WELCOME NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Alamo Exhibition Budgerigar Club — Texas
Aviary & Cage Bird Society of South Florida — Florida
Avicultural Society of Utah — Utah
Baltimore Bird Fanciers — Maryland
Tide Water Cage Bird Fanciers of Virginia — Virginia

American Federation of Aviculture

Dedicated to conservation of bird wildlife through encouragement of captive breeding programs, scientific research, and education of the general public.

MEMBER NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

African Love Bird Society American Pigeon Breeders Council
American Cockatiel Society Avicultural Society of America

MEMBER CLUBS

ARIZONA
Arizona Avicultural Society

CALIFORNIA
Aviary Association of Kern Butte County Bird Club California Game Breeders Capital City Bird Society Central California Cage Club Club Finch Society of San Diego County Fresno Canary & Finch Club Golden Gate Avian Society Golden West Game Bird Breeders Great Western Budgerigar Society Hookbill Robins of Southern California Long Beach Bird Breeders Norco Valley Bird Breeders Nu-Collar Bird Association Orange County Bird Breeders San Diego County Canary Club Santa Clara Valley Canary & Exotic Cage Bird Club South Bay Bird Club South Coast Finch Society Southern California Bird Club Southern California Roller Canary Club Valley of Paradise Bird Club West Valley Bird Club Western Bird Breeders Society

COLORADO
Rocky Mountain Cage Bird Club, Inc.

CONNECTICUT
Connecticut Association for Aviculture

FLORIDA
Aviary & Cage Bird Society of South Florida Gold Coast Exotic Cage Club Gulf Coast Cage Bird Breeders Association Miami Budgerigar Society, Inc. Sun Coast Finch Society

GEORGIA
Georgia Cage Bird Society

HAWAII
Honolulu Canary & Finch Club

ILLINOIS
Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club Illinois Game & Pet Breeders Society

INDIANA
Indiana Bird Fanciers of Marne

IOWA / NEBRASKA
Mid-America Cage Bird Society

MARYLAND
Baltimore Bird Fanciers, Inc.
Maryland Cage Bird Society
National Capital Bird Club

MASSACHUSETTS
Western New England Cage Bird Society

MINNESOTA
Minnesota Cage Bird Association
Minnesota Pheasant & Waterfowl Society

MISSOURI
Missouri Cage Bird Association

NEVADA
Las Vegas Avicultural Society

NEW HAMPSHIRE
New Hampshire Cage Bird Association

NEW YORK
American Anglers Club, Inc., Chapter 1 Long Island Cage Bird Association

OHIO
Akron Cage Bird Club
Central Ohio Bird Fanciers, Inc.
Ohio National Color Breeders Club

OKLAHOMA
Oklahoma Cage Bird Society

OREGON
Colo-Paci Canary Club

PENNSYLVANIA
Greater Pittsburgh Cage Bird Society

RHODE ISLAND
Rhode Island Canary & Cage Bird, Inc.

TEXAS
Alamo Exhibition Budgerigar Club Dallas Cage Bird Society Fort Worth Bird Club

UTAH
Avicultural Society of Utah

VIRGINIA
Tide Water Cage Bird Fanciers of Virginia

WASHINGTON
Washington Budgerigar Society

WISCONSIN
Wisconsin Bird & Game Breeders Association Wisconsin Cage Bird Club

PRESIDENT MESSAGE

by Dr. Richard E. Baer
Groveport, Ohio

Approximately one hundred A.F.A. delegates, coordinators and independent members braved the post-blizzard weather of Chicago to attend a most successful Board meeting and mini-convention in February.

The Board members brought back to their fellow membership the following important considerations:

First, the awareness that we are still confronted with government restrictions and that such repressions are best opposed through strong political action. It was pointed out that though A.F.A. is strong now, every additional member makes us just that much stronger.

Each member must be active in membership solicitation. You, as a member, can best further aviculture by talking up A.F.A. and giving out a brochure every time you have a visitor to your aviary and each time you sell a bird. (Brochures are available to you free by just requesting them from the Home Office.)

Secondly, the Board members were impressed with the need to promote "across-the-counter" sales of Watchbird in pet shops and other retail outlets in order to reach those who may have an interest in the conservation of avian wildlife, and to acquaint them with our organization.

Each of you knows one or more retail outlets or pet shops who would be only too happy to promote aviculture by selling Watchbird and at a profit to themselves. The Watchbird will sell itself; it need only be made available for sale.

(Dealer applications are obtainable from the Home Office without charge. Ask for some today when you send for your brochures.)

And, last but not least, the Board members were asked to urge all A.F.A. members to patronize those in industry who support us.

This is a competitive world and no one has a monopoly on any item. We are thousands in numbers; so the next time we need feed, buy a bird, or shop for a cage or supplies, let's buy it from someone who advertises in Watchbird.

Are you concerned about honest dealers and suppliers? Advertisers in Watchbird must comply with our code of ethics. This is your assurance of integrity.

The message I am taking across the country and bring to you is to promote membership, establish "across the counter" sales of Watchbird in your area, and help those who help us by their advertising in Watchbird.