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Meeting: Monday, September 26, 2011

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: **Kathy Roggenkamp**
will be speaking about

What: **Citizen Science
And
Volunteer Hummingbird Banding
In the Tropics**

Kathy Roggenkamp, our featured speaker, is also one of our members. Kathy has participated in three of Bill Hilton's Operation Rubythroat expeditions, to Costa Rica, Belize, and Guatemala. Come hear her personal perspective on citizen science and the adventures (and misadventures) of a group of volunteer hummingbird banders in the tropics. For all of us who have ever wanted to be part of a scientific expedition to the tropics, this is a chance to find out what it is like.

Saturday Field Trips

Trips led by Doug Shadwick depart from Glen Lennox Shopping Center Parking lot off HWY 54 promptly at 7:30 most Saturday mornings. All skills are welcome. Trips are usually over by noon. Dress for the weather and for walking. For further details, call Doug at 942-0479.



photo by Bill Hilton Jr.

A male ruby-throat visiting an aloe vera plant in Costa Rica. This location was chosen by Bill because of the steady planting there of aloe vera. The plant has sweet nectar that is very attractive to the birds.

NEW! Chapel Hill Bird Club Blog

Our own **Rob Gluck** has created a gorgeous blog spot for the Chapel Hill Bird Club. You will find it at: <http://chbirds.blogspot.com/> It is filled with interesting comments, lots of great links, and is sure to be a stimulus for most of us to get outside and do some birding. Do take a look at it, bookmark it, and **contribute** to it. The more we all contribute, the easier it is for Rob to maintain. Just send photos, comments, etc to Rob at RobDGluck@gmail.com

Thank you Rob!

Where the Money goes

Our treasurer, Patsy Bailey, has written a short article about what we do with our dues. I hope that when I e-mail you in October about it being time for dues to be paid, this article will give you a better idea about where the money goes, and why we ask our members to be prompt in supporting us.

By Karen Piplani

The State of Our Budget

By Patsy Bailey

The Chapel Hill Bird Club (CHBC) is a tax exempt organization starting its 39th consecutive¹ fall semester with full disclosure as to its financial health. We collect yearly dues of \$15 and this hasn't changed for as long as I've been a member, more than 10 years. Fortunately, dues and small friendly donations have been sufficient to keep us in the black and paying our few bills. Our three major expenses are: 1) a \$65 monthly room rental to Binkley Baptist Church where we typically meet 8 months out of the year, 2) payment of the Orange County Christmas Bird Count at \$5 per counter, which runs close to \$200 each year, and 3) most years a donation to hummingbird bander Susan Campbell. We reduced operating expenses by several hundred dollars a year when we moved from snail mail posting of the CHBC Bulletin to electronic delivery. Our projector was purchased largely with donations (85%) in 2007. We start the new semester with a balance of \$1061 and an active membership of about 60 members. We are financially

healthy and adapting to a changing world, but a constant in our club is the love of birds and nature, and our desire to share knowledge and our experiences exploring the natural world.

¹For a history of the CHBC, read Maurice Grave's wonderful account at <http://chbc.carolinanature.com/history.html>. Since 1972 we have published the Bulletin and met regularly, even though our history predates 1972 by several decades.



Photo by Kathy Roggenkamp

Field Assistant Anne Beckwith on her way to the banding table with a hummer caught in the mist nets, supported by the white poles at the left in the path.

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