The Ruffed Grouse Society is fortunate to be able to draw on a wealth of experience and support as it carries out its ongoing campaign to improve young forest wildlife habitat. Throughout the years, RGS has been able to depend on a committed membership to reach what at times have been difficult goals. From the beginning, dedicated assistance has been one of the Society’s major strengths.

The Society can never forget the debt of gratitude it owes its many generous contributors who have provided, and continue to provide, their time, effort and money to move the organization forward. Here we want to especially thank our Ruffed Grouse Society Sponsor members, who are a vital key to RGS’ growing list of accomplishments.

We are grateful to all who over the years have made the Society’s cause their own and to all who will be a part of the Society’s young forest wildlife habitat improvement campaign in the future. It is, however, with this Report to Sponsors that RGS acknowledges the role of a special group that has become such a major source of precious resources, our RGS Sponsors.
President’s message

Wayne Jacobson, Jr.
President, Ruffed Grouse Society
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RGS: Not your basic bird-watching organization

The founders of the Ruffed Grouse Society didn’t consider RGS a bird-watching organization. The focus back at the beginning was on the upland covers and their wildlife resources as they affected sport hunting. Specifically, hunters were finding fewer and fewer grouse in the mountainous country around Monterey, Virginia, in 1961. (The original leaders of RGS were all from the Monterey, Virginia, area, and the organization was chartered in Virginia in 1961.) To determine what could be done to solve the problem in the region, and in other places where grouse numbers were dropping, RGS’ organizers set out to pull together a group of like-minded individuals who would be willing to fund research and participate in whatever programs were created to improve the situation. The individuals who answered the call were predominately hunters.

The Society’s leaders, through the organization’s first decades especially, were men and women deeply committed to returning game bird populations back to numbers that had been available to hunters of past generations.

The 1960s were, of course, a far different time from our current decade. It may not have seemed like a straightforward proposition to the individuals creating the embryonic Society, but compared to the challenges they would face today to launch a similar organization, things progressed rather well. There was certainly a chronic lack of money to fund all of the work the Society would have liked to accomplish (and that has been a consideration throughout the decades). But even more dire complications than lack of funds have insinuated themselves over the years as the Society has endeavored to reach its goals. Some of these have even given RGS’ leaders reason to re-evaluate what the Society’s mission actually should be and what other types of interest the Society might be promoting.

We are living through a key period in the history of wildlife conservation. For the first time, more people are living in cities than outside them. And to urban dwellers, what constitutes appropriate wildlife or habitat management may have an entirely different meaning than it does to those who still live on the land or have a deep appreciation and understanding of the land ethic. Many of the urban dwellers, those who even think of wildlife or habitat management, either don’t see or won’t tolerate hunting as part of the equation.

Many of us who started to hunt as the Ruffed Grouse Society was growing through its formative years have watched general attitudes toward hunting and forest and game management change dramatically. We are getting farther away with each passing year from the time when so many of us could simply step off the back porch and be hunting. And dwindling hunting areas are being shared with more and more people who pursue other outdoor sports.

Over the years through the Society’s history, there has been one initiative or another to explore the benefits of broadening the parameters of the Society’s mission. The thought was to attract individuals with different but somewhat similar agendas to the Ruffed Grouse Society.

We’ve never gotten too far with this, for always we come back to a basic fact that the Ruffed Grouse Society was started by hunters for hunters. And we have too often seen those who don’t hunt exhibit little or no tolerance for those who do. An, at best, uneasy alliance is not the way to success. The Society stands as proof that sportsmen and sportswomen will go out of their way to support, financially and with their labor, programs that benefit the well-being of the game species they love – and love to pursue.

Recently we’ve been working to re-affirm our close ties to the sportsmen and sportswomen who were the backbone of the organization at its inception and are still its greatest strength. The vision of those who launched the Ruffed Grouse Society had as one of its key elements a special relationship between hunters and the organization. At that point in time, the appropriateness of such a relationship was simply self-evident.

It was hunters who spearheaded the wildlife conservation movement, and their commitment to conservation through the Ruffed Grouse Society was merely one more example of the awareness of their responsibility.

The Society is dedicated to honoring the trust that so many sportsmen and sportswomen have invested in the Society over the years. Through its programs, RGS will continue to concentrate on expanding young-forest habitat. It’s habitat that is essential to many kinds of wildlife, non-game species as well as game birds and mammals. But the top priority for the Ruffed Grouse Society is that this is the type of cover crucial to grouse and woodcock, the game birds that hold a special place in the hearts and minds of hunters.
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Wood Ventures, Inc., of Middleboro

MICHIGAN
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Dennis Aloia
Dennis S. Ambrose
Michael J. Anderegg
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Aschab Well Service LLC
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Bay Pines Veterinary Clinic
Chris Beebe
Sargent Begeman
Larry Belonga
Tom Beruti
Besse Forest Products

Bessemer Plywood Corporation
Christian Betz
Big Powderhorn Mountain
Black Duck Sporting Clays
Bill Borst
Sherwood Boudeman
Brady’s Bar, Inc.
Edward Brauer II
Breckers ABC Tool Company
Nate Brockman
Jeff Bundy
Joseph Burroughs
Allen S. Bush, PC
Mike & Sharron Elzinga
Gaylen J. Byker
Robert Byrnes, Jr.
Tom Caldwell
Alan C. Campbell
Campbell-Ewald Advertising
Dr. Jeff Carpenter
Canossa Tire Co., Inc.
Carroll’s Forest Products
Sam Caverly
Citizens State Bank
George Clayton
Close 2 Nature
Coleman Engineering
Concord Management
Corporate Development
Corporate Fleet Services, Inc.
Bradley Cory
Cramblit’s Welding
Douglas R. Doherty
Stephen J. Cruseo
Dr. Kenneth Davenport
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Indianshead Mountain Ski Resort
Jacobson, McDonald, Silc, & Moore
Mark & Hilde Janke
Dr. James Jesko
Jim's Alpine Automotive – Frank J. Noa
John Griffith LLC
Barry Johnson
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Lahti's Detailing & Towing
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Liberty Tool, Inc.
Dave & Kasey Liddle
Robert (Kip) J. Linklater
Gow Litzenburger
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Andrew B. Lytle
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Joe Machiorlatti
Mark Makela
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Neal Niswonger
Robert Noll
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Packaging Corp. of America – Woodlands Division
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Pike Distributors
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Plante & Moran, PLLC – Robert M. Bondy
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Henry L. Priebe
Premedia Outdoor Group
Progressive Farmer Magazine
Quick Silver Resources
Calvin Quist
Rob Wilson
Blesener, Dahlberg & Prestidge
Michael Blassey
Blandin Paper Company
Big Pine Builders
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Tom Bergman
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Bemidji Veterinary Hospital, Inc.
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Kevin Amundsen
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Appraisal Associates NC, Inc.
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D & L Hyytinen, Inc.
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Crystal Pierz Marine
Kent Cummings
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Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of International Falls
Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Grand Rapids
Cherry Gun Shop
Centennial National Bank
Rick & Carol Vidrio
Larry D. Ver Hage
Wesley VanConent
Richardson Electric
Ridgeview Industries
Riverside Auto Group
Donald Robertson
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James Rose
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Peter T. Roth
Dan Runyan
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Mikie Ryan
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Shafer Brothers
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Smurfit-Stone Container Corp.
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Snow Country Contracting
Andy Spence
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Ralph Stein
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James A. Stevens
Morrison Stevens
Al Stewart
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T & T Game Birds
Tahquamenon Falls Brewery
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Douglas Toppin
Jeff Towner
Traverse City Products
Two Kids & A Goat Lawn & Snow
Mark D. Underwood
Valley Animal Clinic of Auburn
Wesley VanConent
Ross L. Vanderboss
Larry D. Ver Hage
Rick & Carol Virdrio
Alfred S. Warren, Jr.
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Len Westdale
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Edson Will
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Rob Wilson
Woodford Reserve Bourbon
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AAA Concrete Masonry, Inc.
Ace Carpet Cleaning
Adminisys Consulting, Inc.
Advantage Marketing
Ainsworth Engineered LLC - Bemidji
Ainsworth Engineered LLC - Grand Rapids
Aitkin Body Shop
Aitkin Motor Co.
Aitkin Outdoor Sports
Aitkin Sewer & Excavating
Bill Aldinger, Jr.
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Lynn Anderson
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Brainerd Hardwoods, Inc.
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Burggraaf's Ace Hardware & Paint
Burgher Office Equipment Co.
Burski Excavating, Inc.
Byfuglien Trucking
Jennifer Byrnam
C & L Distributing
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C.C. Development
Jim Call
David Cameron
Cam Pennington
Jim & Ryan Cass
Castaway's Resort
Centennial National Bank
Cherry Publishing
Chestnut Collison Center, Inc.
Chris's Food Center
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Clearcut Kennels
Clussiau Sales & Rental
Clyne Enterprises, Inc.
Coates Plaza Hotel
Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of International Falls
Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Grand Rapids
Coffman & Holm
Cohasset Mill & Lumber Company
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Kent Cummings
Cummings Transport
Custom Welding
Kenna's Cutler
D & D Investments of MN, LLP
D & L Hytyinen, Inc.
D.L. Seamless
Richard L. Dahl
Daigle Enterprises
Daily Journal - North Star
Cherry Publishing
Dairy Queen
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David C. Darnell
Dave Paulson Construction
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Deal & Pineo Law Firm
Deerwood Bank of Deerwood
Deerwood Bank of Bemidji
Gordon Dentinger
Designer Cultured Stone
Dick Distributing Company
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Di迩ch, Swanson & Sterle
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Bert Hofflinhead
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Richard Huempfner
James Humeniuk
Hunting Buddy, Inc.,
Hunts Point Sportmans Club
Ted F. Hout
Husky Spring Company
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Industrial Lubricant
Insurance by Lundgren
Invisible Fence of Central MN
Iron Range Rustproofing, Inc.
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Goodhart
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Martie Jacobson
Melanie Jacobson
Owen Jacobson
D. Wayne Jacobson III
D. Wayne Jacobson, Jr.
D. Wayne Jacobson, Sr. +
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Jennings Insurance
Jerry's Warehouse Liquors
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Dale E. Johnson
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Dr. Mark Johnson
Earl N. Johnson
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KJI102 Radio
KKWQ - KQ92 Radio
Knight Tool & Plastics, Inc.
Jim Koehler
Keith D. Kottke
KOZY – KMPY Radio
James Krizak
Kuehl's Logging
David Kufahl
Dr. Paul Kukien
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Londale Kuschele
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L & M Supply Co. of Virginia
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Lake Country Furniture
Lake Superior Pointing Dog Club
Lakeland Veterinary Hospital
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Landmark Community Bank
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Larson Allen
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Latvala Lumber Co.
Brad J. Lein
Joe LeTendre
Shelley Letters
Leijstrand Drywall & Painting
LJL Construction
Joseph Loisel
Ryan Lommel
Gary & Betsy Loop
Lumber One of Avon
Ted Nelson Lundrigan
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M. C. Rentals
McDonald-Wold, Inc.
Harry Machesky
Madden's Dutch Room
Malmo Market
Marion's Wholesale
Manney's Shopper
Bill Marchel
Eric Marohan
Jim & Jan Marr
Dan & Linda Marrin
Dirk Marvin
Robert Marvin
Marvin Lumber & Cedar Company
Matthew Hall Lumber Company
Matt's Sanitation Service
Jan Mattson
McDonald's of Virginia
Stuart McIntosh
Bill McKeechie
Edie McCartney
Richard Mensing
Mensing Construction
Gene Merriam
Merritt House
Jason Mertens
Mesabi Daily News
Mid Country Bank
Mike Johnson Construction
Matt R. Mikulich
Jim Miller
Tom K. Miller
Miller Architects & Builders
Miller Auto
Minnesota Lumber
Minuteman Press
Minnesota Iron Range Retriever Club
Norm Moody
Chan Moon
Jack J. Mugar
Michael T. Murphy
Gary Murray
Robin Naplan
Tom Nardi
Bob Naylor
Jeff Neeseer
Gregg B. Nelson
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Tim Nelson
James Ness
New Ridge Development
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Nimrod, Inc.
James Nordlof
Norri Distributing Co., Inc.
Norstone Concrete
North Country Custom Builders
North Coast Dental
Northeast Technical Services
Northern Air Plumbing & Heating of Grand Rapids
Northern Engraving & Trophies
Northern Expressions
Northern Lumber
Northern State Bank of Virginia
Northview Bank
Northwoods Construction
Nosker Plumbing & Heating
Michael E. Novak
Joe Novicki
Drain (Buch) Ogden
Ogle's Food – Kurt Ogle
O’Hara Law Firm
Old Towne Galleries Village Mall
Larry Olson
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Robert Owens
Don Palmes
Pant-Food Baking
Jim Paske
Patch Motel – Izzy's Lounge
Patriot Electric
Paul Bunyan Telephone
Paulson Crop Spraying
Bill Penning
Peppe’s Music, Inc.
Personal Financial Plan
David L. Peterson
Lynn & Joan Peterson
Tony Peterson
Pheasants Plus, Inc.
Pine Inn
Pine River State Bank
Pine Shadows Kennel
Pioneer Electric
Pioneer National Bank
Lollie Benz Plank
Plaza Park Bank
Christopher L. Pluto
Podlich Insurance Agency, Inc.
Pokegama Lawn & Sport
Pokegama Plaza Liquor
Thomas & Stacey Poorker
Potlatch Corp. of Duluth
Potlatch Corporation
Premier Real Estate
Philip J. Prey
Ken Priese
Don Primley
Proper Engineering
Prudential Lakes Realty
Puglisi Gun Emporium
Purple Door
Michele Pumpan
Quality Cutting & Coring
R & R Arms
R & R Tree Service
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Range Disposal Service
Rapid Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
Kevin Rantio
Ray's Sport & Marine
RCA Real Estate
Red Men Club, Inc.
Red Pine Realty

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Blue Ridge Paper Products, Inc.
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Cy W. Brame, Jr.
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Ernie Cline
Jerry Cody
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Tony Harrell
Harrell Hill Farms
Steven Henson
Hornery Valley Wildlife Sportsman Club
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Kirk Klag
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Leonard Williams Masonry
Jon Little
Mario Livovejic
Lollini & Sons, Inc.
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Peter Armstrong
Donald R. Atkinson
John T. Baker
Bass Pro Shops
Clarence J. Bittner
Dr. Joe Booth
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Monia S. Borah
Robert L. Borah
Terry L. Borah, Jr.
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Glen Brick
Rick & Faith Bryan IV
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Burnt Cabin Farm
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Steve & Sally Northcutt
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Old Trail Hunt Club
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Donald G. Ousley
Owen R. Palmerton
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Michael G. Reed
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L. Richard Rigs
Fred Robinson
Rocky Shoes & Boots Company
Eamie Ross III
Snowden Rowe
Scott Ruby
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Douglas G. Sabo
Mark Sabo
John A. Sagun
James S. Savage III
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Henry L. Schulhoff
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Shelly & Sands, Inc.
Kenneth Smiles
Carroll R. Smith
Snouffer Funeral Home
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St. Clairsville Eagles #2541
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Tim’s Custom Installation
Kristin Titko
David H. Todd
Toothman Funeral Homes, Inc.
Tragesser Ford
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OREGON
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American Bridge Company
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Robert Beck
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Arthur R. Borrell
Ed Bower
Glenn L. Bowers
William G. Braund
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Brenner’s Ecological Service
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Ron & Amy Burker
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James D. (Jay) Carmichael
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CepaDent
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Charles Machine, Inc.,
Chesmeel Construction Company
CHI Development Corp.
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Community Chevrolet
Community Thrift Center
Continental Design & Management
Guthrie Conyngham
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Alan Davis
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Davis & Associates
DeCoverly Kennels
Gary & Laura Deavers
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Fin Run Charters
Francis W. Finley, Jr.
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Ernest A. Hahn
Hamilton, Buick, Pontiac, GMC
Truck
Robert T. Harold, Sr.
John D. Haskell
Rodney E. Henry
Helsel Hardware
Robert Herrold – In Memory of Jim Bashline
Hess & Marino, CPA
Highland Sports Fine Firearms
HI Grade Shooters Supply
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Curtis Hill & Pat Harner – In Memory of Jim Bashline
Hillsdale Construction
Angelo & Cynthia Hionis
Robert E. Holl
Dan Holtzapple
Honey Run Shorthairs
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Clifford N. Howard
Lewis & Jo Hoy
Half's Auction Service
Hughes Sales & Service
Jack Huntzinger
Charles M. Hutchko
I.P. Enterprises & Anker Industries
Imler's Poultry
International Direct Response, Inc.
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Russ & Eileen King
Robert Kirkby
Kish Bank & Kish Agency
Ken Klein
William Klein
Trygve Kleppinger
James R. Kodick
KS Manufacturing
James Kukurin
Scott E. Ladner
G. Thomas Lang
Peter Latta
Thomas D. Lesnert
Lexus of North Hills
Lion Country Supply – In Memory of Steve Liscinsky
Long Pond Springers
Louis Plung & Co., LLP
Russell L. Lucas
Lytle's Transfer & Storage, Inc.
Sandeep Malik
Robert Malicki
Mark Malicki, MD
Maloney Tool & Mold, Inc.
James Manganeli
Marsh
John J. Culkin, Jr.
Martin Construction & Associates – In Memory of Jim Bashline
D. Stephen Marz
McCoy's Lawn & Garden
Patrick McGoldrick
Mellon Private Asset Mgmt – Benton
H. Elliott, Jr.
Robert J. Menzie – In Memory of Jim Bashline
Don Monaghan
Miller's True Value
Moletz Electric
Robert W. Montler
Samuel & Beatrice Moore
John T. Morris, Jr.
Mosebach Electric Supply
Mt. Nittany Veterinary Hospital
Harvey Murray
Norman E. Nabhan
Bill Nagy
Frances J. Neal
Michael & Melissa Nelson
Nixon Gun Club, Inc.
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Paul Ober
John C. Oliver III
Eugene Orlando, Jr.
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Paragon Packaging Products, Inc.
Brian & Wanda Parsons – In Memory of Jim Bashline
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Creedon Paulus
John E. Paulus, Jr.
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J. Richard Pfeffer, Jr., DMD
Pittsburgh Equipment Co., Inc.
PNC Bank Corporation
Dr. Edward S. Polashenski
Powell Sanitation & Construction
Walter E. Premru
Pricewaterhouse Coopers, LLP
Prime Metals & Alloys, Inc.
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Gerald W. Putt
James & Lee Pyle
Quarter Moon Kennels
Kent M. Quinter
Clarence Raubaugh
Jack Rawlings
Jeff Reed
Paul Rockar, Jr.
Roscoe Sportsmen's Club
Richard Rush
Mark Sabina
Saloom Family Health Center
Sunnyside Kennels & Guns
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Harold J. Schneider, Sr.
Anthony R. Sciorilli
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Britton C. Shafer
Scottie L. Sheaffer
Thomas Shiflet
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Clifford Shupp
Kenneth L. Simon
Jim Single
Thomas & Laura Singosky
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Brian Smith
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Lloyd Smith
Smith Gun Works
Robert Snedbolid, Jr.
Terry Snyder
Gordon E. Snyder, Jr.
William B. Sordoni
South Hills Movers
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In the world of the American woodcock, there were at least two notable upheavals in 2005 – the hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The storms tore into the Gulf Coast in the weeks ahead of the fall migration of the woodcock of the Central Flyway. For sportsmen and other well-wishers, there was simply nothing to do but worry as they watched the woodcock and other migratory birds head south toward what appeared to be a devastated land.

By the time the migrants were again heading north in the spring migration, wildlife specialists were fairly certain the hurricanes’ aftermath put no additional hardship on the woodcock of the Central Region.

“I don’t think the hurricanes had any real impact on the birds,” commented Mike Olinde, research program manager for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife Division.

Olinde said the hurricanes created the potential for some ideal habitat for woodcock and many other species of wildlife. “In the long run,” he observed, “the hurricanes are setting back succession.” It wasn’t a uniform blowdown by any means. The hurricanes created a variety of conditions, depending upon the proximity of a site to the eye of the storms. Where winds were quite strong, forests were largely flattened, likely creating excellent future woodcock habitat.
RGS Gordon W. Gullion Award

Nick Steen was awarded the 2005 Gordon W. Gullion Award, the highest RGS award presented to a natural resource professional. Given in recognition of career achievement in the practice and promotion of forest ecology and management for the benefit of ruffed grouse, American woodcock and other forest wildlife.

Presentation at the 2005 South Central Alaska RGS Sportsmen’s Banquet features Mr. Steen, then RGS Executive Director Robert Patterson and senior regional director Mark Fouts (l to r).

STEP OUTSIDE

Late in the year, RGS joined forces with the National Shooting Sports Foundation’s STEP OUTSIDE® program. Through a grant from the NSSF program, RGS chapters were given the opportunity to host STEP OUTSIDE events designed to welcome newcomers to traditional outdoor sports. These events provide hands-on introduction to hunting, shooting and other pursuits, helping to increase awareness and public support for the outdoor pastimes.

Meeting called “unprecedented”

On Wednesday, May 18, the Ruffed Grouse Society, with approximately 30 other wildlife conservation organizations from the American Wildlife Conservation Partners (AWCP), met with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior, Gale Norton, and most of her staff. The meeting, held in Washington, DC, was unprecedented because it brought together so many of America’s leaders in wildlife conservation from both the public and private sectors.

Throughout the day-long meeting, the Secretary and her staff worked side by side with RGS biologists and resource professionals from many other wildlife conservation organizations to address issues of critical importance to America’s wildlife resources and America’s hunters.

Secretary Norton accepts an award from American Wildlife Conservation Partners (AWCP). From left, Rollie Sparrowe, 2002 AWCP Chair; Ray Lee, 2001 AWCP Chair; Bob Model, 2004 AWCP Chair; Jeff Crane, 2005 AWCP Chair; Secretary of Interior Gale Norton, Dan Dessecker, 2003 AWCP Chair; and Dan Pedrotti, AWCP Founder.

Society appreciated by USFS Allegheny National Forest
Dan McAuley was announced as the first recipient of the *RGS Greg Sepik Award*. In a ceremony at the 2005 National Grouse and Woodcock Hunt on October 14, Dan received the inaugural award from Dan Dessecker, then RGS senior wildlife biologist, and then RGS national board of directors’ president Stephen F. Quill.

McCauley has conducted groundbreaking research focusing on American woodcock, first with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and currently with the U. S. Geological Survey. The combination of his research, providing insight into the ecology and management of the woodcock, and his ability to transform science into on-the-ground habitat management is rare indeed.

Greg Sepik, who died in an accident in May 1998, displayed that same ability in answering many questions about the management of woodcock habitat. The award was established in his memory to honor natural resource professionals who have furthered the cause of woodcock conservation.

For years Paco has had this motto hanging from his easel: "Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body; but rather to skid in broadside thoroughly used up, totally worn out and proclaiming-WOW! WHAT A RIDE!!" What a perfect description of this life we all cherished, this man we are so proud to have known. It’s been a heck of a ride, Paco. We’re going to miss you.’

Our sentiments exactly!

Gilbert Roth Symons

The Society lost a long-time supporter when Gil died September 6, 2005 at the age of 94. He was so involved that the Southwest Ohio Chapter had been officially renamed the Gilbert R. Symons Chapter.
** SOURCES OF INCOME (2005)

** WHERE YOUR DOLLAR GOES (2005)

** BANQUETS does not include payments for Regular and Sponsor memberships made via banquets. These payments are included with all others in the categories “MEMBERSHIPS” and “SPONSORS.”
# Statement of Financial Position

**December 31, 2005**

(With comparative totals for the year ended December 31, 2004)

## Assets

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<td>Cash &amp; cash equivalents,</td>
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<td>Endowments &amp; temporarily restricted</td>
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<td>Accounts receivable</td>
<td>$89,938</td>
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<td>Pledges receivable</td>
<td>$416,640</td>
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<td>Charitable remainder trust</td>
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<td>Land held for resale</td>
<td>$35,800</td>
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<td>Property &amp; equipment</td>
<td>$556,992</td>
<td>$524,238</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL ASSETS</strong></td>
<td><strong>$4,966,294</strong></td>
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## Liabilities & Net Assets

### Liabilities

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<td>Accounts payable</td>
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<td>Line of credit</td>
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<td>Current portion of long-term debt</td>
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<td>Deferred revenue</td>
<td>$42,930</td>
<td>$83,458</td>
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<td>Accrued expenses</td>
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<td>Long-term debt (net of current portion)</td>
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<td>$62,803</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL LIABILITIES</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,230,098</strong></td>
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### Net Assets

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<td>Unrestricted:</td>
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<td>Undesignated (net deficit)</td>
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<td>Designated</td>
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<td>Temporarily restricted</td>
<td>$343,738</td>
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<td><strong>$3,736,196</strong></td>
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**TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS**

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**REVENUES, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT**

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<td>Membership dues</td>
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<td>Proceeds from banquets/events</td>
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<td>Sales of merchandise (net)</td>
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<td>35,070</td>
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<td>(8,497)</td>
<td>(8,502)</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous income</td>
<td>237</td>
<td>8,193</td>
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<td><strong>$ 2,635,654</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 3,694,975</strong></td>
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**FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**

**Program Services**
- Membership services | $ 454,774 | $ 428,673 |
- General education & chapter opts | 1,686,772 | 1,709,147 |
- Habitat projects | 598,177 | 500,248 |
- Extension education | 95,916 | 64,300 |
- Research | 39,871 | 46,069 |

**Supporting Services**
- Management & general | 71,399 | 63,202 |
- Fundraising | 137,653 | 205,610 |

**Total Functional Expenses** | **3,084,562** | **3,017,249** |

**CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS’ REPORT

To the Board of Directors
The Ruffed Grouse Society

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of the Ruffed Grouse Society (a nonprofit organization), as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial position of the Ruffed Grouse Society as of December 31, 2005, and 2004, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America...

Louis Plung & Company
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
May 1, 2006

THE RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY is a not-for-profit entity dedicated to improving the environment for the ruffed grouse, the American woodcock and many other species of forest wildlife. The accompanying financial statements include the accounts of the Society’s headquarters operations only and do not include the accounts and operations of the Society’s various chapters.

The Society is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Income from certain activities not directly related to the Society’s tax-exempt purpose, however, is subject to taxation as unrelated business income.

Notes pertaining to the Ruffed Grouse Society audit are on file at the Ruffed Grouse Society headquarters.

Artist honored with new RGS award named for himself

Jim Foote was announced as the first recipient of the RGS Jim Foote Sustaining Artist Award. Unfortunately, Jim’s honor was posthumous, as he died on August 10, 2004. Jim was a strong supporter of RGS, having painted the first RGS stamp print in 1979, as well as one of the three woodcock stamp prints and donated paintings and prints of most of his editions from that time until he retired from painting. Estimates put the figure raised using his donations to RGS at close to $1,000,000, setting the bar high for future recipients of the award.

Then, RGS Executive Director, Robert Patterson, stated, “It is a way of recognizing artists who through their contribution of their works have dedicated their talents and exhibited their generosity in furtherance of the Society’s mission. No one has demonstrated those qualities more emphatically than did Jim Foote.”

Pennsylvania’s New RGS License Plate

RGS announced the availability of a new license plate available to RGS members with vehicles registered in Pennsylvania. Applications are available by calling RGS toll free 1-888-564-6747 or check the top of the Events page on the website www.ruffedgrousesociety.org.
The Forest Wildlife Foundation (FWF) fulfills the function of directing financial support to conservation initiatives. Funds utilized by FWF may be those directly contributed to the Foundation or those channeled through FWF from the Ruffed Grouse Society. The FWF is administered through the offices of the Ruffed Grouse Society.
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