

# Smokey Mountain Cage Bird Society On The Move

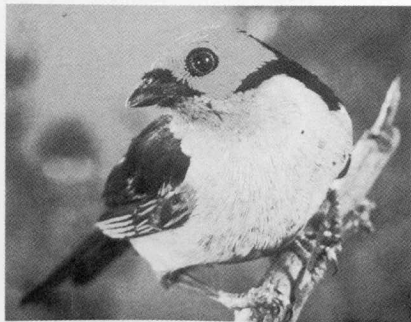
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Our apologies to the photographers of the beautiful front and back covers of the June/July '87 issue of *Watchbird*. The descriptive text ran a bit long and the very important photo credits were accidentally omitted.



FRONT COVER — Cassowary by Tim Schexnaydre, Convent, Louisiana, a 3rd place winner, color print category, 1985 *Watchbird* photo contest.



BACK COVER — Paradise tanager by Dale R. Thompson, Canyon Country, California, a 1st place winner, color slide category, 1985 *Watchbird* photo contest. ●

Plan ahead for the  
14th Annual AFA Convention  
Tampa, Florida  
August 2nd thru 7th, 1988

The Smokey Mountain Cage Bird Society (SMCBS) is a rather small club of about 70 members who live scattered throughout five states in and around the South — but the little club does big things.

Although the club seldom has more than 20 members present at the monthly meetings (and many of these folks have to drive an hour or two each way), it is well organized and in better than average contact with its members by phone and mail. This constant communication allows a small club to take on some pretty awesome enterprises and pull them off with much success.

One such project is their Annual Avian Seminar. There have been two such seminars thus far with plans for many more in the future. The purposes for the seminars are twofold: first, to educate bird owners and, second, to raise money for avian research.

The seminar held 2 May 1987 in Asheville, North Carolina was a great success and a positive tribute to what a few dedicated people can do. The end result was \$4,300 raised for research and donated to the Research Institute for Avian Medicine, Nutrition and Reproduction, Inc. located in Lake Worth, Florida. (I shyly suggested that in the future some of the annual research money might be donated to the AFA research fund. It is so much easier to acknowledge our three initials, AFA).

There were quite a few SMCBS members who lent a hand on this project but the main workers were Isabel Taylor, Maxilla Evans, John and Joyce Cape, Michael and Patsy Jarrett, Jim Cody, Joyce Trantham, Ken Barnwell, Patty Mulvaney Hensley, Elise Out, Pegg Moore, Roy Price, Aimee Sparrow, Mike Thomas and Doug Alston. There were even a few non-members who pitched in to give a hand.

The seminar featured a series of excellent talks presented by an outstanding panel of veterinarians and avian experts including Dr. Ted Lefeber, Dr. Greg Harrison, Bob Seibels, Tim Kelly, Bob Black, Mike Lubbock, Ken Warthen, Dino Jesper and Jim Cody. Folks, these are heavyweight avian specialists, several of whom have graced

various AFA conventions. Kudos to the SMCBS for pulling together such an outstanding program and for raising so much money for avian research.

I know for a fact that the members of SMCBS are proud of their accomplishment and sort of hold it up so the world can see what a little, scattered outfit can do. One member told me that now, perhaps, "some . . . large clubs with money in their treasuries might discover a good thing to do with it [donate to research, that is]. And I hope she's right.



Isabel Taylor, SMCBS seminar chairperson, presents a large check to Dr. Greg Harrison to be used for avian research.

It was refreshing to know that even small, well organized clubs like SMCBS have to operate according to the laws of nature, though. Last April SMCBS had to hike their dues to ten bucks a head to cover the costs of their bimonthly publication. Money well spent, folks.

At this writing, the latest word on the leadership of SMCBS had Ken Barnwell as president; John Davis, vice president; Nina Hargrove, treasurer; Judi Justice, secretary; Michael and Patsy Jarrett, members at large (that's a new one to me); Joyce Cope, program chairman and Isabel Taylor, editor (a worthy lady doing a worthy job). If there have been any recent purges, revolutions, banishments or impeachments, my apologies to the new officers and my sympathies to those now in Siberia.

Fortunately, the AFA is comprised of many, many clubs much like SMCBS. These clubs are the backbone of the AFA and very much appreciated. ●

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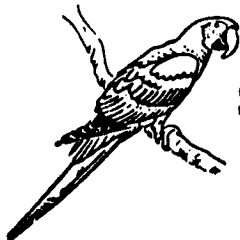
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