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President's Message

The first item of this President's message concerns an oft repeated appeal which is that members who anticipate an address change should contact EBBA's Circulation Manager, Ruth Rose, as far in advance as possible of the actual change. This will avoid the possibility of 1) a journal loss to the member, 2) the cost of the lost journal to our association — about \$2.00 — as the post office does not forward NABB. EBBA is currently computerizing its name and address list to streamline and handle as efficiently as possible such activity as the name and address changes, etc.

Would you believe that some banders actually read the President's messages (not that they're all that interesting)! In answer to my last message, I received a thoughtful reply to my appeal, "Where does EBBA go from here?" which I would like to share with you. Here are some ideas from that reply.

Could we, as an association, appoint a committee

to stimulate and review incoming data on a species which is particularly difficult to age and sex? Or, how about a group of members to work on what is being accomplished or what could be accomplished within the program of bird banding? Or, to carry these ideas one step farther, could we, as an association, present an annual report concerning these two topics!

Perhaps as a beginning, a committee could be set up to investigate whether or not there are some common problems on which we could cooperate.

I realize that some of these thoughts are not new. Furthermore, some have been tried and have fallen short of their goals. But I am an eternal optimist and, who knows, I may even get another reply from some of you who are interested in serving on such a committee.

Robert Pantle

1980 Annual Meeting

The 1980 Annual Meeting of the Eastern Bird Banding Association will be held jointly with the Northeastern Bird Banding Association on 25-27 April at the Silver Bay Association Conference Center on Lake George, NY. Silver Bay is accessible by Adirondack Trailways Bus, Amtrak, and airlines, each with a pre-arranged Silver Bay station wagon pick-up. So, if there is a gasoline problem, people are not limited to driving. Travel details and pick-up wagon fees will be published later with the registration information.

Anyone interested in presenting a paper should contact Dr. Val Freer, RD 1, Box 21G, Ellenville, NY 12428.

The accommodations are rooms with twin beds in the Inn, and rooms with a twin and a double bed in the Lodge. Cots may be brought in at the same price per head, as rates will include meals. Meals and banquet will be in the Inn. The Center has all-weather tennis courts and other recreational facilities. Among the staff members are two avid birders who can lead field trips on the 1600-acre wooded campus. Rates are by American Plan, in keeping with previous meetings, the exact amount to be announced later.

Save the dates, and let's plan on a good EBBA-NEBBA 1980!

Hannah Suthers

Big membership drive is on . . .

The Eastern Bird Banding Association's Membership Department is in the middle of the large membership drive. Hundreds of banders who are not now on our membership rolls are sent an invitation to join EBBA. You can help — if you have **sub-permittees**, please ask them to join EBBA.

For a membership application form, please drop a line to Fred Schaeffer. You'll be sent a membership brochure which you can give to your subpermittee or another bander in your area. These brochures have a tear-off part which should be returned with dues to Fred. Fred's address is: 84-55 Daniels Street #4F, Jamaica, NY 11435.

Thank you for supporting EBBA!



EBBA recaptured birds

Ray Middleton, 131 N. Whitehall Rd., Norristown, PA 19403, has volunteered to be a clearing person for the reports of recaptured birds in our area. This project would be similar to the reports as seen in the WBBA section of the journal.

Who Is? . . . K.W.F. Clark

Ken is our new treasurer. He was born and educated in England. He served in the British Forces in North Africa, WW II, where he was wounded in action.

Ken came to the U.S. in 1948 and was Administrative Manager of the British Tourist Authority here until 1978, when he decided to take an early retirement to devote as much time as possible to his own activities — in particular, amateur birding interests. This has developed from back-yard birdwatching (which meant the identification of the most common U.S. species) to banding within the last few years. He is particularly interested in the Tropics and intends to spend a good part of the time in Costa Rica, where he plans to band migrants — especially shorebirds wintering over in that area.

Ken is currently involved in preparations to conduct field trips to Neotropic areas on behalf of a leading tour operation in New York City. He is also the treasurer of the Assembly of National Tourist Office Representatives (ANTOR) in New York.

Our very active treasurer was President of the Montclair Bird Club (1971-72), and is a member of the New Jersey Raptor Association, American Birding Association, American Ornithological Union, Cooper Ornithological Society, British Ornithological Union, British Trust for Ornithology, and Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Ken is married but has no children. His minor hobbies are music, philately, and travel — but time, he states, is his enemy.

EBBA Research Grants

The Eastern Bird Banding Association is sponsoring two \$250 Memorial Grants in aid of research using bird banding techniques or bird banding data.

Applicants should submit a resume of background, project plan, and budget to the Chairman: Robert C. Leberman, Powdermill Nature Reserve, Star Route South, Rector, PA 15677. The deadline for receipt of applications is 15 March 1980.

Fuertes gift

Mary Fuertes Boynton of Ithaca, NY, daughter of Louis Agassiz Fuertes, world-renowned painter of birds, has given her father's complete papers, appraised at nearly \$900,000 to Cornell University's Department of Manuscripts and University Archives.

"Largely because of the artistic quality of the material, the collection was valued at \$898,160," according to Herbert Finch, assistant University librarian. The papers consist of some 2,500 sketches and paintings, as well as correspondence and field notes.

Fuertes, who lived in Ithaca all his life, is ranked with Audubon as a painter of birds, Finch said. He was the primary painter of birds in America during the early 20th century. Many Fuertes paintings are in major natural history museums and private collections.

Chandler Robbins

Arthur A. Allen Award recipient

Chandler S. Robbins, senior author of the widely used field guide, "Birds of North America," received the 14th annual Arthur A. Allen Award of the Cornell University Laboratory of Ornithology on 6 October 1979.

The award is given in memory of Arthur A. Allen, ornithologist and teacher at Cornell for nearly 50 years, who inspired many to pursue careers in ornithology and who furthered popular interest in birds through writings, photography, sound recordings, and lectures.

Robbins has worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for more than 33 years and was one of the principal developers of the agency's migratory non-game bird research and management program. Among his accomplishments is the Breeding Bird Survey, an important part of the agency's program, which relies on more than 1,800 volunteer cooperators throughout the United States and Canada to collect survey data.

In recognition of contributions to the Fish and Wildlife Service, Robbins received a citation for meritorious service from Secretary of the Interior, Cecil D. Andrus, earlier this year.

Note—Back Issues

Anyone wishing to contribute back issues of EBBA News or NABB can contact: Mrs. Donald Mease, RD 1, Box 436A, Hellertown, PA 18055.

Reminder

The EBBA Conservation Committee has initiated a service for banders who are considering a project involving rare, endangered or special status ("blue-listed") species. The purpose of this project is to provide an expert, technical review of work scopes involving these species to insure that the project is technically sound and will cause a minimum of disturbance to sensitive species.

Anyone interested in utilizing this service is invited to submit a synopsis of his proposed work scope.

A synopsis or questions pertaining to this service may be sent to: Douglas Kibbe, 312 Bloomfield St., Hoboken, NJ 07030.

Douglas Kibbe, Chairman
Conservation Committee

By-Laws

As soon as they are printed, the revised By-Laws of EBBA will be mailed — under separate cover - to all members.

Back issues of EBBA News, Index, and NABB (east of the Mississippi).

EBBA News: Vol. 1-17, \$1.50 per copy; Vol. 18-27, \$.75 per copy; Vol. 28-33, \$1.00 per copy; Vol. 34-39:1, \$1.75 (except Vol. 38:2 which is \$2.50).

Index: Vol. 22-30, \$2.75; Vol. 31-39, \$2.25.

Back issues of NABB, Vol. 1-4, \$2.00.

Prices include postage. Make checks payable to Eastern Bird Banding Association and order from: Mrs. Donald Mease, RD 1, Box 436A, Hellertown, PA 18055. Please note: Canadian orders should be drawn to American Dollars.

Books

Crossing Press, Trumansburg, NY 14886 has released several old favorites in paperback form:

An Eagle to the Sky. Frances Hamerstrom. \$4.95.

A true story about the only woman to train and fly a Golden Eagle — and to share a nest with another Golden Eagle. Mrs. Hamerstrom writes a fascinating account of her experiences with the two eagles.

Adventure of the Stone Man. Frances Hamerstrom. \$3.95.

This is a charming story, written for children, about two children in France and their experiences with an Eagle Owl.

Revised edition available

Birds of Pennsylvania. Merrill Wood. Available from Pennsylvania State University, College of Agriculture, University Park, PA 16802. \$2.00 plus postage.

The third edition has been revised to include more of Pennsylvania than the original writing. 381 species are covered, from the regular inhabitants to the rare visitor. The introduction covers the topography, climate, migratory season, seasonal occurrences and status of species. There is a section on the banded birds of Pennsylvania as well as a section on the unexpected species.

First Aid and Care of Wild Birds. Edited by J.E. Cooper & J.T. Eley. David & Charles Publishers, North Pomfret, Vermont 05053. 1979. \$27.50.

Sixteen contributors have made this book a real must for any bird rehabilitator. Although the price is moderately high, the information is excellent and well worth it.

The contents are written so that the lay person as well as the veterinarian can understand and utilize them for reference and research. Twenty chapters, well illustrated with black-and-white photographs and sketches, cover a wide range of topics from examining a bird through feeding of oiled birds, and from parasites through poisoning — all very informative.

One chapter covers wild bird hospitals and the law. While English law is not the same as U.S. law, this does make one aware that we also have laws covering these problems.

The contributors to each chapter handle their specific subject very well, making the material easily understood. One would have to collect many periodicals over many years to be able to have this wealth of information in a composite form.

As a bird-of-prey rehabilitator myself, I found the Bird of Prey chapter short but beautifully done — perhaps because I agree with the author.

Tom Mutchler