

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS....! I have been informed that only 477 of our members have renewed. This number does not include the 49 Life Members. EBBA membership runs from January through December. All new members will receive back issues to cover this period.

We would appreciate your help and cooperation by responding to the first dues notices mailing in order to reduce the work of the Treasurer and the Circulation Manager as well as the additional drain on our funds for second notices. Remember, it takes the support of two regular members, to pay for ONE PAGE of EBBA NEWS. Traditionally, the Editor is dedicated to producing an average of 280 pages of ornithological information for us each year.

Along these lines--be sure you let our Editor know of your support of his effort, in one of two ways:

1. A short note or card to let him know how you feel about the type of material "going to press", or "I would like to see more articles on _____."
2. An article about your observations, experiences or the methods you employ in your banding, or "PRACTICAL" information!...Fred is deluged right now with a backlog of between 20-30 technical or research papers. (This is not the Editor's making but rather--a sudden surge, reflecting the amount of research and emphasis on environmental concern. This "backlog" of technical materials will greatly formalize our journal.)

In behalf of your Editor and in response to the concerns I have overheard from the Bird Banding Laboratory - PLEASE - let's hear from the BACKYARD BANDERS!!! Your information and data is absolutely essential to appraise the impact the "urban sprawl" is having on the environment. Animal life requires FOUR items for SURVIVAL:

1. Food
2. Living Space
3. Cover
4. Water

What are your observations as to what the "urban sprawl" is doing to these ANIMAL NEEDS FOR LIFE? Wildlife - all wildlife, is experiencing stiff competition from MAN, the DOMINANT SPECIES.

Birds, with their unique metabolism - very quickly reflect the variations and changes in OUR HABITAT...so what are some of the practical problems you are facing in carrying out your work? How do you manage them? In all the stress and strain of living and banding - isn't there one "light moment" you can share with us - so we can chuckle with you? Let's deluge our Editor with a "backlog" of informal articles to work in with the formal items he has on file.

At the Annual Meeting and Workshop in Wheeling, the Council approved in principle a merger of EBBA and WBBA (Western Bird Banding Association) Journals under one cover. (More)

President's Message, continued...

The initial intent was to double the volume of information while reducing publishing costs for both associations. There still remains a number of functional details which must be resolved before the project becomes viable. Chief among these is holding the cost down on such a venture, coordinating the efforts of the Editors and the Journal format. For those of you who are unfamiliar, WBBA publishes an 8½"x11" journal. I note, that EBBA converted from this larger size to its present format 6½"x8½" "shelf" format around 1951.

EBBA has a great deal to contribute to this merger! We have the considerable experience of Ed Johnson, our publisher. Ed has been producing EBBA NEWS for the past 19 years, working with three Editors during this period.

Most important, Fred Schaeffer has accepted the mandate of the Council...to carry on his fine work as Editor! Fred has done most of the preliminary "fact gathering" on the GJJ (Great Journal Joining) to date. An even greater task and responsibility falls to him if the merger of Journals is to become a reality.

....Your suggestions, comments and support are essential.

Christopher N. Rose, President, 98 Lopez Road, Cedar Grove, N.J.07009

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We welcome on our Staff, Mr. Robert J. Pantle. Bob has accepted the post of ADVERTISING MANAGER and he will manage all the affairs dealing with revenue producing advertising under the direction of the Editor, the Publications Committee and Council. His address: 35 Logan Hill Road, R.D. #1, Candor, N.Y. 13743.

Further, we welcome Robert C. Dewire. Bob Dewire is not new to EBBA NEWS. He has been, and will continue to coordinate one of the AFR regions for us. His new duties are on our newly established Editorial Board. The post of Co-Editor has been abolished in preparation for the GJJ. Mr. Harvey Farber has also joined the Editorial Board. Other appointments to this Board are still pending.

Editor

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EBBA's 53rd Annual Meeting will be held jointly with NEBBA the second weekend in April 1976 (April 9-11) at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland, just outside of Washington D.C. The center's food service, meeting rooms and accommodations are adequate for all. Tentative plans include field trips, workshop and paper sessions. Friday: Open house and your of Bird Banding Laboratory and Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. Open House Bird Banding Lab. only on Sunday. Bi-centennial activities will be going on in the Washington area.

SPECIAL mailing with registration forms and details will be mailed the first week in January 1976 to all members of EBBA & NEBBA.