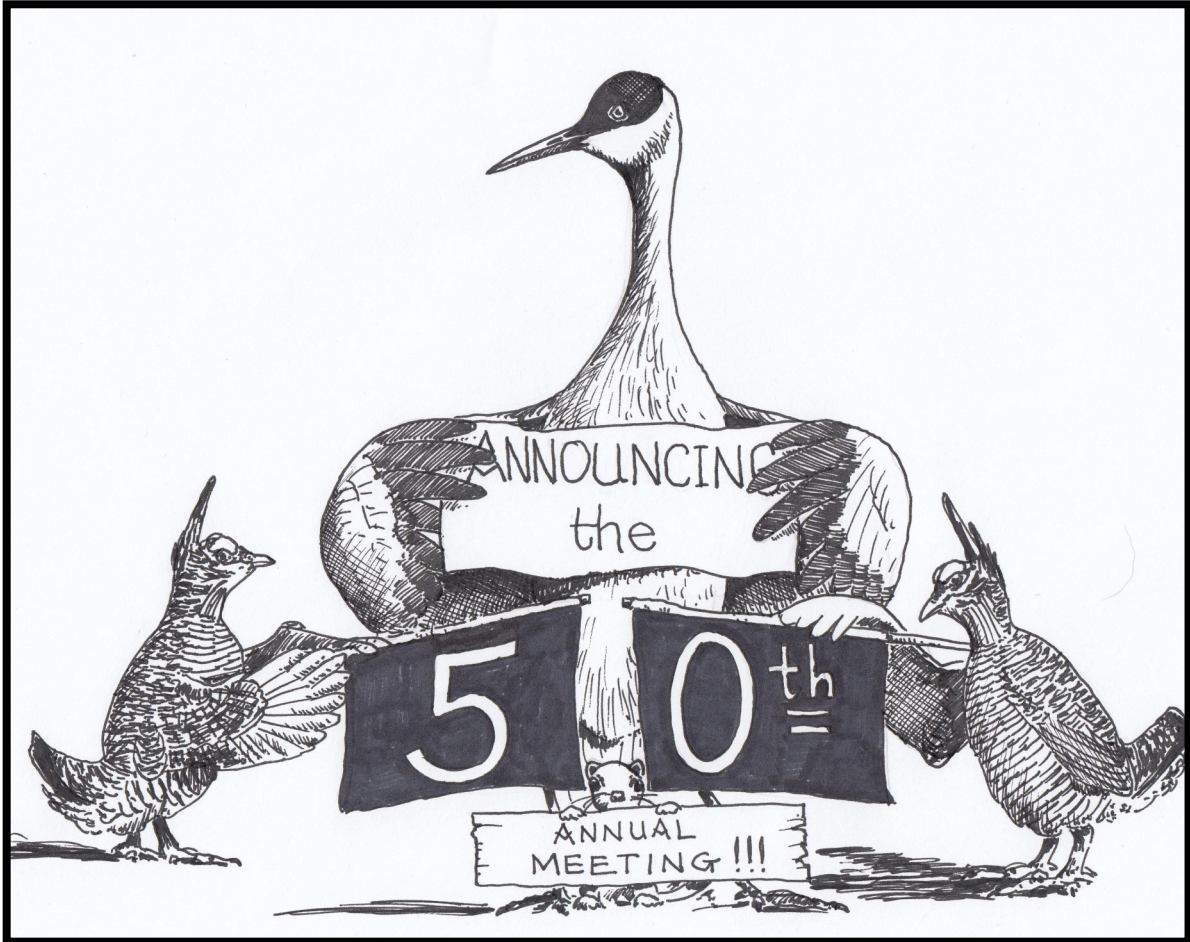




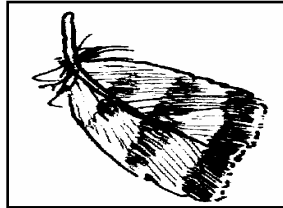
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Editor's Note:

To our faithful flock; please don't get caught "sitting in the prairie" by yourself come 22 April 2023!! Join us at the **Rothsay Community Center for a historic meeting of the **Minnesota Prairie Chicken Society**. It promises to be a "BOOMING" event! RHH**



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50th Annual Meeting

Big Boomer will be waiting for the MPCs flock to join him in Rothsay next month. The agenda is coming along nicely and it promises to be an excellent meeting and time with friends and followers of prairie chickens, prairies and the multitude of flora and fauna in our grassland habitats. ***LOOK for more information in the upcoming Spring Newsletter Edition early next month!!***

DATE: 22 April 2023 (Earth Day)
LOCATION: Rothsay Community Center
(Yep ... right in Big Boomer's Backyard!!)



New Life Member

The Society welcomes another new MPCS Life Member; thank-you for your tremendous support of prairie habitats and prairie chickens!

Timothy Pierzina - Minneapolis, MN

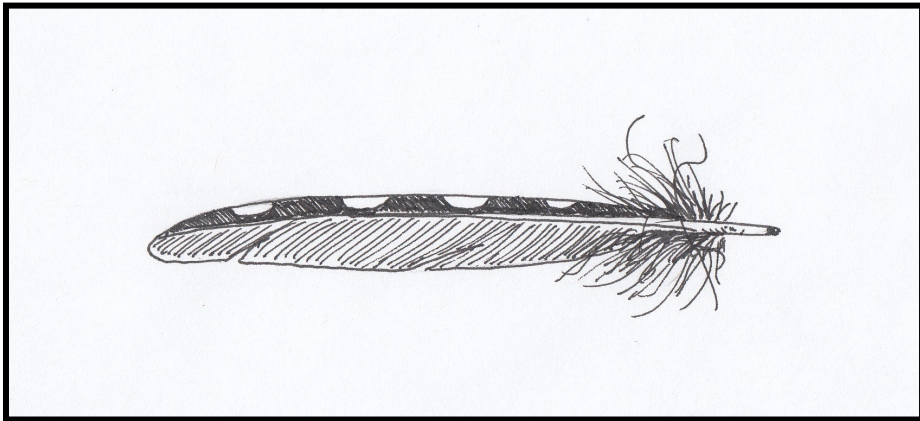
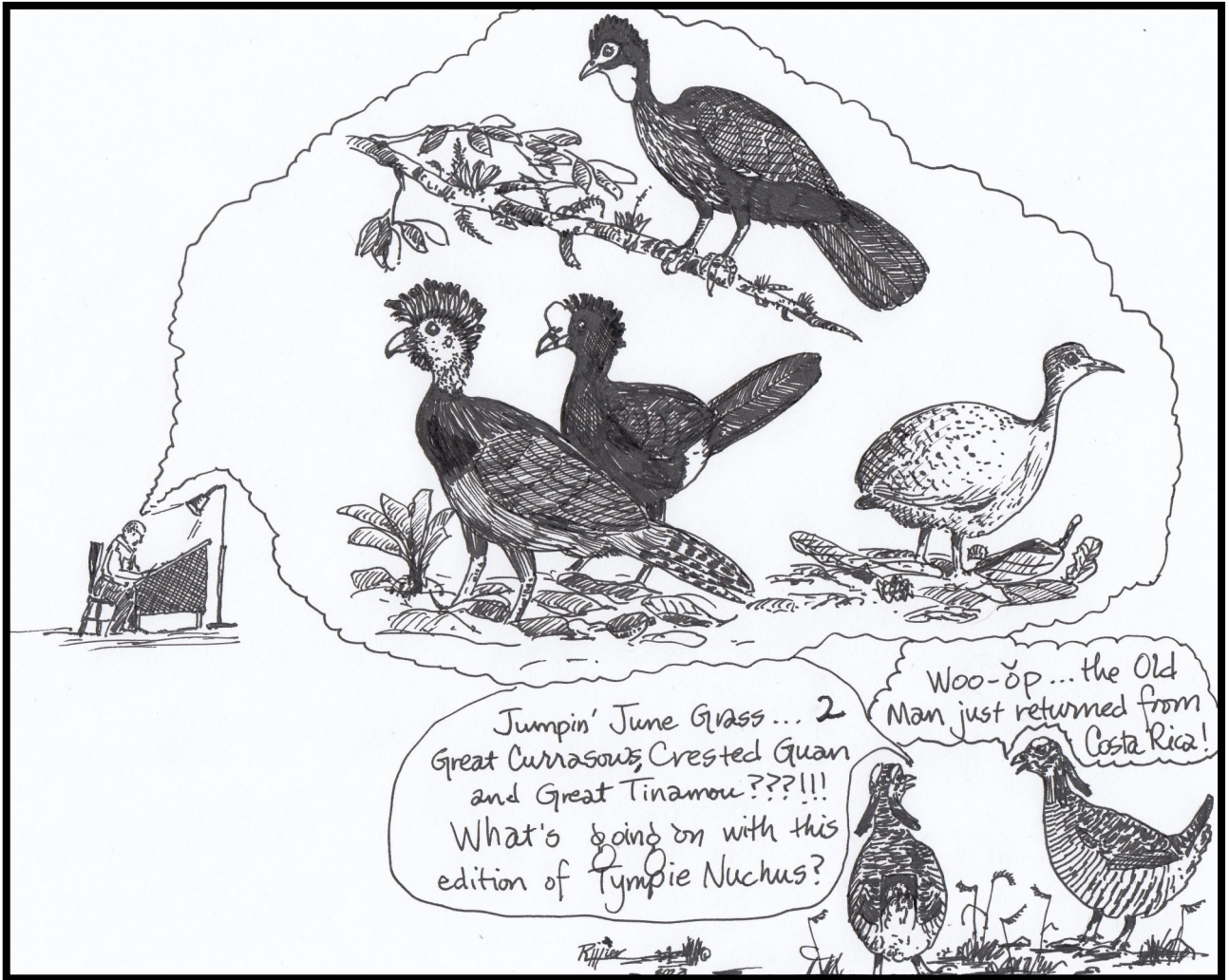
A Piece of MPCS Board History

Board member Phil Doll provided the photo below. It shows the MPCS Board on March 2, 2018 just after passing a motion to establish our Twitter account. Our Twitter account has improved access to our Society for more people interested in prairie and prairie chickens. Our Twitter Account Coordinator is Phil Doll.



The Adventures of Tympie Nuchus

By Ross H. Hier

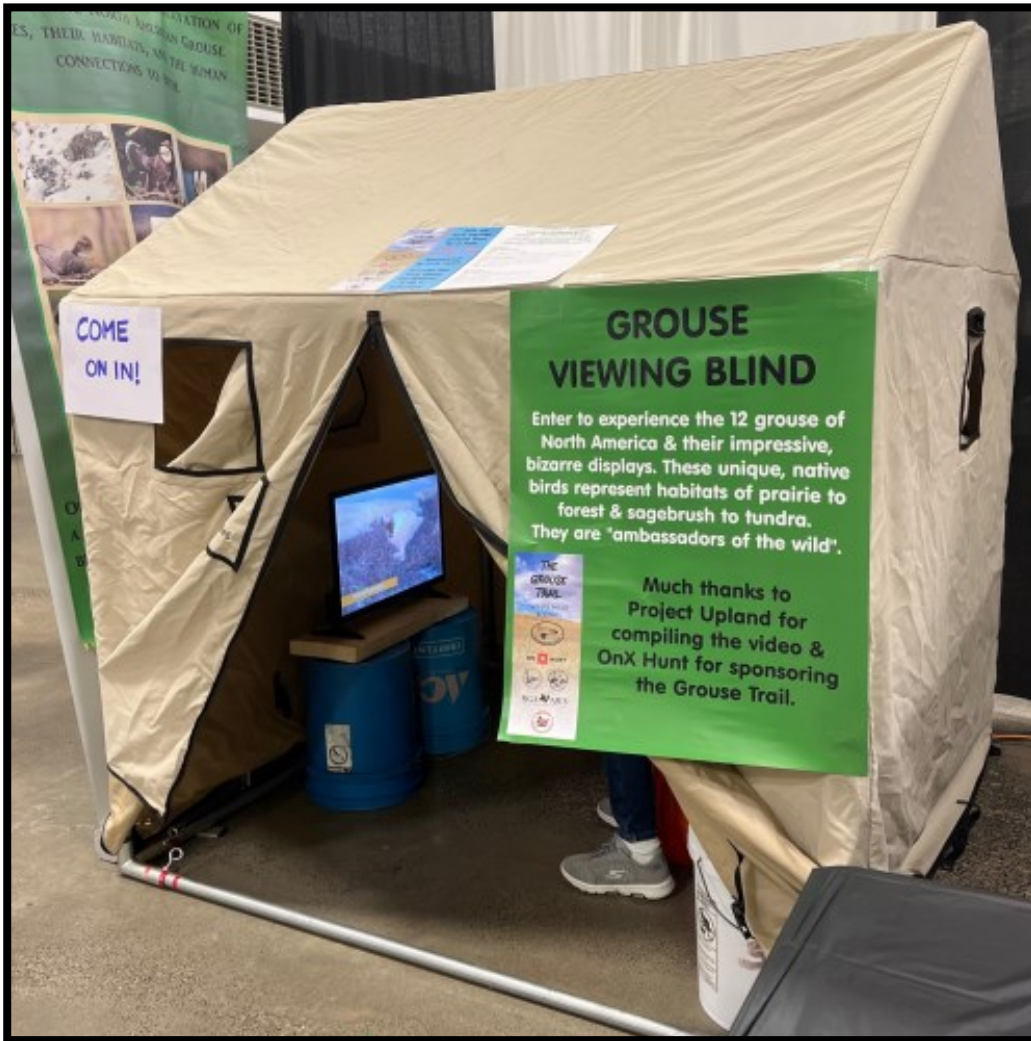


The Grouse Trail at Pheasant Fest 2023

The Grouse Trail (composed of Minnesota Prairie Chicken Society, Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Society, Wisconsin Sharp-Tailed Grouse Society, Ruffed Grouse Society, and North American Grouse Partnership) was successful and kept all the booth volunteers “hoppin’ busy”. Look for more stories of this great “first time section” at Pheasant Fest in the upcoming Spring issue of the Newsletter. Below are a few photos provided by Jodie Provost. It’s good she was able to get away from the booth she was at (NAGP) and garner some photos of the Grouse Trail. Thanks to all the volunteers for a fine effort!



The MPCS Booth at Pheasant Fest along the Grouse Trail. Here Board member Stacy Salvevold talks with a visitor as President Brian Winter and Treasurer Travis Issendorf are seen behind her.



A really nice set-up of a viewing blind on the Grouse Trail with Greater Prairie Chickens on the virtual display ground. Thanks to the Wisconsin Sharp-Tailed Grouse Society for setting-up the blind.

Pieces of the Prairie



Fringed Gentians: The beauty of many plants is their distinct physical characteristics after they have senesced from their blooming period. Many species are very distinctive in their “winter sleep”. Fringed gentian (*Gentianopsis crinita*) is one of those species. The lovely blue blossoms with fine fringing on the petal lip edges give way to the form seen above. For me, many of our prairie plants can be as or more intricate and beautiful in their post-flowering, dried-down state.



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(Updated 25 March 2022)

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MPCS Newsletters Now Electronic

After a slow transition period from direct mailing to electronic newsletters, the board has decided to post all newsletters on the newly updated website. Newsletters will now be posted as a .pdf file and be in full color. We recognize that some members may still want to receive direct mailings so please contact Travis for direct mailing. The newsletters posted on the website will allow members to read past newsletters and share them with family, colleagues, educational institutions, or other conservation partners.

Take a look.

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