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Changes in Latitude

Actually ,its not us that will be changing latitudes its Kevin Holcomb the biologist at the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge. We have worked closely with Kevin over the last several years and he has been an integral part of the success of our chapter. He will be moving to the shore, specifically the Edwin B. Forsyth N.W.R. in Galloway Twp. As a person who spends a great deal of time in that area I am sure Kevin will enjoy both the refuge and the area. Good Luck Kevin we cant thank you enough for all you have done for RGS, There will always be a seat for you at our banquet. Some of you may have seen articles in the newspapers recently in which I didn't sound overly pleased with the direction U.S. Fish and Wildlife is headed in regards to its staffing of Refuges. This is apparently a nationwide problem and deals with funding. If you ever get a chance to speak to a congressman, or Senator ask them what they are going to do about it. At least you will get the satisfaction of watching them squirm.

We held our last workday of the spring a few weeks ago. Although it was more successful than the previous one I would not call it a huge success. We did however see more new faces than before so that is a good thing.

We will be having our next meeting Thursday June 29th at 7:00 PM at the Lafayette house in Lafayette. Under R.G.S. new leadership there many significant changes in the way chapters are funded, banquets are run, and projects handled. We need to hash this out. It's very important that we get on top of this immediately. In addition I want to hold a raffle for at least one high end item probably a shotgun, if possible. Trust me this will be necessary for chapter funding. This will be discussed and finalized at the next meeting as well. Please attend if possible. Thanks Jim