

York Area Pet Bird Club

April 2011

NEXT MEETING: April 19 2011

Adams Elec. Co-Op @ 200 Trinity Rd. York PA 17408

Mission Statement: "YAPBC Dedicated to Teaching the Care, Sharing the Knowledge and Telling of the Love and Joy of Pet Birds"

President's Message

Hello Bird Lovers,

We learned a lot from last month's guest speaker from the York County Audubon Society and we have more great speakers lined up throughout the coming year. So watch the newsletter for those dates and be sure to mark them on your calendar.

Later this fall we are planning a car pool road trip. More information on this trip will follow at a later date. We are also planning a bus trip in the fall to the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. The date for the trip is Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011. As on all previous bus trips, seating will be on a first come first serve basis. So if you would like to join us, please call Kim Aldinger at (717) 683-4707 or e-mail her at yapbcpresssecretary@comcast.net and let her know. She has reserved a 55 passenger motor coach which would make the cost per person \$22.00

It was great to see Dot at our meeting last month. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her as she moves to Autumn House. This month's meeting should be filled with lots of info from the club members that I gave homework to. The meeting topic will be on bird enrichment. Also remember that we have an outreach in May at the 4-H center in Bair's Station. Call Barry to sign up to either bring your bird and/or give a small informational talk.

Membership is down. Remember that without you we will not have a club, so please pay your dues and bring a friend to the meeting. If you bring someone you get a small thank you gift, and if that person joins the club you will receive a gift and you will be entered in the end of the year drawing as well. If you have not paid your 2011 dues, you will be getting a call from Shirley or Gary to find out if there is a problem that we can all work on to get you back.

On an end note, if you know of any speakers you would like to have at the meetings, please let me know and I will try to get them in.

Like I have been saying, without you we would not have a Pet Bird Club, so thank you to everyone who has paid and has joined the club.

Your President,

Randy Grove

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YORK Area Pet Bird Club Minutes –March 15, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. All members present received newsletter ok. Correction to minutes regarding membership cards – incorrectly stated in minutes as business cards – Correction moved and seconded. Treasurers report moved and seconded to be approved as presented. Members & guests welcomed.

Tonight's program is presented by the Education Chairperson of the York Audubon Society, Ben Leese. His presentation included the benefits of a healthy habitat for wildlife including food, water, shelter, and a pollution free environment. He also discussed ways to improve existing habitats by planting trees, specifically oaks, providing new water sources, encouraging the growth of native species of plants, providing brush piles on your property,

And also leaving some areas to grow without cutting or pruning. He also shared with us the many species of birds which are common in our area throughout the year, starting in January with the owls through December with the juncos. Another suggestion for those who are bird watchers was to travel to Wagner's Gap on Route 74 in the fall to observe large bird migrations, including many birds of prey. Our thanks to Mr. Leese for a very informative presentation.

Under old business – Shirley Rentzel contacted some past members regarding their attendance to the meetings and was able to encourage two membership renewals.

Those members who were assigned homework for the April meeting were reminded of their upcoming participation.

Under new business – a date of September 25, 2011 was chosen as a possible date for a bus trip to the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. Kim Aldinger will be making the arrangements for the trip, a date will be confirmed when arrangements are made. This bus trip will be open to anyone who cares to go, not limited to club members.

August 27th, 2011 was chosen as a possible date for club members to car pool to Wagners Gap. for bird watching. Randy Grove will check into what the facilities are at the site and organize the details for those who wish to participate. Our speaker, Ben Leese suggested this trip, and indicated it was a very pleasant experience and good location for the club to carpool and spend the day.

Members are encouraged to sign up for refreshments and let Shirley Rentzel know ahead of the meeting what items you can provide. Our thanks to Shirley for taking care of the refreshment detail.

There were 18 members and guests present for this meeting

Minutes respectfully submitted

Barry B. Berlin, Secretary

YAPBC Event Schedule

2011 Officers and Appointed Positions

President: Randy Grove
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March (3/15/11) Speaker from the York Audubon Society

April (4/19/11) YAPBC members giving a talk on bird enrichment

May (5/17/11)

June (6/21/11) Robin Shewokis

July (7/19/11)

August (8/16/11)

September (9/20/11)

October (10/18/11)

November (11/15/11)

December (12/?/11) Christmas party

Veterinarians in the YABPC Area

The following is a list of vets whose services have been satisfactorily used by club members. Our membership is widely spread throughout Pennsylvania and Maryland and we hope this list will be of assistance to you, should your bird be in need of well-visit or emergency care.

Ani-Care Animal Hospital

Randon Feinsod, DVM
2740 S. Queen St.
Dallastown, PA 17313
(717)741-1320
Fax (717) 747-1462

Carlisle Small Animal Veterinary Clinic

Dr. Curt Barnett, DVM
Dr. Pamela Jennings, VMD
25 Shady Lane, Carlisle, PA 17013
(717) 243-2717
Hours: M - Thurs (9am - 7pm); Fri. (9am - 5pm);
Sat. (9 am - 12pm)

Community Animal Hospital

400 S. Pine St., York, PA 17403
(717) 845-5669
Hours: M - F (7am - 6:30pm); Sat. (8am - 2pm)

Feather, Scales & Tails

Dr. Thomas Ryan, DVM-ABVP-Av.
Dr Heather Bowles, DVM ABVP Dipl. Avian
330 - 140 Village Rd., Fairground Village
Westminster, MD 21157
(410) 876-2044
Hours: M - F (8am - 7pm); Sat. (8am - noon)

Fallston Veterinary Clinic

Dr. Donald Zantop, DVM ABVP Dipl. Avian
Dr. Beth Rodney, DVM
Dr. Vivian Ho, DVM
2615 Belair Rd., Fallston, MD 21047
(410) 877-1727
Hours: M - F (7am - 6:30pm); Sat. (7:30am - noon)

Smoketown Veterinary Hospital

Dr. John Hall, DVM
2497 Old Philadelphia Pike, Smoketown, PA 17576
(717) 394-5542
Hours: M - Th (7am - 8pm, Fri. 7am - 6pm); Sat.
(7am - noon)

Waynesboro Veterinary Clinic

Dr. Deanna M. Becker, DVM
29A Philadelphia Ave., Waynesboro, PA 17268
(717) 762-0221
Hours: M, T, Th, & Fri. (8am - 6pm); Wed. (8am -
6pm); Sat. (9am - noon)

Disclaimer:

The YAPBC does not promote or endorse any vet or business listed on this page. These listings are merely for your benefit in seeking medical care for your bird(s).

Members Discounts

The following businesses offer a discount to YAPBC members. Present your membership card at time of purchase.

All About Pets - (717) 244-4099

2953 Cape Horn Rd., Red Lion PA 17356
10% off most store items

Birds of a Feather - (877) 406-2313

1514 E. Chocolate Ave. Hershey, PA 17033
10% off to YAPBC members

Feathered Fitness - (717) 792-4885

4085 W. Market St., York PA. 17404
www.featheredfitness.com
10 % off, Excluding birds
(orders must be received by phone or e-mail for discounts).

Graham's Parrot Toy Creations - (717) 424-2318

www.grahamsparrotoycreations.com
10 % discount to all bird club members
(orders must be received by phone or e-mail for discounts).

Pet Tails - (717) 285-2494

3695 Marietta Ave., Silver Springs, PA 17575
10% off bird items

Petco - (717) 699-2825

905 Loucks Rd., York, PA
10% off bird related merchandise, excluding birds

Pets N You (717)246-1981

673 Lombard Rd., Red Lion, PA. 17356
at Rout 24 in Cape Horn Square next to Weis
You have to fill out a card for them to put in their computer and then you will be able to receive a discount.

PJ'S Pet Shop - (717) 664-3446

109 Doe Run Rd., Manheim, PA. 17545
10% off bird items

Rentzel's Bird Farm - (717) 246-7708

2241 Craley Rd., Windsor, PA 17366
10% off excluding birds

TacoBird, Inc. - (301) 498-3543 or (301) 9227713

Cheshire Court Jessup, MD 20794
www.tacobird.com
10% off bird items

Village Pet Shop - (717) 637-1734

1150 Carlisle St., Hanover, PA
10% of

York Pet Supply - (717) 741-1751

Pauline Dr., York PA
10% off most store items
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How to Find a Avian Veterinarian

By Don J. Harris, DVM

One of the first responsibilities you have as a pet owner is obtaining quality medical care for your bird. The process of finding a qualified veterinarian, who is educated, trained and experienced in treating birds, is often more difficult than you initially might think. Perseverance and some good common sense on your part can result in finding a veterinarian who is skilled in treating your bird.

Here are some methods you can use.

Yellow Pages While this may be the easiest method, an ad in the yellow pages does not necessarily qualify the practitioner to treat your bird. The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) allows the term “specialist” by only those veterinarians who have fulfilled certain defined criteria in that specialty. Beyond that, yellow page ads can reflect marketing skills more than veterinary competence.

Association Rosters Many pet owners check association rosters for qualified veterinarians. For example, the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP) is a veterinary certifying organization that requires its members to prove competence in order to belong. Within ABVP, there is the “Avian Practice” category of specialization. Veterinarians who complete this certification process are recognized by the AVMA as true specialists. These individuals are identified by the title ABVP, Avian Practice, DVM behind their names. Generally, bird owners can trust these practitioners to provide competent care for their birds.

Pet Suppliers’ Recommendations Pet retail stores or breeders will often recommend a veterinarian they work with on a regular basis. Their recommendations may be based on positive experiences with this particular veterinarian’s care and treatment. On the other hand, pet suppliers occasionally have relationships with veterinarians based on discounted services in exchange for referrals. While this

business relationship is not in itself bad, bird owners should be advised to verify the veterinarian’s credentials.

Word-of-Mouth Recommendations This is one of the best ways of finding a competent avian veterinarian. If a veterinarian’s own clients are making recommendations, there must be a reason why. Unfortunately, these personal recommendations are not always available, especially if you recently moved into the area and don’t know anyone to ask.

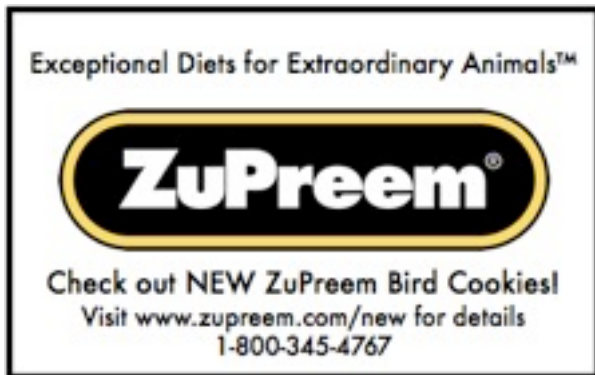
Colleague Recommendations This is probably the best and most consistently reliable method, but it demands a little sleuthing on your part. Here are the steps you can follow:

- Identify and call veterinarians in the yellow pages who DO NOT claim to be avian specialists.
- Call to ask if they will see your bird. If they agree, thank them and move on.
- If they decline, ask whom they would recommend.
- Continue this process until you get enough answers to form a consensus.

The veterinarian whose name was recommended the most often is the veterinarian most recognized by his colleagues for competence with exotic birds.

Congratulations! Through hard work and some common sense, you may have found just the right veterinarian for you and your bird.

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4:00 p.m. Admission: Children 9 and under free, Adults \$6.00

September 11, 2011: Toledo, OH – Exotic Bird Fair Expo, Lucas County Fairgrounds, 1406 Key Street, Maumee, Ohio 43537 10 – 4 p.m Adults \$3.00, children under 9 are free.

September 25, 2011: **Medina, OH - Exotic Bird Fair Expo**, Medina Fairgrounds 735 West Layfayette Road. 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. Adult Admission \$3.00 For more information contact Rus at (419)685-2412

October 29, 2011 Chester County Bird Show and Mart at the School of Church Farm on Business Route 30 in Exton, PA from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

April 17, 2011: Pittsburgh, PA – Exotic Bird Fair and Expo, Circleville Volunteer Fire Department, 129 North Robbins Station Road (off RT 30), North Huntingdon, PA 15642. Expo hours are 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 per person, children 9 yrs and under free.

May 14 and 15, 2011: Bird Clubs of Virginia 27th Annual Convention and Bird Mart. More info to follow.

May 15, 2011: Toledo, OH – Exotic Bird Fair Expo, Lucas County Fairgrounds, 1406 Key Street, Maumee, Ohio 43537. 10 – 4 p.m. Adults \$3.00, children under 9 are free.

May 22, 2011: **Medina, OH - Exotic Bird Fair Expo**, Medina Fairgrounds 735 West Layfayette Road. 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. Adult Admission \$3.00 For more information contact Rus at (419)685-2412

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August 27 and 28, 2011: Philadelphia, PA – Exotic Bird Fair and Expo, Kings Catering, 4010 New Falls Road, Bristol, PA 19007. Show times are as follows: Saturday – 10:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday – 10:00 to

CASEY JONES and THE AIRPORT SECURITY GUARDS

By Chet Fuhrman

My wife, Joyce and I very carefully prepared for our trip to Minnesota; we had the airline reservations for months. We also had a reservation and the required health certificate for Casey Jones, our ten year old Congo, African Grey. It was good thing we were at the airport two hours early, because getting the "excess baggage" ticket for Casey took forever. After checking two bags, we carried everything needed for the next two days up the escalator to the "security area". Three of the four "carry on bags" were placed on the X-ray machine conveyor belt, when the guard told us, "The bird's carrier must go thru the X-ray machine". Of course we took Casey Jones out of the carrier, then walked thru the metal detector. When we got to our bags on the other side, a very large guard was standing there with his right hand just above his very large gun. He said, "I need you to open this bag for me"- as another guard went to the phone. He claimed, "We must make sure the airport people know you are carrying a bird on the plane". I smiled because I knew there was some weird looking stuff in that bag. I began unloading the contents and the guard said, "I need to know what that thing is right there". I pulled out Casey's concrete perch, took it out of the zip lock bag and handed it to the guard. It is about 1.5" in diameter, 9" long and had washers and a big wing nut on one end. It may have looked like a pipe bomb in the X-ray machine. Now we realized we were surrounded by five armed guards. The first officer said he never heard of anything like that before. I explained that it was Casey's favorite perch and could help keep his toenails trimmed. I explained further that we were going to do a program for The Minnesota Companion Bird Association and Casey Jones was the star of the show. Since we would be staying at a friend's house for five days, we wanted to make Casey as comfortable as possible by taking along his favorite toys and perch. The other weird looking stuff would be used when Casey did his tricks during the program.

Joyce was holding Casey during this whole episode - and of course, the whole world was watching. I mean, NOBODY was going thru this security station. Then - one guard (a lady) asked, does he talk? What kind of tricks does he do? We put on a mini trick bird show right there - in the ONLY security station in the airport. Suddenly, we all realized that the area between the top of the escalator and the security station was FULL - people were having a hard time getting off the escalator. The security people all laughed, thanked us and decided they should go back to work.

We packed everything back in the bag and laughed all the way to the waiting area for our plane. We never get bored when we have Casey Jones around. My little ham travels very well.

(May 2000)



York Area Pet Bird Club 2010 Membership Form

Please send this form and a check
(made payable to YAPBC) to:

Joan Russin
4129 Greywood Drive
York, PA 17402



Date Rcvd: _____
Card Rcvd: _____
Entered: _____
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REQUIRED INFORMATION:

Member(s) Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Do you want your phone number kept unlisted?

Yes No

OPTIONAL INFORMATION:

If you have a computer, please list your E-mail address:

What type and how many birds do you own?

Do you breed any of your birds?

What activities would you like to see our club do?

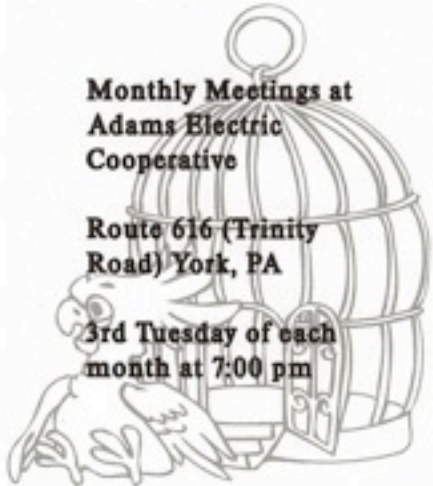
What information do you want or enjoy in the newsletters?

Additional Comments:

**Monthly Meetings at
Adams Electric
Cooperative**

**Route 616 (Trinity
Road) York, PA**

**3rd Tuesday of each
month at 7:00 pm**



Please circle one of the amounts
below:

All Previous Members Membership Plan				
Regular Single \$15				
Family (2 or more people) \$20				
New Members Only Plan				
	Jan., Feb., March	April, May, June	July, August, Sept.	Oct., Nov.
Regular Single	\$15	\$13	\$11	\$9
Family (2 or more people)	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14

York Area Pet Bird Club
Eugene Shue
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(Return Service Requested)

Meeting starts promptly at 7 pm in the meeting room of the
Adams Electric Co-op located on Rte 616 South off of Rte 30 West.
200 Trinity Rd.

Please be considerate and turn all cell phones off during the meeting.



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