



## The President's Message

The success of the Annual Meeting was mainly due to the expert Workshop instructors - Chan Robbins, Jeff Swinebroad, Jim Baird, John Bull, Brooke Meanley, Tom Crebbs and Bert Murray who filled in for Alex Bergstrom. I'm sure everyone who attended was inspired and learned quite a bit about ageing and sexing. I know I'll never age Thrashers by eye color again.

Chris Rose set up an interesting display of traps, nets, and banding equipment at the reception on Friday night. EBBA is indebted to Robert and Russ Ford who donated three traps as a contribution to the Memorial Fund. One of these traps was used as a prize for the skin identification contest won by our new Council Member Bob Pyle. Next year we are considering holding the reception on Saturday night when more members will be present to attend. This will provide more opportunity to discuss informally mutual problems and banding techniques.

Thanks also go to Jeff Swinebroad and his hard working local committee for setting up the excellent accommodations and field trips. I'm sure some of our daughters will end up at Douglass College.

It is planned to continue the educational aspects of our Annual Meetings. Next year's theme will probably be banding projects. A newly created Education Committee has been set up under Becky Cregar's guidance to develop objectives and methods for the education of EBBA members.

Let's give all the committee chairmen and appointments listed in this issue our support and assist them by passing on to them any thoughts and suggestions we have regarding their responsibilities.

As there were so many attendance conflicts in June, we have decided to return to our April schedule. Next spring the Annual Meeting will be held at Ocean City, Maryland. Let's all start planning to attend now!

John R. Given, RFD 1, Croton Ave., Peekskill, N.Y.



FRONT COVER

Congratulations are being exchanged at the Annual Banquet between Merrill Wood, EBBA president for the past two years, and John R. Given, newly elected president of the Eastern Bird Banding Association.