

A CRITICAL POINT

Ye Editor is once more plagued by people who still do not realize that a deadline, when missed, creates not one, but several critical problems.

Let me try to explain the situation once again, to give new clarity to the problem. Let us take this issue as the example.

The deadline for this issue was MARCH FIRST. As I am typing this, it is March 4th. My appointment with the PRINTER is tomorrow. Obviously, I am not going to make it, because there are still 16 pages untyped, i.e. the scheduled material has not yet reached me (and heavens knows when they will!)

My printer renders his services for all sorts of people; large corporations, restaurants, social and civic clubs and clubs such as EBBA. He has to schedule all his jobs. When he tells me to get EBBA News to him on March 5th, that means that he will have a press free in time to do the job; if I fail him, this press will be used for another order. It is very likely that such an order may consist of 80-100,000 pieces. In other words, it will take a long time before the presses are free again, for EBBA News. Hence, EBBA News will be 20 to 30 days delayed!

After the printer is through with us, EBBA News goes to the bindery. Again, the same thing happens...we've missed the bindery slot also, so we may get delayed another 10 days before they can get to our order. Then it goes to Ruth Rose for mailing... there could be another delay, because things didn't go "on schedule" and so on.

NEW POLICY.... Any person, whose material MISSES the deadlines (see below), will NOT MAKE THE ISSUE. This applies to everyone and I regret there cannot be any deviations from this rule. What this means is, that all articles received AFTER the deadline (March 1st) will not get printed in the May issue, but in August.

The deadline is always TWO MONTHS prior to the first day of the month of issue. This boils down to the following:

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
AUGUST 1972	1 JUNE 1972
NOVEMBER 1972	1 SEPTEMBER 1972
FEBRUARY 1973	1 DECEMBER 1972
MAY 1973	1 MARCH 1973 and so forth...

Two people, recently, have written a note with their articles that if I could not accomodate their material in a certain specified issue, they would have it printed elsewhere. Let me remind persons who have similar thoughts that because of this deadline difficulty they might as well approach another magazine directly... I simply cannot honor such special requests. Sorry!

F.S. Schaeffer, Ed.

THE
PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE

By the time you read this message, my term as President of EBBA will have ended. While I am writing it, my term has quite a while to run. So I must look forward to what might still be accomplished in order to summarize in my mind what has been done during my tenure.

The obvious answer to "what has been done?" is "Plenty, but not nearly enough!" There is much left for my successor and his companions in office to work on.

Our largest and most comprehensive task has been the maintenance and growth of EBBA News. Fred Schaeffer has done a tremendous job in taking the magazine over, "cold turkey", so to speak. He plunged into the cold water of the project, weathered the shock of total immersion, and deserves the appreciation of all of us for not allowing himself to drown in the murky, eddying currents resulting from joining many tributary contributions into one stream of material of interest to all banders. He has my personal thanks for his efforts.

A committee headed by Charlie Blake has been working on revising the EBBA By-laws to make them more workable, another chore of vital import, but little noticed.

The Net Committee has been carried on by Bob Waechter and Bob Merritt. My thanks to them for their almost anonymous labors.

Herb Volker's Membership Committee has been actively soliciting and welcoming new members.

Under Will Merritt's Chairmanship, the Memorial Grant Committee has been finding the most worthy recipient for EBBA's annual stipend to a student of ornithology.

As head of the Conservation Committee, Ray Hendrick has been promoting conservation as it concerns birds.

Seldon Spencer has been carrying the load of the Education Committee entirely alone.

Our finances have been steered by Ron French and his committee. For our next annual meeting, Chris Rose and his group have been making location arrangements.

Production of our annual meeting has been directed by Jeff Swinebroad. Too few of us realize the magnitude of this particular job.

Bob Yunick has been in charge of the Publication Committee. This committee functions as an advisory board to the EBBA Editor.

While not a committee of EBBA, the Banding Summary compiled by Bob Pyle is a major undertaking deserving of credit.

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Ed Reed has been carrying the AMFO Project, while Roy Frock's Auditing Committee has been checking our accounts.

Secretary Dottie Foy and Treasurer Dave Corkran have been hard at work during their terms.

Last but not least, Gale Goldbeck's Nominating Committee saw to it that at least one slate of candidates for officers and councillors in 1972 was presented to the annual meeting.

The people not mentioned who have been working on behalf of EBBA have just as much of my personal gratitude as the ones I have listed.

All EBBA Members must surely join me in saying "Thanks". To the new administration: my most sincere best wishes.

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RAPTOR BANDERS-ORGANIZE!

Anyone interested in information about an organization for raptor banders, please call or drop a card to the following organizers:

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7800 Dasset Court
Apartment 101
Annandale, Va. 22003

703- 941-5324

ROBERT WILSON
Clover Lane
Dover,
New Jersey 07801

201- 895-2259

A questionnaire will be sent to you by return mail.

We want to know what raptor banders want from such an organization before we proceed. Possibilities at present are to set up a separate organization, establish a raptor banding suborganization, or drop the idea completely if no one is interested.

The purpose of such an organization would be the interchange of information on raptor trapping techniques, results, and studies. Also a raptor banding ethic will be established through editorials and article content.

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FIRE ISLAND RESEARCH STATION (Paul A. Buckley)

Fire Island Research Station (FIRS) founded on 1 September 1969, operates on a year-around basis. This report covers a four months period from 24 July to 26 November, 1971. During this period, 10,659 birds of 122 species were banded, as follows:

AUG. (17 days)*- 1443 birds of 68 spp., in 2910.25 net hrs (0.5 b. per nh)
SEP. (16 days) - 2363 birds of 90 spp., in 3506.25 net hrs (0.7 b. per nh)
OCT. (16 days) - 5760 birds of 75 spp., in 1976.25 net hrs (3.0 b. per nh)
NOV. (10 days) - 1093 birds of 40 spp., in 1274.50 net hrs (0.9 b. per nh)
(59 days) 10659 birds of 122spp., in 9667.25 net hrs (1.1 b. per nh)

Seven species were added to the station list in 1971: Golden-winged Warbler, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Least Sandpiper, Sanderling, Barn Owl, Common Snipe, and Oregon Junco. The station list now stands at 156 spp., banded.

Two stations were in operation (about 1/3rd of the total number of days, they were in operating, simultaneously), east and west of the USCG Lighthouse. The two habitats are very different and serve to detect habitat preferences by the migrants. For the purpose of this summary, however, the data are lumped together. Listed below, are our 20 most numerous birds; these 20 account for 8465 out of 10659 birds (80%). Percentages listed in the table are based on the entire period total.

Myrtle Warbler	3838 (36%)	Junco	280 (3%)	Song Sparrow	159(1%)
Gold-cr. Kinglet	633 (6%)	Ruby-cr. Kinglet	219 (2%)	N.Waterthr.	149(1%)
Goldfinch	387 (4%)	Flicker	209 (2%)	Blackpoll W.	146(1%)
Redstart	379 (4%)	Red-eyed Vireo	199 (2%)	Yellow Warb.	144(1%)
Yellowthroat	331 (3%)	Brown Creeper	185 (2%)	Palm Warbler	143(1%)
Cape May Warbler	310 (3%)	Pine Siskin	174 (2%)	Robin	122(1%)
Barn Swallow	295 (3%)	Catbird	163 (2%)		

Heaviest days within each month were as follows:

8 August:	29 species,	152 individuals
15 August:	27 "	146 "
21 August:	37 "	294 "
22 August:	35 "	206 "
29 August:	37 "	149 "
6 September:	51 "	603 "
25 September:	52 "	393 "
8 October:	49 "	1111 "
9 October:	45 "	929 "
16 October:	43 "	546 "
13 November:	19 "	202 "
14 November:	22 "	113 "

(*) Incl. 24 July