

NOVA SCOTIA JULY 7-20, 2009

Well children, I have made a deposit on thirty airline tickets leaving Pittsburgh on July 7th and arriving in Halifax where we'll meet Blake Maybank, our guide, and our bus, both to be with us for the next two weeks. Blake is a professional bird guide and author and we're lucky to have him for the entire trip. The exact itinerary is still in the planning stages but will include all the famous birding areas like Cape Breton, Bird Island, the Halifax Sewer Stroll, Brier Island, Antigonish Harbor, Canso Causeway, Cole Harbor, Louisbourg, etc.

According to Suzanne Borkowski, past President of the Nova Scotia Bird Society, the middle of July is a good time to visit as that is when the shore birds are starting to move. As an added bonus, Blake's wife Martine, an excellent botanist, may be able to join us for part of the trip. Blake's book, *Birding Sites of Nova Scotia*, is available at Amazon.com if you're interested.

As always, the price includes everything from Pittsburgh to Pittsburgh. That price is \$2,800.00 at most and could be a little less if we have a full compliment of 30 people. A \$500.00 refundable deposit will hold your place and when I hear from you I'll send you a full itinerary with maps and pay schedules. I'll find you a roommate if you need one. Don't forget, you'll need a passport and if you don't have one, don't wait till the last minute as sometimes it takes a while.

Send your deposit made payable to Carl Slater to 57290 Mehlman Road, Bellaire, Ohio 43906 as soon as possible to guarantee a spot. Your fearless Leader.