MARCH

4 Wednesday 8:30/9:30am Bird Walk East Mountain Wilderness Park, Kaysville: Meet at Village Inn (1765 E Skyline Drive, South Ogden) for breakfast at 8:30 or at the trailhead at 9:30.

11 Wednesday 8:30/9:30am Bird Walk North Arm Pineview Reservoir: Meet at Dylan’s (12th and Monroe) at 8:30 for breakfast or at Smith’s parking lot (12th and Harrison) to carpool at 9:30. Depending on the weather conditions, we may alter the location.

14 Saturday 9:00am Bird Walk Ogden Nature Center: Meet in the Visitor Center at the Ogden Nature Center at 9:00.

14 Swan Day 3 locations:
Salt Creek Waterfowl Management Area 9:00am-2:00pm: The Area is 4 miles west of Corinne on UT-83. Take 6800 West and follow signs to the landfill.

Farmington Bay 9:00am-2:00pm: Located at the Eccles Wildlife Education Center and Farmington Bay WMA. 1700 W. Glover’s Lane in Farmington.

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge 11:00am-3:00pm: Take exit 363 off I-15, go west about 1/4 mile to the Refuge entrance.

17 Tuesday 7:00pm WAS Meeting at Ogden Nature Center: Kim Bowsher, Ogden Farmer’s Market, will talk about the city’s efforts to create this popular event and its sibling, the Winter Market.

18 Wednesday 8:30/9:30am Bird Walk Two River’s trail: Meet at Denny’s Restaurant (Flying J Plaza, 21st Street and I-15) at 8:30 for breakfast or at the trailhead under the 21st overpass at 9:30.

21 Saturday 7:30am Field Trip Ogden Bay North: Meet at the Pilot gas station on 12th St. in Ogden (just west of I-15) at 7:30 to carpool. Look forward to many species of shorebirds, raptors and waterfowl. Contact Mike Hearell with any questions (utmarshrat@yahoo.com).

25 Wednesday 8:00/9:00am Bird Walk Fort Buenaventura: Meet at 8:00 at Moore’s Family Restaurant (3558 S Wall Ave, Ogden) for breakfast or at 9:00 at the parking lot at the entrance to the Fort. To reach the Fort, take Ave A off 24th street. Turn left at first street and head down towards the ball fields.

APRIL

1 Wednesday 8:00/9:00am Bird Walk West Extension (West of 1900 W) of West Haven Hiking and Biking trail: Meet at Moore’s Family Restaurant (2400 S 1900 W), West Haven, for breakfast. We’ll then drive to the West Haven Cemetery (West on 1800 S off 1900 W. Make a right at 2350 West and proceed north into the Cemetery.) We’ll park on the NW corner of the cemetery.

7 Tuesday 7:00pm WAS Board Meeting Ogden Nature Center: All members are welcome.

8 Wednesday 8:00/9:15am Bird Walk Little Mountain Railroad Trail: Meet at Jeremiah’s Restaurant (1307 W 12th street) for breakfast at 8:00am or at the trailhead at 9:15. Trailhead is west from Smith and Edward’s on 4000 N.

11 Saturday 9:00am Bird Walk Ogden Nature Center: Meet in the Visitor Center at the Ogden Nature Center at 9:00.

15 Wednesday 8:00/9:00am Bird Walk Ogden City Cemetery: Meet at Dylan’s (12th and Monroe) for breakfast at 8:00 or at the NE corner of the Cemetery at 9:00.

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21 Tuesday 7:00pm WAS Meeting at Ogden Nature Center: Christy Bills, Natural History Museum of Utah entomologist, will talk about firefly sightings in Utah and how people can get involved as firefly spotters across the state.

22 Wednesday 8:00/9:00am South Ogden Nature Park Bird Walk: Meet at Village Inn (1765 E Skyline Drive, South Ogden) for breakfast at 8:00 or at the parking lot at the Nature Park at 9:00am.

25 Saturday 5:00am Field Trip to Greater Sage Grouse Lek: Meet at DWR office (515 E. 5300 S. Adams Ave. S. in South Ogden) to carpool to Spring Chicken Inn in Morgan.

29 Wednesday 8:00/9:15am Bird Walk Willard Bay State Park: Meet at Rusted Spoon (2445 US 89, Perry) at 8:00 for breakfast or at 9:15 at the pond and canal on the north side of the Park. We’ll then proceed into the Park. Remember this is a fee area.

Conservation Corner:
Transportation Decisions
by Lynn Carroll

The tide of public opinion is turning toward understanding the danger of climate change and the necessity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Although the current U.S. administration has undone some of the progress that was being made, electrical utilities are being pushed by cities and states to transition away from fossil fuels faster. That’s a hopeful sign. Getting away from fossil fuels for transportation is going to be complicated, because it’s not centralized. On the other hand, it’s something we can all work on as individuals and see immediate benefits in our communities in the form of cleaner air to breathe. Here are some suggestions.

A baby step, Tier 3 gas. If you drive, buy your gas at a station that supplies this lesser-polluting gasoline in its blend. According to www.tier3gas.org, the following chains currently do: Sinclair, Speedway, Exxon, Chevron, Texaco, Shell. “When used with newer vehicles [2017], Tier 3 gas will be able to reduce harmful emissions up to 80%, and up to 12% in older cars,” because of its lower sulfur.

Avoid idling. Waiting for a train to pass, talking to the driver of another vehicle, waiting for a passenger to make a quick purchase, getting a good look at a bird—if it takes more than 10 seconds, it will pay to turn off your engine. Not much, but it adds up. Dress for the outdoor temperature and keep a blanket handy, so you don’t miss the heater or A/C.

Walk or ride a bike for short trips. If you are able, it’s good exercise :)

Car pool. Get to know the other people at work, church, school, or in other groups. Plan ahead. Ask continued on pg. 7