

EDITOR'S PAGE

TEN GALLONS TO THE PARASITIC JAEGER

Are you now calculating how many gallons of gas will be required to get you to a favorite bird or birding site and back? Last April BIRD OBSERVER offered to publish a car-pooling reference list for interested birders. At the time, gas was "only" 74¢-86¢ per gallon and in abundant supply, which might explain the very limited response to our offer. Gasoline is now 86¢-99¢ per gallon (and rising), if you can find an open gas station. Will you be out of gas when the Noddy Tern is discovered on Plum Island? Or will you be sitting in a gasoline line for three hours while the Mississippi Kite is perched in Wellfleet?

You can save gasoline, money, and perhaps see more birds if you car-pool on many of your birding trips. If you regularly bird one of the following areas (in season) and would be interested in car-pooling, please send us your name, address and telephone number on a postcard, noting which of the following areas you like to bird with some regularity: the Outer Cape, Monomoy, Westport-Dartmouth, Cape Ann, Newburyport-Plum Island, the Sudbury Valley, Mt. Wachusett, and Quabbin. We will publish this information in a forthcoming issue if the response warrants. Car-poolers will be clustered by general region of residence, so you can make your own arrangements with someone in your area.

Send your postcards to: Bird Observer, 462 Trapelo Road., Belmont, Massachusetts 02178.

SUMMER AND FALL PELAGIC TRIPS

The Brookline Bird Club is sponsoring the following pelagic birding trips this year.

On August 26, a boat will depart from Lynn for the fishing grounds of Provincetown. For details, contact William Drummond, 375-0292 (Haverhill) or Herman Weissberg, 526-4020 (Manchester). Reservations can be made by sending a non-refundable prepayment of \$12.50 to Mr. Herman Weissberg, P.O. Box 23, Manchester, Massachusetts 01944.

On September 30, a boat will leave Harwichport for Pollock Rip. For a reservation, send a non-refundable deposit of \$8 (by check) to Mr. Herman D'Entremont, P.O. Box 207, Newton Center, Massachusetts 02159. (For further information, call Mr. D'Entremont at 734-1289.)

The final trip of the season will leave from Plymouth on October 28. Send a non-refundable deposit of \$8 to Mr. D'Entremont at the address given above.

LOON PUBLICATION: INFLATION STRIKES

"The Common Loon," the proceedings of the recent national conference on loons, is now available from the Loon Preservation Committee of the Audubon Society of New Hampshire for \$6.50 postpaid, an increase of \$1 over the original price. Payment must accompany the order which should be sent to: Loon Preservation Committee, Humiston Building, Main Street, Meredith, New Hampshire 03252.