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> **Meeting :Monday, May 18, 2009** <

When/Where: 7:15 PM/refreshments; 7:30/Meeting
The lounge, Olin T. Binkley Baptist Church, corner
of Hwy. 15-501 bypass and Willow Dr., behind
University Mall, Chapel Hill.

Who/What: **Tom Driscoll** will be speaking on

“Birding Madagascar”

Tom and his wife Barbara visited Madagascar for about 2 ½ weeks in September and October of 2008. They traveled from the capital Antananarivo, to the west and back, then made a southwest loop out from the capital, and ended with a trip to the rainy eastern part of the country. They saw all sorts of wonderful birds, for a total of 160 species and 115 life birds. Although they did not see all the endemic species, they did see representatives of each of the five endemic families, such as the Cuckoo-Rollers. They also got to see the Scaly Ground-roller, and the Hook-billed Vanga.

Non-avian treats included views of 23 species of lemurs including the largest, the Indri, and 6 species of chameleons, including the largest, Oustalet's chameleon. They saw the two predators of Madagascar, the Fossa and the Striped Civet.

Join us for the last meeting until September, for a peak at a world most of us will not be able to visit.

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Many Thanks to Our Writers and Speakers:

Judith Fortney - Vaux's Swift Nov-Dec 2008 Bulletin

Steven Schultz – The Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel – Jan 2009 Bulletin

Will Cook, Derb Carter, and Kent Fiala – “Birding Ecuador” at the September 2008 meeting

Tom Krakauer – on “Birding Newfoundland” at the October 2008 meeting

Lena Gallitano & Norm Budnitz - on “The Yukon Delta” and “Rafting on the Canning River on Alaska's North Slope” at the November 2008 meeting

Doug Pratt – on “From Triumph to Tragedy in Kauai's Lost World” at the January 2009 meeting

Jaime Collazo – on “Shore bird Conservation in the Southeastern United States; Semi-palmated Sandpiper, a Case Study” at the February 2009 meeting

Norm Budnitz – on “Birding the Galapagos Islands” at the March 2009 meeting

**Many Thanks to Our Writers and Speakers:
(continued)**

Curtis Smalling – on “Birding with a Purpose. Audubon’s Important Bird Area Programs and You” at the April 2009 meeting

And

Tom Driscoll – on “Birding Madagascar” at the May 2009 meeting.

Thanks to Our Refreshment Bringers:

Julia Shields and Will Cook

Laurie Kucharik

Dave and Donna Gulick

Larry and Sue Wilson

Tom and Sue Covalla

Ruth Roberson

Patsy Bailey

(and without the roster, I hope no one has been left out.)

Thanks to our new Vice-Presidential Couples:

Larry and Sue Wilson, and

David and Judy Smith, have agreed to be our vice-presidents for the coming year. Their main responsibility is arranging for speakers for our meetings, and we are delighted they will be adding their support to the Club. They will be assuming the rolls held by currently by Dave Gulick and Ginger Travis.

Thanks to Dave Gulick

Dave and Donna Gulick have moved into their recreational vehicle, and will be spending an extended period of time on the road and birding as the mood strikes them.

And Thanks to Ginger Travis

After many years of service, as Vice President, Editor of the Bulletin, writer of articles for the Bulletin, and general organizing genius for the Chapel Hill Bird Club, Ginger is going to be

focusing her efforts in other areas. We assume we’ll still see her often, and wish her well!

Saturday Morning Field Trips

stopped when the Spring Bird Counts began. They will resume in September. (or in late August if lake levels are low enough to lure in shore birds.) In late August, please see the CHBC website at:

<http://chbc.carolinanature.com/>

or check with Doug Shadwick at 942-0479, about the resumption of Saturday morning field trips

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