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Eastern Bird Banding Association

Founded 1923

President's Message

I am excited but also intimidated by the prospect of being EBBA's president. I will welcome any suggestions and/or advice you wish to give me.

The 1992 EBBA meeting was a great success. The research papers were excellent and thought-provoking, the workshops helpful, and the camaraderie great. Credit is due **Janet Shaffer**, past first vice-president, and her many assistants. The attendance was about 95, an increase of approximately 50% over the previous meeting. The council suspects the earlier spring date and early announcement of place and date contributed to the increased participation. **EBBA's 1993 meeting (our 75th) is to be 2- 4 April at Watson Homestead Conference and Retreat Center, Painted Post, New York.** This is near Elmira, New York. Reserve that weekend now and do join in. It should be noted that the 1991 council agreed to raise EBBA dues because of the increase in prices for postage, paper, and printing of the journal. The new dues rates are:

Active Membership	\$15.00*
Sustaining Membership	\$20.00*
Student Membership	\$10.00
Institutional Membership	\$25.00
Life Membership	\$250.00**
Non-subscribing \$3.00 (must be a full member of one of either Inland or Western Bird Banding Association)	

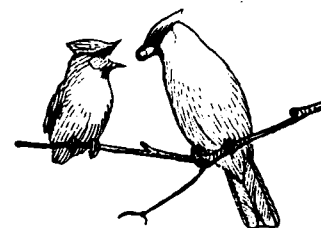
*Family membership, add \$2.00 for the spouse, offspring or parent sharing the same domicile. Only one issue of NABB is sent per family membership.

**Life membership may be paid in four consecutive years of \$50.00 each.

Janet Shaffer has agreed to be EBBA historian. Her name and address are listed inside the front cover of this issue. If you have information or memorabilia about people, places, and events that should be preserved for EBBA, please see that Janet receives it. Some EBBA members feel the membership is aging (as the demographers tell us is true in the U.S.A.). We should encourage new members, train young committed banders, and encourage participation. Therefore, the EBBA Cooperative Banding Project, chaired by **Susannah Graedel**, needs our participation. So too, the MAPS project. These projects are not as time-consuming or difficult as you may think. See page 133, NABB 16:4 for MAPS project and page 35 in this issue of NABB for the Cooperative Banding Project.

More thoughts next issue.

Barbara M. Ross



THE MEMORIAL GRANT FUND

Over 25 years ago, EBBA established a Memorial Grant Fund to recognize departed members and friends. Income from that endowment has been used annually to make student awards for ornithological research projects which use bird banding as part of the study. Income has grown so that up to \$500 has been designated by Council for distribution by the Memorial Grand Committee in 1988.

If you want to remember a departed bander or birder friend, or simply contribute to the support of student research in ornithology, send your tax-deductible check to EBBA's treasurer, Donald Mease. Added income from the Fund will be used in the future to increase the number or amount of these competitive awards.

BIRD BANDING MEETING - BEAVER MEADOW AUDUBON CENTER

Along with friends and supporters, 30 Western New York and Pennsylvania banders met at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, North Java, New York, on 23 November 1991. This annual get-together grows larger every year and the banders are most grateful to Dave and Marty Junkin of Beaver Meadow for arranging and hosting this annual event.

After greetings and early morning refreshments, each of the banders had an opportunity to take the floor and share their banding activities, concerns, and questions with the others. Bill Symonds reported on raptor banding at Braddock Bay, while Betsy Brooks reported on the passerine banding at this notable location. A total of 129 Red-tailed Hawks were banded in one day, setting a North American record. The passerine banding was the best ever, with over 4,300 birds banded of 94 species.

Mary Forness of Olean, New York, reported on her activities at Hawk Hideaway, a raptor rehabilitation and captive breeding facility. Mary has received many returns on her rehabilitated birds and is analyzing them for publication. A Peregrine banded by Mary was recently retrapped in Ecuador. During the spring and summer, Mary and John Forness are active in monitoring the nesting Osprey on the

Allegheny Reservoir. These breeding Osprey are a result of the hacking program recently completed on the Reservoir.

All present were fascinated by Joanna Klima of Poland who gave us an engrossing description of the banding (or ringing) program in her native country. A great deal of shorebird and migratory banding is conducted in Poland with very little work being done on raptors.

Don Watts reported on the kestrel nesting and banding projects near Warren, Pa. A total of 43 boxes were on sites with 35 boxes occupied by kestrels. A total of 170 eggs, with 116 hatched, 113 fledged, and 104 banded were the totals for the 1991 nesting season. Len Feldman of Springville, New York, also reported on his kestrel project with 19 boxes in place, 16 occupied, 63 eggs, 38 hatched, and 28 banded for 1991.

Jean and Jim Stull visited from Presque Isle near Erie, Pennsylvania. They have just completed their 31st year of banding at that site.

Dave Hauber of Hebron, PA, reported on his Mourning Warbler project. In three years, he has banded 96 Mourning Warblers and has had 13 returns to the nesting sites.

We all enjoyed another look at Doug Whitman's mechanical mouse designed to attract raptors to a

trap. So far he hasn't succeeded but the battery is wearing down and the mouse is getting slower, so maybe 1992 will be the year!

Kenn Kaufman of Tucson, Arizona, was a most welcome addition to our banding meeting. He was in Buffalo to present a program at the Buffalo Museum of Science and most happily joined us for the day's festivities. He presented a program on "Migration - From the Bird's Point of View" and gave us all something to ponder.

We invite all banders to our next regional meeting. It is a fun way to improve our banding skills and learn from one another.

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The EBBA BANDERS' NETWORK is now in place!

For 159 species we now have the names, addresses, and interests of EBBA banders who band high numbers of birds of that species.

For a list of people working with species in which you are interested, send your request for information along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

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