

Texas Master Naturalists Cradle of Texas Chapter

General Meeting
Wednesday June 8, 2022



WELCOME!!!

June Chapter meeting

Social time 8:30

The meeting will start at 9 am

Agenda

- ▶ **Welcome**
- ▶ **Recognize visitors**
- ▶ **Volunteer hours, Certifications and Milestones**
- ▶ **AT Presentation - Dr. Susan Heath, “The Secret Lives of Oystercatchers”**
- ▶ **Break**
- ▶ **Reports/Announcements**
 - ▶ Membership/Recruiting/Fall Intern Class
 - ▶ Volunteer Opportunities/Recognition
 - ▶ Public Outreach
 - ▶ Financial Report
 - ▶ AT Programs Request
 - ▶ Misc Items/Meeting AT and VT hours
- ▶ **Adjourn**

Certifications for April and May - John B

Initial Certification - Hugo Martinez Roxanne (Rocky) Walkowiak

Recertification - James Calvert Mickey Dufilho
 Jackie Hicks Rainbo Johnson
 Chris Kneupper Don Sabathier
 Andy Smith Bob Whitmarsh
 Kristine Rivers



CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Milestones for April and May

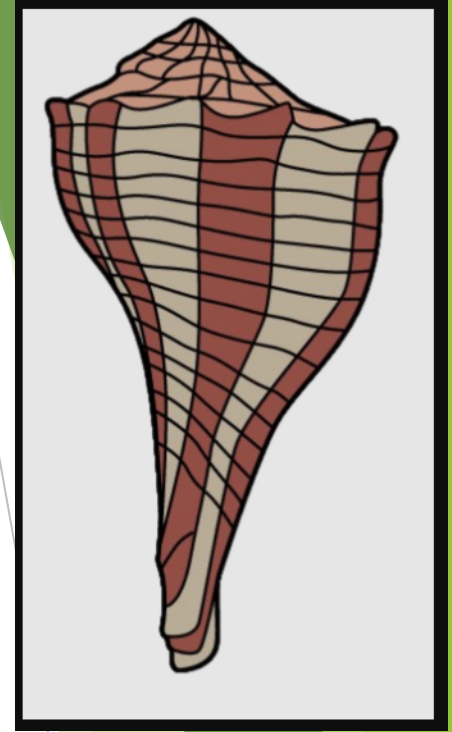
Brenda Martin 250 Hours

Jim Nance 500 Hours

Mary Schwartz 1,000 hours

Roy Morgan 5,000 Hours

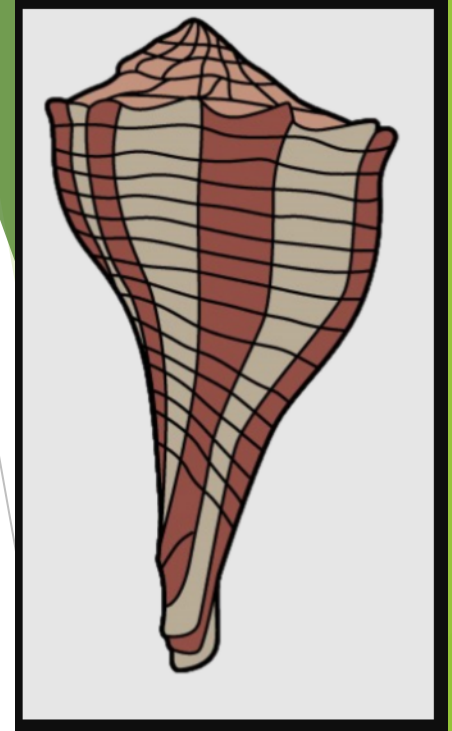
CONGRATULATIONS!!!!



President's Call to Service Award

DICK SCHAFFHAUSEN

Congratulations!!!!



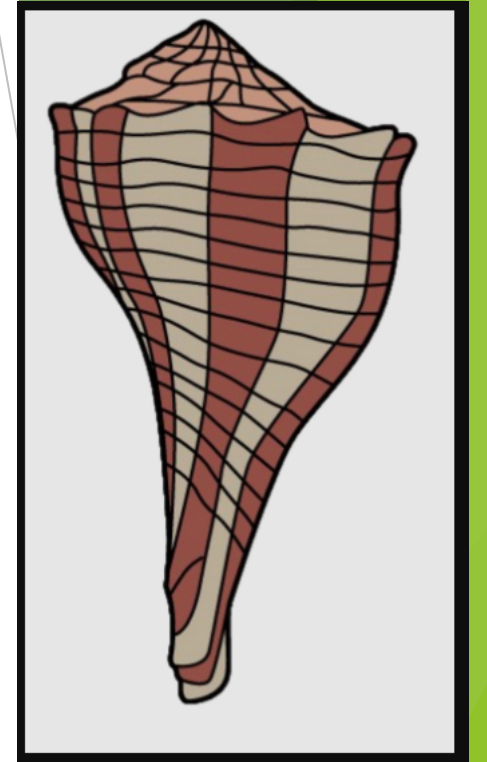
VT/AT Hours, Impact

▶ Hours through May 2022

	Month	YTD
▶ VT -	922	5,073
▶ AT -	61	964

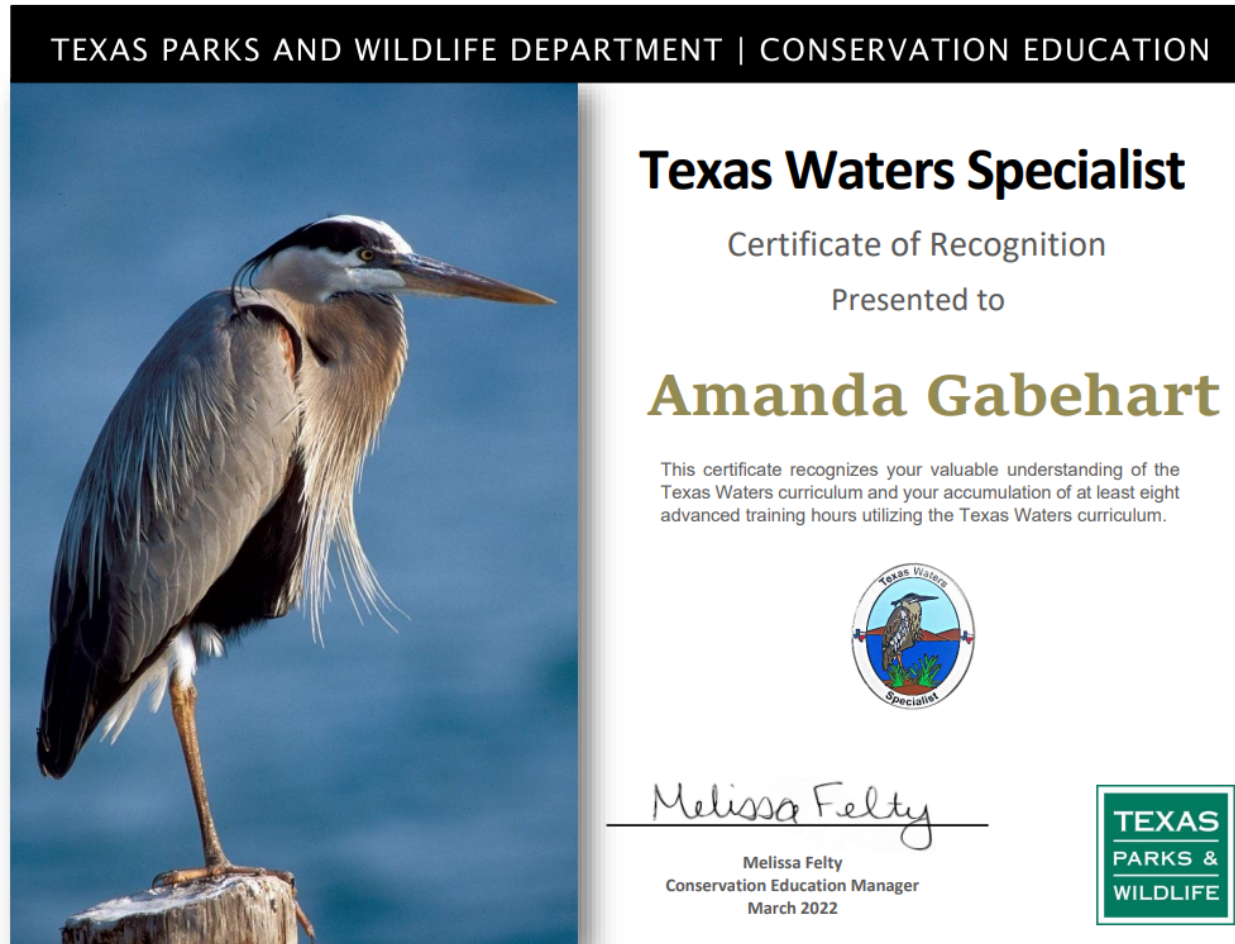
▶ Impact data through May 2022

▶ Adults	534	3,792
▶ Youth	1,448	17,336
▶ Total	1,982	21,128



Texas Waters Specialist Certification

Amanda Gabehart
Congratulations!



Dr. Susan Heath - “The Secret Lives of Oystercatchers”

- ▶ Director of Conservation Research for Gulf Coast Bird Observatory (GCBO)
- ▶ Master’s and Ph.D in Biology from George Mason University
- ▶ Projects:
 - American Oystercatcher Stewardship
 - Beach Nesting Birds
 - Non-breeding shorebirds
 - Motus Tower Network
 - Eastern Willet Migration
 - Smith Point Hawk Watch



Refreshments Committee - Rose Wagner

Thank you to members who brought snacks today:

Oron Atkins

Brenda Martin

Pat Jeffreys

Regina Tippett

Please sign up for a future meeting if you haven't volunteered yet!!

BREAK - 10 Minutes

Enjoy some yummy snacks and grab another cup of coffee!

Membership/Recruiting

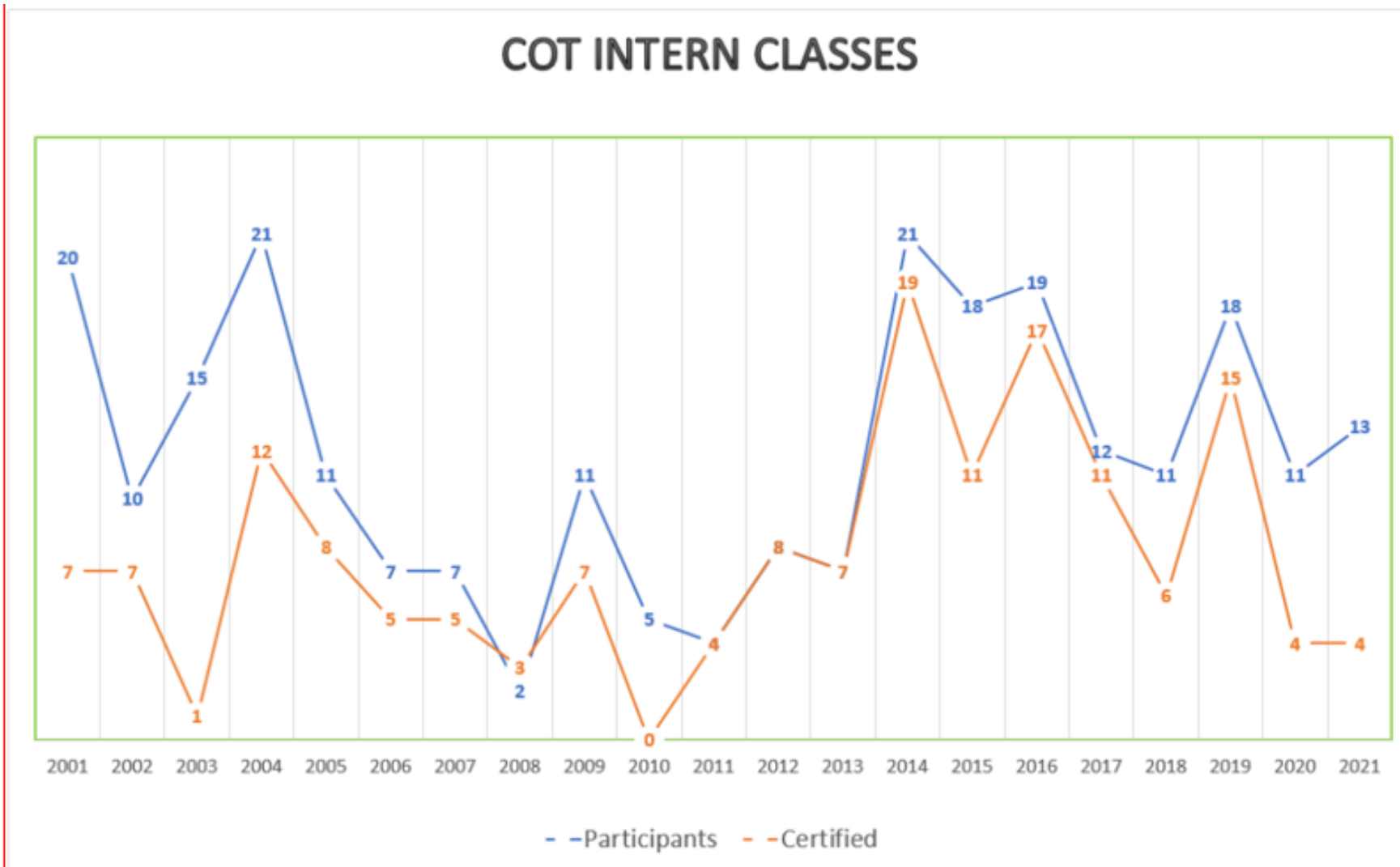
TMN-COT Board met in March to discuss several subjects, with Membership recruiting and retention being the most discussed subjects!

Why are we concerned?

- Small classes or cancelled - other chapters have large classes/wait lists.
- Aging Demographic - Large number of our members are in the 70-79 age group
- Not enough members to cover events/requests

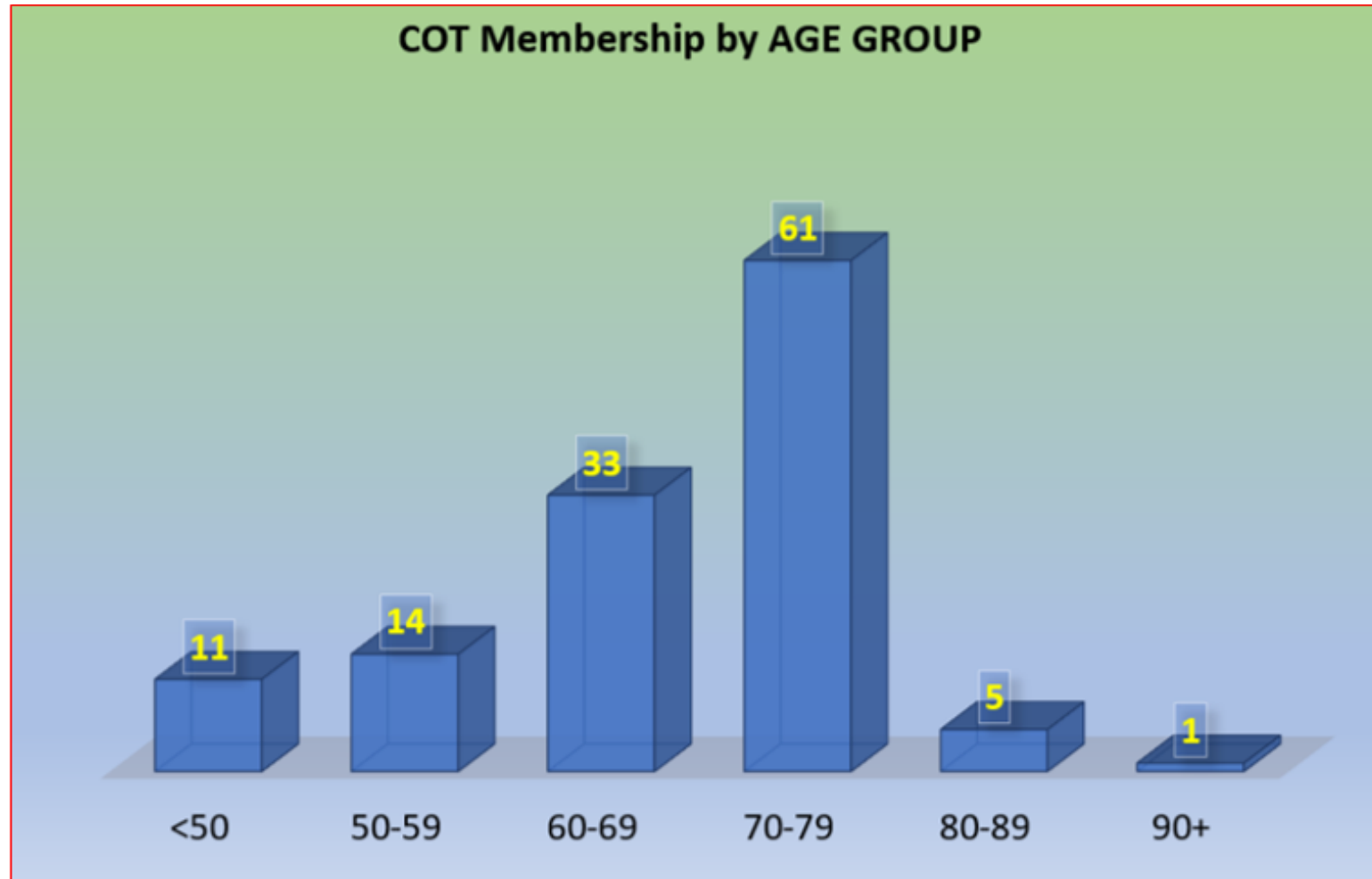
Membership/Recruiting

Historical Participation - by year (data as of March 2022)



Membership/Recruiting

54% of members are 70+



Fall Intern Class Update - Mary

- ▶ Melanie Hollenshead - Co Director
- ▶ Classes start in August and will be completed prior to Thanksgiving
- ▶ Weekday classes/Field trips - Tuesdays to allow for interns to attend Wednesday Chapter meetings
- ▶ **Volunteers** will be needed to assist with Field Trips

- ▶ How can **YOU** help?
 - **Personal invitation**/Word of Mouth/Talk up what you do as a Volunteer/Bring a friend to a meeting!
 - **Advertising**/Sharing information on Social Media and via emails to friends/family.
 - **Branding** - WEAR YOUR TMN GEAR!!! “Its not just for volunteering !”

Volunteer Opportunities – Oron Atkins

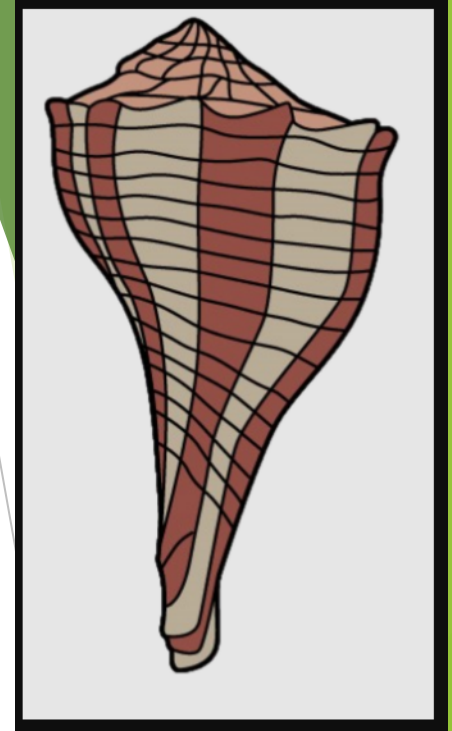
Upcoming VT Opportunities - June/July 2022

All VT and AT
opportunities can
be found on the
website
Calendar!!!!

Special Recognition - Volunteer Opportunities

Luanne and Jimmy Salinas
Monthly Beach Sweep

**Thank You for your dedication to
cleaning up our beaches and
jetties!**



Volunteer Opportunities – Oron Atkins

New VPAR (Partnership Agreement) - Texas Historical Commission/ Levi Jordan Plantation

Opportunities to host tours, assist with archaeology, collections, Native plant gardens, etc.

More info to come!!! Watch your email for a sign up link!

Public Outreach Opportunities - Ruby Lewis

- ▶ Camp Mohawk Nature Camp- 6/13-6/16, 9 am to 12 pm - Contact Mike Mullenweg
- ▶ Library Programs are **BACK** for June and July!!! See your email - sign up via “SignUpGenius” email from John O’Connell
- ▶ And from **Agrilife - Capt. Bob** - Nov 10-11!!!!

New Public Outreach Opportunity

- ▶ “Pop Up” Outreach - small events we can plan with a few members where we can interact with the public in various settings
- ▶ Committee forming to determine details/materials needed
- ▶ Contact Melanie Hollenshead if interested

Financial Report – Don Sabathier

April/May 2022

Apr 1 Beg. Balance	\$12,091.12
Revenue Summary	568.13
Expense Summary	<u>19.98</u>
May 31 End. Balance	<u>\$12,639.27</u>

Annual Dues of \$25 are now payable

AT Programs request - Bob Whitmarsh

Please forward info on AT programs you may come across to Bob, so that he can share with other members and add to the calendar.


If there is a program you are interested in, it's a good bet that others would be interested as well!!!

State Conference - Needs

- ▶ State Conference October 20th-23rd at the Omni Houston. Registration Aug 1 to Sept 28th.
- ▶ Chapter assignment - Registration/Info desk/volunteers needed. Please sign up!
- ▶ Field trip selection - need one or two members to help with selection process.
- ▶ We will submit the Spider Survey as a Chapter Project. Please contact Melanie Hollenshead if you are willing to assist with filming, editing, etc.

Other items

- ▶ Nomination Committee - Please help!
- ▶ Need a Name tag? Contact Mary Schwartz
- ▶ Send your pictures and news items for our newsletter to Lisa Myers - news@tmn-cot.org

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- ▶ Questions/comments from members?
 - ▶ AT and VT hours - Bob Whitmarsh
 - ▶ Adjournment

Next Meeting

Wednesday July 13th 7 pm

Social time 6:30 pm

Hope to see you here!!!