

EBBA-NEBBA Joint Annual Meeting

Frost Valley YMCA Conference Center in the Catskill Mountains Oliverea, NY 16-18 April 1982

Although both council meetings were scheduled for Friday afternoon, they ran over into the evening program. All those not involved in handling the affairs of council were treated to a fine program, "Ecology of the Red-cockaded Woodpecker," presented by the Editor of NEBBA's *Journal of Field Ornithology*, Jerome A. Jackson of Mississippi State, Mississippi.

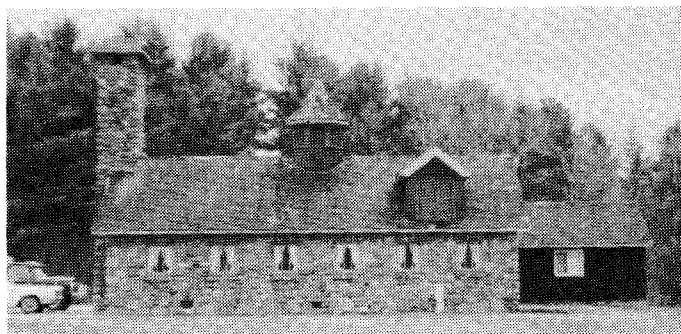
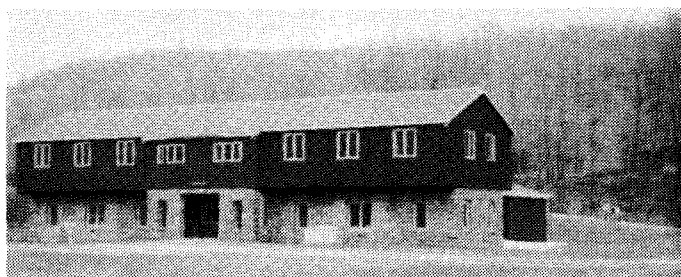
After an early morning bird walk on Saturday, several workshops were presented before breakfast, although the weather was cold and damp. Jim Covert demonstrated "netting and processing birds," Bob Pantle demonstrated "trapping and processing birds," and Bob Yunick led a workshop on "maintaining and taking down nets."

Various workshops were presented after breakfast. Jim Covert continued the netting and processing demonstrations throughout the morning; Bob Pantle presented another session on trap construction and use; Peter Nye of the NYS-DEC presented a demonstration of capture and use of radio telemetry equipment on the wintering Bald Eagles in NYS; Bob Yunick presented a session on record taking and record keeping; Chan Robbins presented a session on linear regression: what it means and how to use it; Jeff Spindelov presented suggestions for small-scale summer projects and banding demonstrations; Jerry Jackson presented a clinic on manuscript writing; Gerald & Grace Lieberman of RARE presented a session on migratory birds in danger: how resource education in the tropics can help.

Setting up, maintaining, and taking down nets was continued in the mid-morning session in addition to a photography-in-the-field session given by Walt Protzman and Bob Pantle and a demonstration of the firing of rocket nets used in the capture of flocking birds and Bald Eagles by Peter Nye.

The Annual Meeting was held late Saturday morning. A major item of business reported from the council meeting was that IBBA had asked to become a partner in issuing *North American Bird Bander*, under the same type of agreement that EBBA & WBBA now have. EBBA council, as well as WBBA, has agreed to this merger — one step nearer being the bird banding journal of all North America.

President, Valerie Freer, urged every one, even if they did not expect to participate, to return the questionnaire from Point Reyes Bird Observatory regarding *Banding Data Analysis* (see M-TAB 45, 31 July 1981).



Noted, with regret, was the passing of Charles Blake, Sam Tipton and John Kennard.

Walter K. Bigger and Mabel Warburton were named as Honorary Members in recognition of their long years of service to the organization.

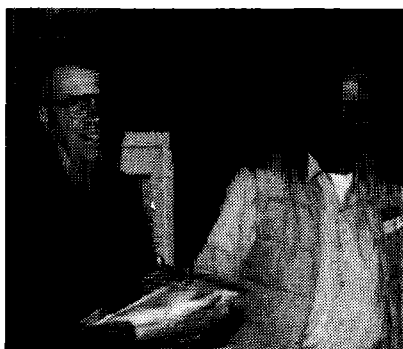
Our treasurer noted to council that there were some additional monies in the Memorial Grant Interest Fund and that more than one grant could be awarded. Since this was not known beforehand, the only recipient noted at the meeting was Opal H. Dakin. A more complete report is presented elsewhere this issue.

Editor Mutchler spoke briefly about some of the problems NABB has encountered during the past year and announced that "Manuscript Instructions to Writers" is now available. This may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, 20 cent stamped, 4 x 9¼ envelope to the editor.

Four past-presidents were in attendance: Becky Cregar, Bob Pantle, Bob Yunick, and Chris Rose.

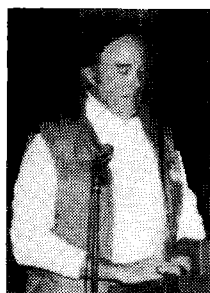
The slate of officers for 1982 was presented, with Hannah Suthers taking over the Presidency. The Vice-Presidents moved up one step, with Charl Warburton becoming the new 3rd VP. Lynn Hiller was elected to replace Margaret Donald as Secretary. The slate of councillors with their terms expiring in 1985 are: Mary Clench, FL; Robert Pantle, NY; Helen Lapham, NY; and Alfred Dufty, NY. Frederic Scott, VA was elected to fill the vacancy of Charl Warburton. Donald Mease, Treasurer, and Mickie Mutchler, Editor, will remain in office for the next year.

George Jonkel of the BBL presented an interesting program on Brazil's Bird Banding Program.

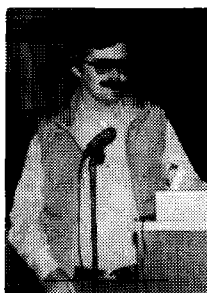


L: Chandler Robbins
R: George Jonkel
Bird Banding Laboratory

L: Mabel Warburton
R: Hannah Suthers
EBBA President



Speakers
L: Charles Collins
R: Jerome Jackson



Setting up aerial net, L to R: Seth Benz, Tom Mutchler, Elaine Mease, Ken Clark.

Photos courtesy of Paul Jeheber

The afternoon paper session, chaired by Robert Sagar, opened with a report from BBL given by George Jonkel. The papers given were:

Leonard J. Soucy Jr., "A study of the Barn Owl in northern New Jersey"

Jeffrey A. Spindel, "Increased Roseate Tern reproductive success via habitat modification" or "How to get a good Ternout"

Hannah B. Suthers, "Ground feeding migratory birds as Slime Mold distribution vectors"

David W. Johnston, "Ecological analysis of a long term breeding bird community"

Bob Pantle, "Analysis of capture and recapture data on Black-capped Chickadees"

Peter Nye, "The Bald Eagle in New York: past, present & future"

An exciting evening program was presented by Charles T. Collins, President of WBBA from Long Beach, CA entitled "Field studies of tropical swifts: A bander in Paradise."

100 members of EBBA were registered: 23 from NY, 18 NJ, 20 PA, 11 MD, 11 MA, 7 CT, 1 each from Maine, New Hampshire, North Carolina, & California + 5 from unknown states. Many members holding dual memberships in EBBA & NEBBA were registered in with NEBBA.

Displays:

A tricky bird quiz was presented by Dr. David Johnston. The winner was Wayne Peterson. Allan Lubchansky received an encouragement prize.

A display of actual bird parts coordinated with the BBL Banding Guide Part II "Ageing/Sexing Selected Species" was exhibited. This is a display that should be in hand at every bird meeting. The display was put together by Kathy Klimkiewicz, BBL Biologist, and was the most worthwhile display seen in a long time. It is to be hoped that this display will be available at our next meeting, for there is much to learn from it.

Several banders brought equipment ideas they wished to share with others: Edith Andrews brought in an exhibit of a "drip method for attracting birds;" Don & Elaine Mease shared information on their aerial netting poles; Tom Mutchler brought a woodpecker trap which he modified from a Potter trap; and Bob Pantle shared his ideas on net poles. Other than the Mease nets already described (NABB 4: 138), the equipment information appears in this issue.

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