

Recent 3-624 reports give only the bare minimum data on each recovery. Unfortunately all the pertinent data are not always typed on the 3-624's. Two pertinent facts, essential to the evaluation of a recovery are no longer provided. The first is whether the band was returned and the number verified; the second, the date of the letter from the hunter who shot the bird or from the person who found the band.

Recoveries are processed and the 3-624's typed by the clerks, who have no biological training and no background of biological experience. It is well to remember that these clerks interpret the recoveries and what appears on the 3-624's are their interpretations of what they deem correct and pertinent.

Thus, it behooves each bander, particularly if he intends to publish a record or to use it in a study, to read each recovery letter and to interpret it for himself. In any event, you are apt to find the original recovery letters are more interesting reading than the reports.

1960 ANNUAL MEETING - Fri.-Sat.-Sun., April 22-23-24 - ANNAPOLIS, MD.

Attention all members: Please read fully as this announcement superceded that in the last issue of EBBA NEWS as many changes have been made. And PLEASE fill and mail immediately the return postcard which is enclosed with this issue. If you have already made banquet reservations, please sign up again on the card and indicate your entree preference.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS The Local Committee recommends the Charterhouse Motor Lodge - Revell Highway, U.S. Route 50, Annapolis, Md. Phone Colonial 8-5077. A few units are still available. Write or telephone immediately if you do not already have your reservations. Mention EBBA - special rates are singles \$7.21, doubles \$10.30.

Be sure to specify the right nights. Most of the members are staying at Charterhouse on Friday and Saturday evenings but are not returning there on Sunday evening.

All who are staying at Charterhouse are advised to go directly to motel and check in prior to proceeding to the parking lot near the State House. It is not necessary to drive into the city to reach the motel.

TRANSPORTATION There is no direct train or plane service to Annapolis. If you are arriving in Baltimore or Washington by train or air, advise Local Chairman in detail immediately and we will endeavor to arrange for a local member to meet you and drive you to Annapolis.

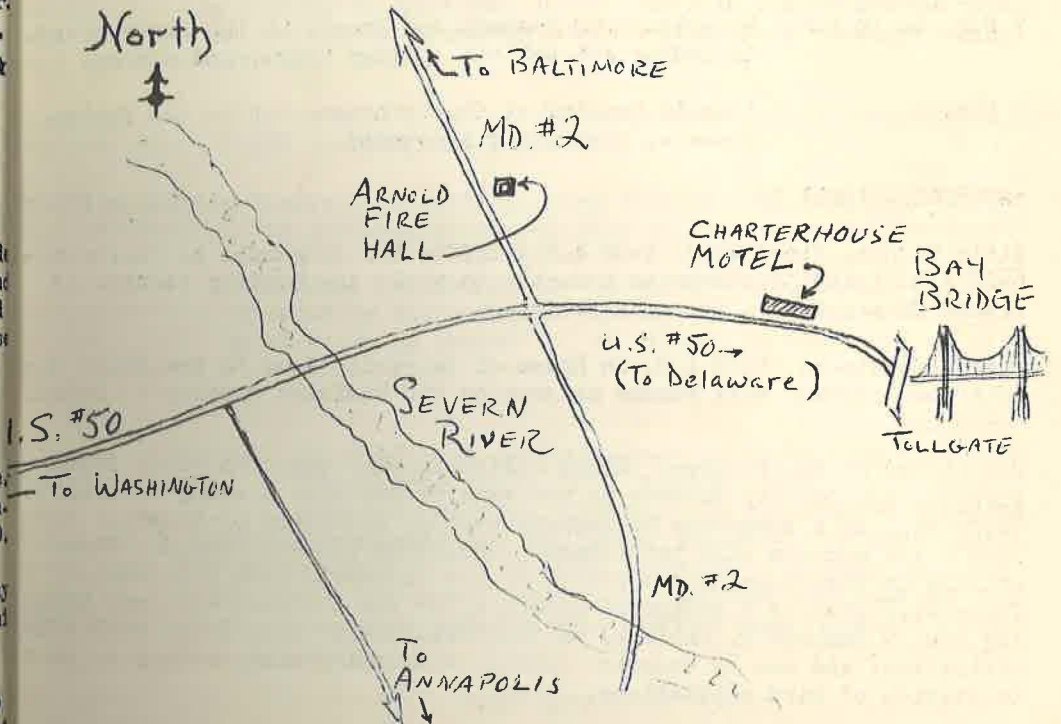
DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS Charterhouse is on the north side of U.S. 50 - 1 1/2 miles west of the Bay Bridge toll booths - 3 1/2 miles east of the interchange of U.S. 50 and Md. 2.

From the northwest via Penna. Turnpike: leave pike at Breezewood and go south to Hancock, Md., and take U.S. 40 east.

From the west via U.S. 40: take Beltway south to Md. 2 (follow signs marked BAY BRIDGE).

From the north via U.S. 202 and from the northeast via the N. J. Turnpike: You have a choice in Delaware: either U.S. 40 (west) - Baltimore Harbor Tunnel (40¢) - Md. 2 (south) or U.S. 13 - U.S. 301 (see notes below) - Bay Bridge (\$1.50) - U.S. 50 (west).

From the south and west through Washington, take U.S. 50.



Note: U.S. 301 has just been rerouted. Signs are up but maps do not show the change. It no longer runs north of U.S. 50 in Maryland toward Baltimore. It now joins U.S. 50 to cross Bay Bridge, then separates, and runs northeast to Delaware joining U.S. 13 just two miles south of the intersection of U.S. 40 and U.S. 13.

Note: On returning home Sunday, whether leaving from Patuxent or from Low's farm, the shortest route would be via the Baltimore tunnel; not via the Bay Bridge.

DIRECTIONS FOR REACHING STATE HOUSE For the Friday evening reception and the Saturday sessions, we advise everyone to use the free parking lot that has been reserved for our use and to walk from the parking lot the one and a half blocks to the State House.

From U.S. 50 enter Annapolis via the main access road (Rowe Blvd. Turn sharp left into Calvert. The parking lot will be across the intersection with Bladen to your left. Walk back south on Bladen to the State House.

FRIDAY EVENING - April 22:

7 P.M. to 10 P.M. Reception for members and guests in the State House including art exhibit, guided tours, and movies.

8 P.M. Council Meeting at Charterhouse; not in the State House as previously announced.

SATURDAY - April 23:

Early Morning Field Trip: 5:50 A.M.: coffee and doughnuts at Charterhouse
6:00 A.M. Leave Charterhouse promptly to visit the banding station of Father Edward at St. Conrad's Friary.

Papers Sessions: 9:00 A.M. in House of Delegates Room in the State House
Afternoon session will resume as soon as the business meeting is ended.

Highlights of the Program: Mabel Gillespie will speak on "Long Distance Flyers", and Dorothy Bordner on her experiences with Evening Grosbeaks. There will be a symposium on record-keeping, moderated by Chandler Robbins - six members will participate, including Elise Dickerson, whose article on record-keeping appeared in the Jan.-Feb. 1960 EBBA NEWS. There will also be a number of papers after the Business Meeting, including one by Bennett K. Matlack, on the "Bal-Chatrri" hawk trap, with a demonstration; and one by Chandler Robbins discussing mist netting as applied to studies of bird populations.

Business Meeting and Election: 1:30 P.M. at the State House, in the House of Delegates room.

A portfolio of Audubon Originals will be on exhibit in the State Library during our lunch period. In walking to and from the fish fry, you will pass right by the door.

Banquet: 6:30 P.M. in the Arnold Fire Hall. Dinner \$2.00 per person; there will be only one entree - indicate your first and second choice on the return postcard enclosed with this issue. Speaker: Charles E. Mohr, on the subject of Sanctuaries.

SUNDAY - April 24: FIELD TRIP (Daylight Saving Time)

The Field Trip includes visits to the Banding Office and a banding station: the Banding Office will be open from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. The banding station at Seth Low's farm will operate from dawn to dusk. Within the above limits each automobile will schedule its own departures and arrivals.

Breakfast: Charterhouse restaurant will be open as early as the first group wishes to be served. Sign up at the registration desk.

Lunch: You are advised to take your lunch with you. Charterhouse restaurant provides a wide choice of picnic baskets from \$1.00 to \$1.35 each - sign up at registration desk.

Gasoline: Gas will be hard to find on Sunday morning en route to Patuxent and the Lows'. Fill up prior to the banquet.

Detailed driving instructions for reaching Patuxent and the Lows' farm will be found in the envelope which you will receive when you register.

From motel to Patuxent:	26 miles - 45 minutes
Patuxent to Stony Broke:	24 miles - 45 minutes
Motel to Stony Broke:	50 miles - 90 minutes

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EVENING GROSBEAKS ON LONG ISLAND Geoffrey Gill of Huntington, L. I., writes: "For the second time since 1924, Evening Grosbeaks have visited this banding station. One appeared in December and a small flock on January 15 and 16, 1960. Never more than eleven birds were seen at one time and a few were reported in surrounding communities. On the above two days I banded 20 birds and captured one foreign banded bird. The origin of this bird has not been learned as yet."

MIST NETS

For mist nets (any quantity), order from Mrs. John Y. Dater, 259 Grove St., Ramsey, N. J. Statement that purchaser has a permit to use nets must accompany order. Price to Sustaining Members: \$2.00; to others: \$2.50. Postage must accompany all orders of less than \$5.00.