

York Area Pet Bird Club

March 2011

NEXT MEETING: March 15 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

March 2011

Hello to all bird lovers! I just want to say that I think we had a great first meeting. Our March meeting will feature a speaker from the York Audubon Society, so I hope to see a lot more people at this meeting. YAPBC member, Joan Russin, has been able to line up Robin Shewokis to speak at our June meeting so be sure to mark that date on your calendar.

To those members who do not know, Dot Anderson is in the hospital and we hope that she gets well soon. Our meetings are not the same without her.

In an effort to get more members to attend our meetings, I am starting something new. Here is how it will work - we will put the names of all YAPBC members in a box and draw a name. If that person is present at the meeting, they will receive \$5.00. If that member is not at the meeting, the money gets put back into the till until the next meeting and it builds up to \$25.00. So if you want some extra cash, come to the meeting and have some fun learning about our feathered companions. Also for the members who no longer attend, you may get a phone call from the membership committee to find what we might do to get you to attend again. If you are called, please speak your mind and let them know.

It will soon be time to do our community out reaches again. We will be having one on May 9, 2011 at 6:45pm at the 4H center. Please contact our club secretary, Barry Berlin, for more information or to sign up to show off your bird(s) and to give a small talk.

April's meeting will feature YAPBC members giving a talk on bird enrichment. I assigned "homework" to some of the members that were at the February meeting so plan on joining us to learn about ways to make your bird happy. And if anyone has anything that they would like to see or do at the meetings or know of a speaker, please feel free to contact me with all suggestions.

YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF YOUR PET BIRD CLUB IS GREATLY APPRECIATED AND WELCOMED BY ALL.

YOUR PRESIDENT,

Randy Grove

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YAPBC Minutes – 02-15-11

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Secretary's and Treasurer's report were approved as presented

Regarding the possible change of location for the monthly meeting, Country Meadows is not a possibility because the birds would all be required to have health certificates.

A motion was made to hold a trial run meeting at the Seven Valleys Fire Hall – we would be allowed to bring birds. The motion was moved and seconded. Randy will announce a date for this trial run meeting, once the details are worked out.

Regarding a membership raffle as a way to entice members to attend the meeting, the suggestion was made by Randy to place all current members names into a pot for a drawing.

One name is drawn and if that member is present, they would win \$5.00. If they are not present, the pot would hold till the next meeting and another name would be drawn. The maximum amount of money in the pot would never exceed \$25.00, at which point the process would begin again at the next meeting. The funding for this raffle would be drawn from proceeds collected in the 50/50 raffle.

This raffle was moved and seconded.

Shirley Rentzel & Gary White will be contacting members, past & present, to find out why they have not been attending meetings. The hope for these contacts is to discover what problems may exist that we can remedy.

The YAPBC will be doing an outreach event at the 4-H center in on May 9th at 6:545 pm.

Our hope is to reach the young people in York county and surrounding areas who are bird owners, but are not aware of our club. In past YAPBC meetings there were concerns voiced about the need not only for new members, but also for young people to get involved with us to insure the continuance of the club. Members are encouraged to bring a bird to this event

And/or give a 5 minute presentation on one of 6 or 7 topics. There is a sign up sheet, both for the short talks and also to let us know if you can bring a bird that you would be able to say a few words about. Contact Barry Berlin with questions. Sign up sheets will be available at the March and April meetings. There will NOT be any poultry present at this event.

Randy suggested several ideas for future meetings, including toy making, yard sale, toy swap, And also requested ideas from the membership.

Shirley Rentzel will be bringing refreshments to the meeting in the future. If members are able to help by providing food items or drinks, please contact Shirley ahead of time to let her know what you are bringing.

Tri Folds about YAPBC are needed for future events, Gary White will check into the cost of production of the trifolds. Shirley Rentzel will be checking into the cost of having business cards printed for the club.

Business Card advertising in the newsletter is available at the cost of \$50.00 for a one year time period. These cards will appear in every newsletter , running until the time period has expired.

Robin Shawokis will be doing a presentation at a future club meeting. The **membership moved** and seconded the cost of this presentation at \$450.00. She will be speaking on Behavioral Issues and Foraging strategies.

Membership discussed the gift exchange with Hawaii club and future participation., Kim Aldinger will be handling all correspondence pertaining to this event.

Some members were given homework folders to help them prepare for a brief presentation at the April meeting. The evening concluded with refreshments and birdie bingo.

There were 17 people present for this meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Barry Berlin, Secretary

SUNSET AND THE COKE FLOAT

By Chet Fuhrman

One beautiful, calm, summer evening, I came home with two (blue) berry-raspberry Coke Floats. I then proceeded to take Casey Jones, my Congo African Grey; Celeste, my Blue and Gold Macaw and Sierra, my Greenwing Macaw - out on the front porch to watch the sunset. My wife, Joyce, finished her phone conversation, then came out to join us.

Casey Jones was on my left shoulder, Celeste on my left arm, the Coke Float in my left hand and Sierra was setting on my right leg. I proceeded to try to get some ice cream out of the cup with that spoon/straw thing they give you. Sierra was leaning toward me, softly saying "here, here" because he 'wanted some'. Casey was saying "UUUUUMM good,UUUUUUUUMM good" and Celeste was saying "GOOOoodd, GOOOOoodd, because they all 'wanted some', too.

Joyce walked out on the porch just in time to see Casey lean WAAAAYY down and flip the top off of the container. Everything that was above the rim of the cup fell out. It ran down my arm, over the chair and onto the porch floor. Joyce almost dropped her Coke Float laughing at us. Casey was trying to get some before it all ran off of my arm. Celeste was yelling at him because he was too close to her. Her feet were all wet and sticky and she didn't like that. Sierra was still saying "Here, here - - here, here". We got some paper towels and cleaned up the most of the mess, finished the Coke Floats - and washed off the birds feet - just as the sun went down. I hosed off the chair, the porch floor and my arm. Yes, the birds did get a little ice cream and they were happy; but what a stickey blue mess. We never get bored!

4/28/02

Membership Renewals

It is now time to renew your YAPBC membership if you have not already done so. If you found a foil star on your address label it means this will be your last newsletter. It's not too late to keep your membership in good standing. You can pay at the meeting or send a check and membership form at the end of this letter to:

Joan Russin
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York PA. 17402

2011 Officers and Appointed Positions

President: Randy Grove

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YAPBC Event Schedule

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

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2011 dues are due now. use the form at the end of this newsletter to sign up.

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)

East York Veterinary Center

Dr. Valerie Miller, DVM
1997 Industrial Highway, York, PA 17402
(717) 840-1025
Hours: M - F (8am - 8pm); Sat. (9am - 1pm)

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).

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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.grahamsparrottoycreations.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 Manage Your Bird's Excessive Territoriality

By Liz Wilson,CVT

In the wild, a parrot's territorial instinct is extremely strong, because he must protect his territory from invasion. You may also see this territoriality in action in your companion bird. When your bird drives everyone away from his turf, he is exhibiting excessive territoriality, and if unchecked, this behavior can become a serious problem that threatens your bird's future as a companion animal.

Some bird enthusiasts feel parrots should be allowed to be territorial around their cages, but most behavior consultants disagree. It is also not fair to assume that your bird must be at your every beck and call, coming out for interaction whenever it suits your schedule. Just as children are allowed privacy in their own rooms, parrots should have the right to decline human interaction. Experienced caretakers recognize this through careful observation of psittacine body language, and they respect a bird's privacy by not approaching during these times.

Excessively territorial companion parrots act like they outrank everyone in their flocks. To resolve this misunderstanding, you should establish nonaggressive controls by patterning your bird to respond to simple commands like "up" and "down." Daily training sessions should happen in a neutral room, or in an area the bird doesn't consider his own, and on a neutral perch such as the back of a chair.

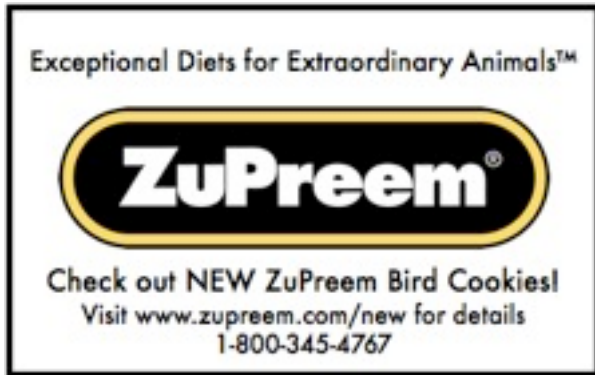
Once the bird is responding to commands, you can start moving the training perch slowly out of the neutral area and into the area of your bird's cage. By moving a few inches at a time and then working again on the commands, you can make certain your bird responds correctly. Then, praise him for his good behavior. Once in view of your bird's cage, training may become more difficult, but with patience and consistency, most birds will respond again to the commands.

When the cage is finally reached, you can step the bird into it with the "down" command, then immediately pick it up with the "up" command. Repeating this several times will teach your parrot that the commands also work in and around his cage. Repeat this process on the cage top and on any other of your bird's favorite hangouts

Once your bird is trained, and he wants out of his cage, he must step onto the hand when you say "up." Do not just open the cage door and let him come out on his own, or he might conclude that he is in control again. Continue to use the commands every day, to remind him that the rules are still in force.

By following these easy training techniques and handling your parrot in a firm, loving, unaggressive and consistent manner, you can keep control of your headstrong bundle of feathers and maintain a mutually loving relationship.

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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

July 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.

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 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 23, 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.



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?

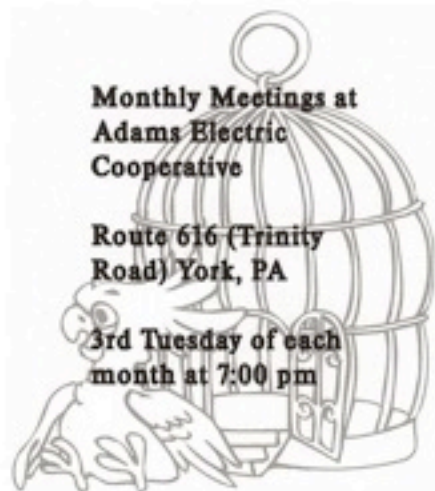
What information do you want or enjoy in the newsletters?

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
2518 Danielle Dr.
Dover, PA 17315

(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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next meeting March 15**

Speaker from the York Audubon Society