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Eastern Regional News

Eastern Bird Banding Association

Founded 1923

President's Message

I was very disappointed that a representative of the BBL was not able to attend the annual meeting in Tennessee. There is every indication a continued form of sequester could prevent BBL sending a representative to update us next year. Unlike earlier meetings I am no longer in a position to do it myself and would encourage members that can to help donate to a travel fund to cover the expenses so BBL can present at the meeting in 2014. I am concerned about setting a precedent here but, at the same time, am concerned with what may happen to the bird banding program if we do not pay attention to it. For now, you can simply send me an e-mail indicating what you could contribute and we will cover details later.

I have been pleased by the increase in younger members in the rank of EBBA's officers and councilors. It is a pleasure to see new and younger faces around the council meeting table, along with many of the staunch supporters of our organization. It assures the continued existence of EBBA. Our efforts, along with IBBA and WBBA to monitor avian species, gathering information that helps to ensure their continued existence, requires our organizations to be constantly refreshed with new and young blood. If you have not found the time to serve on the council or one of the many committees of EBBA, please consider contributing some time to our valuable organization. If you think you might be willing to serve as an officer, you can start as a councilor and should contact Adrienne Leppold, e-mail her at: (aleppold@gmail.com), chair of the nominating committee. If you believe you could contribute to

one of EBBA's committees, contact Dave Okines (dokines2@aol.com) so he can consider you for an appointment next year. Just in case you feel you do not know enough to commit, you can also e-mail me and I will send you a copy of the CIC (Council Information Center), a CD that contains the principal organization documents and information on council and committee responsibilities and activities.

I look forward to seeing everyone that is able to attend the meeting in Hamilton, Ontario, on 29 March 2014. As far as I know, this will be our first meeting in Canada and it promises to be an interesting one. If you have data to present, please let Dave Okines know.

May your nets be full this fall,

Ken Heselton

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A Cordial Invitation

Every member of EBBA should find a copy of the new EBBA brochure tucked inside this issue of *NABB*. It is not a candidate for the recycle bin nor, we hope, the trash can. It is for you to give to another bander, subpermittee, or helper you know that just might be interested in joining EBBA. It is also a cordial invitation, offering the brochure as an act of consideration, so offer an acquaintance an opportunity to join you as a member.

If you require more copies of the brochure go to the EBBA web site at www.easternbirdbanding.org. We have included a pdf version of the brochure that you can

download and print. Alternatively we will have a few at the next annual meeting in Hamilton, Ontario, 28-30 March 2014. Please check the web site for information on that meeting. It is a joint meeting with the Ontario Bird Banding Association and promises to be most interesting.

The new brochure is bound to raise a few questions. We are asking for an applicant's birth date, e-mail address, and permit number (if held). To answer why this information is requested requires an explanation of the plans for the web site and Internet service. We hope to be able to send each member an e-mail wishing them a happy birthday in addition to developing better demographic information about our membership. E-mail addresses will make it possible to contact the membership regarding matters important to banders and having permit numbers will save us asking for that information at times that may be inappropriate, where we have to admit that we do not know your status. In the future, expect to be asked to use the web site to update your information and include such things as changes in address, submission of banding data for the Atlantic Flyway Review, purchasing nets and other EBBA products, plus online registration for meetings.



The new brochure is one of many possible changes for EBBA. We have a sincere and dedicated group of members known as the Strategic Planning Committee looking for suggestions and investigating other concepts with the goal of improving benefits to members. Please look for surveys and requests for information they may include in future issues and plan to participate.



The 91st Annual Meeting of the EASTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

28-20 March 2014

Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Theme: In The Company of Banders



This is the first EBBA meeting to be held in Canada. Plan to attend.

The 2014 meeting of the Eastern Bird Banding Association will be a joint meeting with the Ontario Bird Banding Association and will be held just north of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Hamilton is located on the western edge of Lake Ontario and has a checklist of over 390 species. The Hamilton Naturalists Club was founded in 1919 and has over 700 members.

We have reserved the **Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Oakville @ Bronte**
2525 Wycroft Road
Oakville, Ontario L6L 6P8
Phone: 905-847-1000; Toll-Free: 800-880-3188

The hotel is located on the east side of junction 111 on the QEW, 11.1 km/6.8 miles north of the junction of the 403 at Hamilton, Ontario.

Meeting attendees must book their own hotel reservations; to receive the \$99 "EBBA group rate" you must mention the **Eastern Bird Banding Association** when booking. To get the early-bird rate, (which is also available for the two days before and after the meeting), bookings must be made before 13 January. All room reservations made after that date will cost \$109. All prices do not include taxes. See the EBBA website: ([http:// www.frontiernet.net/~bpbird/](http://www.frontiernet.net/~bpbird/)) for details and a registration form for the 2014 meeting.

Contact David Hauber for donations to the bucket raffle and silent auction
email: (haubers3@penn.com) or Phone -814- 274-8946