Pulaski streets on the northwest side of Chicago. In 1992, the Chicago Department of Environment (DOE) took over operations at the site and began extensive restoration. Now, the site holds a seven-acre pond surrounded by lovely woodlands, prairies, and savanna, with well-groomed walking paths carefully maintained throughout the year.

CAS has sponsored Saturday morning birdwalks at the Nature Center every spring and fall since 1992. Over the past 11 years, nearly 200 species have been reported, including nesting indigo buntings, the prothonotary warbler and the elusive sora rail.

CAS CONTRIBUTES 20 NEW BINOCULARS

On April 12th, 2003, CAS presented the Center for New Birders with 20 new binoculars. According to Al Rothenbach, who negotiated the purchase with Eagle Optics of Wisconsin, "We were looking for sturdy binoculars that could be used easily by both adults and children. CAS decided to invest in the Triumph 8 x 25 compact model because it contains the latest optical technology, yet has solid construction and weighs just less than 10 ounces. We're grateful to Eagle Optics for making the deal possible."

"The Triumphs are certainly a big hit around here," said Drew Hart, Director of the Nature Center. "It's important that youngsters experience birding as early as possible. We've found that family groups, Scouts, and even very young children take to these binoculars very quickly and get very excited about seeing birds. We're happy to co-sponsor the Center for New Birders, and the CAS gift of 20 binoculars is a great way to get the project off the ground."

SPECIAL BIRD WALKS

The new binoculars received their test this spring during a series of bird walks. "We led three bird walks that helped us learn more about what new birders need, and how we can modify future walks and programs," said Christine Lee, President of CAS, "So

far, we've gotten very positive feedback from participants."

CAS Board member, John Viramontes brought his six-year old daughter, Sophia along for one of the April bird walks. "Sophia knows what my binoculars look like," John reports, "but when she took the new compact binoculars in her hands, she smiled and said, 'Look, Dad, these are just for me.'" After a few minutes of practice indoors, Sophia was out on the bird walk spotting redwing blackbirds like a veteran.

Jerry Garden, the CAS Board Member who led the walk in April noted, "It's hard to know who enjoyed this more, the kids or the CAS volunteers."

Jerry, along with Ken Sutchar, Roger Shamley, and Don Klimovich, coached a group of youngsters to recognize bird songs, identify birds with binoculars and scopes, then answered astute questions, such as, Do birds sleep?

These children saw 13 species of birds in less than an hour—not bad for new birders.

SEVEN WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

In October 2003 and March 2004, the Center for New Birders will continue the series of special bird walks and offer workshops tailored for beginner and experienced birders. Meanwhile, CAS is gathering opinions on workshop topics, and which days and times are most convenient.

CAS members are invited to join in the preparation and delivery of future programs. Here are seven ways to get involved:

1. Contact new birders you know about the Center for New Birders.
2. Donate field guides or binoculars, new or gently used.
3. Contribute cash designated for purchase of new field guides and binoculars.
4. Help new birders select and check out field guides and binoculars at the Center.
5. Act as a guide for a special bird walk. (Ideally, we should have a ratio of one guide for every four or five new birders.)
6. Help with publicity, locating sponsors, or developing workshop materials.
7. Complete the opinion poll attached and send it in to CAS.

For more information, contact Marci Buettgen, (773) 878-4421 or mdbchgo@aol.com.

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CHICAGO AUDUBON SOCIETY OPINION POLL

Your feedback will help us design new programs for adults and children, including members and nonmembers. Many thanks.

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

1) CAS member? Yes No

2) How would you rank yourself as a birder?

beginner intermediate experienced

3) Which of the following birding activities would you find helpful?

special bird walks for new birders

special bird walks for kids: _____ 6-8 years old; _____ 9-12 years old; _____ teens

basic information workshops for new birders

advanced workshops for intermediate and/or experienced birders

advanced birding seminars for teachers and naturalists

4) Best time for birding workshops for adults to be held at North Park Village Nature Center?

Evenings: Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs.

Hours: _____ 6-8pm; _____ 7-9pm

Sat., 11am-1pm (after 8am bird walks every April/May and Sept./Oct.)

Sat. afternoon: from _____ to _____

Sun. afternoon: from _____ to _____

COMMENTS: _____

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For more information, contact Marci Buettgen, 773, 878-4421; mdbchgo@aol.com.

This Opinion Poll can also be filled out online by visiting the new Chicago Audubon Web Site at www.chicagoadubon.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Stewardship Workdays

At the Skokie Lagoons: June 14 and July 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Chicago Audubon conducts regular monthly workdays at the Skokie Lagoons on the second Saturday of every month. Activities include buck-thorn cutting, animal and plant monitoring, cleanup and debris removal, and other management activities. Meet at the Tower Road parking lot, east of the lagoon bridge. If you arrive late, look for a CAS sign near the parking lot directing you to the work site.

For further information call Jerry Garden at (773)545-4632, or e-mail him at jerrygarden@sprynet.com

Bird Walks

Wooded Island

Every Wednesday in June, July & Aug -7:00 a.m.

Every Saturday in June, July & Aug - 8:00 a.m.

Bring binoculars and field guides. Dress for the weather. Meet at the Darrow Bridge, just south of the Museum of Science and Industry. **Note:** All the usual routes into the parking lot are closed. If you come from the North, you must swing around the Museum at 57th St, continuing south on Cornell Ave. until you reach Hayes Drive (6300 South). At Hayes, turn left and get back on the Outer Drive going north. At 5800 South, turn left, and follow the road into the parking lot, proceed to where you are just north of the Darrow Bridge. If this isn't clear, please call Doug Anderson (773) 493-7058.

Saturday, June 7, 7:30 a.m. **Bemis Woods Bird Walk**

We'll be looking for and listening to nesting birds in Bemis Woods Forest Preserve along Salt Creek. In past years this area has been really good for certain nesting species. Target birds include bluebirds, hairy woodpeckers, scarlet tanagers, and blue-grey gnatcatchers (remember, we don't ever promise that you'll see certain birds).

Meet at the toboggan slide at South Bemis. The entrance to Bemis is on Ogden Avenue, just west of the intersection with Wolf Road. This is in Westchester, east of the Ogden exit for the Tollway (I-294). This trip is co-sponsored with Chicago Ornithological Society. For more info, call Chris or Stephen Lee (708) 485-8197, or email at stephenc@interaccess.com.

Sunday, June 15, 8:00 a.m. **Bunker Hill Forest Preserve**

Join Chicago Audubon's "Summer Everything" walk at Bunker Hill Forest Preserve. We will stop for breeding birds, butterflies, dragons and damselfly, and native wildflowers. Meet in the parking lot on the west side of Caldwell Avenue at Tonty, one mile north of Devon, for a walk down the bike path. Use the first parking slots. Your guide is Carol Nelson (773) 583-8616.

Sunday, August 24, 8:00 a.m. **Lake Calumet Shorebirds**

Walter Marcisz's annual shorebird trip has been a favorite of Chicago Audubon for many years. Since conditions change every year, the locations for this year's trip will be determined in August. Call the leader, Walter Marcisz at (773) 646-3034 or wjmarcisz@aol.com. Directions: Meet at O'Brien Lock & Dam. Take I-94 to 130th St. Exit east on 130th and turn right just before the steel bridge into the drive for O'Brien Lock & Dam. Turn left after the railroad underpass and proceed along the river to the car park.

Correction to the May COMPASS

The photo of the thick-kneed kingfishers, third place winning team of last year's Birdathon!, incorrectly identified the middle person as Ralph Herbst. He was in fact, none other than our very own Board member, Jeff Sanders. With apologies to Ralph and Jeff.

Fifteenth Annual Cook County Owl Count

by Chris Lee

It's hard to believe that this was the fifteenth annual CAS Cook County Owl Count. The count was begun in 1989 because it seemed that the May Spring Count was either not counting or undercounting the owl population. Alan Anderson, then research chair, wanted a count to concentrate on owls only, and Stephen and I agreed to compile the statistics.

Little did we know it would go on this long. The dates varied in the first four years, but we finally settled on the first weekend of March. (This has remained the date except for one or two times). We picked this date for a few reasons. We wanted a date that we could be sure of getting both great-horned and screech owls to answer to our tapes. We wanted a weekend that might not be too cold or snowy (have we been fooled!). Finally, we wanted a time that was easy to remember and a weekend that we, as compilers, would not be cross-county skiing.

So, after "scientifically" picking the count date, we are still counting owls in Cook County. Every year we get our screech and great-horned owl figures with a few errant barred, saw-whet, long-eared and short-eared and snowy owls adding to the total. As with most

counts the number of owls counted varies depending on the weather, the number of participants and the number of areas covered. Last year, after eight fairly consistent years, the counts went down. But the weekend of the count was one of the most windy and cold weekends we've ever had. Many participants did not even try to go out and those of us who did were disappointed. We could not hear the owls and I believe they could not hear us.

This year was a good weather year. Calm, not too cold, no rain or snow and yet, in spite of this, many areas had fewer owls reported. Our Bemis and Thatcher Woods areas had fewer screech owls than we anticipated. Bob Bezouska and his group did a few areas and did not see or hear any screech owls and only one great-horned owl. (Maybe the West Nile virus was having an effect on our owls in the western suburbs.) In contrast, Jill Anderson's party at Miller Meadow reported six screech owls and two great-horned.

On the south side, Wannetta Elliott covered many sites and had four great-horned nests and a total of nine great horned owls. She also counted five long-eared owls who were still hanging around. At Paul Douglas Preserve Stan Stec also reported two great-horned and three long-eared owls (there were nine earlier in the year).

Ralph Herbst, Alan Anderson, and Jeff Sanders did the Harms Woods area on the north side and got four screech and two great-horned. In the Palos area Rick Steffen did well. He had both screech and great-horned. Furthermore, I believe he was the only owler who was stopped by the police. He showed them the permit and they were very cooperative after that. Conrad and Carol Fialkowski picked up one seen owl in their six-person group. They usually get more. Jerry Garden owned up to four screech owls and one great-horned. Tim and Sally Gamble had one screech and one great-horned owl. Dan Wegler had a couple of screech owls in northwest

areas as did Joe Dlugo when he did Wolf Road Prairie.

Most participants found some owls although not as many as we had hoped. Maybe next year?

Our thanks to these participants.

Alan Anderson, Jill Anderson, Bob Bezouska, Barb Birmingham, George Birmingham, Michelle Castro, Tim Coan, Renata Denton, Joseph Dlugo, Wannetta Elliott, Andrew Fialkowski, Carol Fialkowski, Conrad Fialkowski,

Carolyn Fields, Jerry Garden, Sally Gamble, Tim Gamble, Barry Haas, Ralph Herbst, Greg Horvath, Patrick Jean, Maddy Klingensmith, Max Klingensmith, Ron Klingensmith, Barbara Kratochvil, Christine Lee, Stephen Lee, Walter Marcisz, Colleen Martin, Judy Mellin, Janet Mrowka, Tom Mulcahy, Jeff Sanders, Stan Stec, Michael Steffen, Rick Steffen, Barb Tiffin, Mike Tiffin, Christian Tomasi, Judy Wedel, Dan Wengler, Christopher Wyorek.

Feb. 28-Mar. 2, 2003 OWL COUNT

SCREECH	S&SW	N&NW	W
Heard	4	8	12
Seen	0	0	1
Heard and Seen	1	3	2
Total Screech Owls	31		

GREAT HORNED

Heard	1	5	1
Seen	9	1	2
Heard and Seen	0	2	0
Total Great-Horned Owls	21		

LONG EARED

Total Long Eared Owls	8		
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Participants — 46
Parties — 14
Hours — 65



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