



O. R. CORNER

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Once again it is time to plan one's fall banding activities. Thus many of us think of Operation Recovery, and what it will involve. Equipment must be made ready, property must be scouted, net lanes cleared of this year's vegetation, and various arrangements made. It is also a time of reviewing one's resolution of purpose - what am I doing, and why?

If, in the words of one of our English members, one's banding constitutes "ringing and slinging" on a regular basis, with nothing more gained from the experience, it seems difficult to provide an adequate answer to the "what" and "why".

One of the ways to cure that situation is to get involved in an O.R. station where an active banding program is in progress. In the course of the past year, anyone who has read these pages has had a chance to learn more about these stations and to gain some of the flavor of each one's operation. If you feel you have something to contribute, or even better, have a need to learn, and that includes most of us, contact a station leader and "offer" your help. That brings up the question of when is an "offer" not an "offer".

A genuine offer has to be made with some humility, and involves the outlook: where how how do you need me the most, if at all. Don't sally forth loaded with equipment and misdirected enthusiasm. Each station has its own rules which in most cases are dictated by experience with local conditions. Heed the advice and counseling of the station leader, so that your presence at a station constitutes an asset to the station.

It is none too early to make the necessary arrangements. Some stations are substantial operations with their 1968 plans already nearly complete. Don't wait until the last minute.

Among those stations requesting assistance this fall are the following:

Tobay - The Tobay station on Long Island, N.Y. will operate on weekends and station leader Fred Schaeffer needs help running the net lanes, weighing and measuring. Fred's aim is to process fully at least 1,000 birds. A bander-to-be who is willing to learn, or a bander who is willing to aid in the processing is sought. Operation will begin in August and run through October. For further information, please contact Frederick S. Schaeffer, 139-48 85th Drive, Jamaica, N.Y. 11435.

Kiptopeke - The Kiptopeke Beach Station in Virginia would appreciate help, particularly during the week, in September and October. Final dates have not been set yet. Kiptopeke runs on the basis that during any particular week, all those people assisting use the bands of only one person, who is in charge of the station and data collection for that week. Thus, assistance is requested on the basis that assistants, even if licensed banders, will use the bands of the bander in charge. For further information, please contact C.W. Hacker, 218 Chesterfield Road, Hampton, Virginia 23361.

Vischer Ferry - As last year, the station at Vischer Ferry, N.Y. will operate on weekends from mid-August to the end of October. This year an expansion of territory will be attempted, as a second net lane will be put to use. This, coupled with the existing netting area, provides enough space for one or two additional banders, especially during the October sparrow flights. Any bander wishing to participate in this operation must be willing and equipped to weigh, fat-class and measure all new and repeat captures. In addition, non-banders or new banders not familiar with these techniques are welcome to come and learn by assisting. For further information, please contact Robert P. Yunick, 1527 Myron St., Schenectady, N.Y. 12309.

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It is with regret that I received word recently from Fred Schaeffer that Walter Terry, who operated the Brookhaven O.R. station for a number of years, passed away in May of this year.

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