

Editor's Notes

Another year is past...seems as though it just began! This has been a good year for EBBA News. I sincerely hope, the future will find us with an even better magazine. We've fought hard to make it this good, let us hope the economic situation does not have a negative effect on our product. More manuscripts are coming in; we actually have somewhat of a backlog now. All of it is good material and in time, it shall be published in our magazine.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who helped make Volume 34 a success. Names are too many to mention. These are the names of those who've really helped beyond the call of duty:

Our advisory board members, Donald S. Heintzelman and Donald M. Cooper have been a tremendous help in promoting quality material for EBBA News. Ruth J. Rose as Circulation Manager has done a remarkable job in getting the magazine to our members on time, even when this was not always easy. Mary Schmid has given us our annual index again and this is a whale of a job. Ralph Bell presents us with an interesting column. Really, it is astonishing to hear some of the negative views toward his column sometimes...it seems disliked by some because they themselves cannot enjoy a "country life" and apparently wish those enjoying it, abandon it and join us in the cities. I gladly trade....anytime! To our Mayor, New York City might be "fun city" - to me, it is not and everytime I read the Bird-bander's Diary, I feel a pinge of jealousy.... I further thank my regional coordinators of Atlantic Flyway Review for a well done job. I wish we could only combine migration news with what we have learned by way of ageing and sexing techniques. There are others, but as I mentioned, it would take too long to mention everyone. Last but definitely not least, I thank all our members. By the fact that they've joined EBBA, they monetarily contribute to our magazine. Do you realize that if it wasn't for your annual dues, we could not have a magazine such as this? That's right!

I would like to devote the last part of this page to someone who is not even a member of EBBA....he is our printer, Mr. Edward M. Johnson. Our relationship is a special one. He does much more for our product than any other printer ever would. When I have a masthead very crooked, or have dirty fingerprints on a page, Ed will fix it up. When something because of the paper, the type, or whatever, will not come out well, he'll let me know. He keeps constantly in touch by telephone, letting me know what has been done, when something will be done etc. He even delivers EBBA News to Ruth Rose. All this, is far beyond the call of duty. His aid, in short, is invaluable. He tells me he reads EBBA News from cover to cover and especially enjoys the Diary and other features which we sometimes discuss. I would, as an officer of EBBA, like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Johnson on behalf of the officers and councillors, for his help in presenting a very fine production for so many years.

Frederick S. Schaeffer, Editor

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