Convention Corner

Special Events

by Kelly Davis and Jerry McCawley

El Niño has been blowing the United States some nasty weather but those winds are also filling the sails of many aviculturists who are planning to attend the AFA Convention '98 in Baltimore's Inner Harbor. This year promises to be one of the best AFA Conventions ever, as well as one of *the* major bird events of 1998.

The Convention will start with AFA's House of Delegates meeting the morning of Wednesday July 29.

The afternoon will offer a tour to the Baltimore Zoo. Air-conditioned busses will take you to the zoo where you will enjoy a barbeque lunch and unique, behind-the-scenes tours of the "waterfowl brooder room" and the African penguin exhibit.

Afterwards, enjoy visiting the many other interesting exhibits all afternoon, since admission to the zoo is included in the \$25 fee. You'll love the famous outdoor exhibits (home to over 1,200 exotic birds, mammals and reptiles), lush walkways, Victorian gazebos, and an internationally acclaimed children's zoo. In the African Aviary, you will find spoonbills, egrets, storks, and unusual waterfowl. In the Marsh Aviary you'll find many varieties of herons, mergansers, ducks, waterfowl, turkeys, quail, and an assortment of owls. Busses will return you to the hotel when the zoo closes at 5:00 P.M.

Zoo tours always offer overwhelming fun and excitement. Register early as the buses fill quickly and no one will want to be left behind on this "safari."

Help celebrate Thursday morning at the Ribbon Cutting in the exhibit hall. See and learn about the latest and greatest new products and services that our many exhibitors have to offer. This is the place to see and learn about new equipment, toys and food items. The AFA exhibit hall will have it all.

On Thursday night, the AFA is going English. The Wharf Rat Restaurant and

Brew Pub is an authentic "English Pub" where locals have always come to meet friends, share ideas, and enjoy wonderful food...AFA plans to do the same. Come and join us at the Wharf Rat, Thursday July 30th, for a traditional British pub-style buffet dinner and an original "Oliver" Beer. Tickets are \$25 and are going fast.

The Wharf Rat is owned by Bill and Carol Oliver, both true bird lovers—even the restaurant logo is a Greenwinged Macaw. The Wharf Rat is also famous for its own "Oliver Ales" that are brewed on the premises in the age-old English tradition while you watch.

Our speaker line up is incredible. AFA will offer the best in both private and institutional bird breeders. And many of our affiliated specialty organizations have graciously sponsored speakers on behalf of their special interests—including Jack Bastiaan all the way from Holland. He is sponsored by the Asiatics Breeders Association. See the following insert for more details on speakers and their topics.

Friday night all are invited to the meetings of the Specialty Affiliates of AFA. Many organizations and groups will be hosting two-hour sessions to discuss their favorite family of birds. Looking for networking contacts? This is the place to be.

Saturday will be combined with Multi-track seminars and the special Pet Bird Day Seminars, which is being offered for the first time in years. This track will be specially geared toward the pet owner, novice breeder and the aviculturist of tomorrow.

To bring Saturday to an end, the Saturday Night Banquet will set the stage for Convention '99. Avy awards will be presented to this year's recipients, and the Grand Auction and Super 10 Drawing will be held. You don't want to miss any of these often one-of-a-kind items offered at the banquet.

Sunday will conclude Convention '98 with the PIJAC Avian Certification Seminars from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

Can't wait for more information? Check out our Web Site:

www.afa.birds.org/afa/



"Pride of Baltimore II" under full sail. This historical vessel is a topsail schooner, one of many well maintained sailing boats around the harbor area.

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Speakers and Sponsors

Jack Bastiaan, Holland - Asiatic Breeders Association • Jan Beatrous - African Parrot Society Sandi Brennan - International Conure Association • Paul Crow - African Lovebird Society Sandee Molenda - International Parrotlet Society • Dick Schroeder - American Lory Society Micki Sparzak - Society of Parrot Breeders and Exhibitors • Tim Wright - Amazona Society

Topics

Mutations & Genetics • Aviary Management • Avicultural Husbandry • Nutrition Rules & Regulations Affecting Aviculture • Business • Theft & Security Geriatrics & Parrots • Species Specific Husbandry • Breeding Stimuli in Birds Field Research • and much more!

Special Saturday "Pet Bird Day" Seminar

for Beginning Aviculturists, and Pet Bird Keeping - \$25

Sunday - PIJAC Certification Seminar - \$30 (\$40 after 7/15/98)

Register early, before July 15,'98



AFA 1998 Convention Registration Form July 29th-August 2nd Omni Inner Harbor Hotel, 101 West Fayette Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

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Speakers and Events

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Wednesday - July 29

House of Delegates Meeting (morning)
Baltimore Zoo Tour and Lunch (afternoon)

Thursday - July 30

USF&W Department of Permits

Why. When & How of Federal Permits

Jeff Clark

Marketing Your Birds

Bob Dahlhausen, DVM

Nutrition

Jim Hawley, Jr. PA

The Business Side of Aviculture

Thomas Ryan, DVM

Zinc Toxicity and Cage/Aviary Birds

Vita Hollaway and Darin Haynes

Pet Stores and the Breeder

Benny Gallaway, Ph.D.

Macaws

Dale R. Thompson

Importance of Nestboxes

Steve Sarro, Baltimore Zoo

Conservation in Captivity and the Wild

Dick Schroeder

Lories and Lorikeets

Sandi Brennan

Conures in Captivity

Linda S. Rubin

Standardizing Color Mutations in Psittacines

Bruce Winter, JD & CPA

Estate & Finance Planning for Aviculturists

Thursday Evening English Pub Social & Dinner

Friday - July 31

Darrel Styles, DVM

Finches & Softbills - Nutrition & Diseases

USDA/APHIS

Roles in Aviculture & Quarantine

Lyrae Perry

Genetics in Birds

John Meade

Management of a Productive Aviary

Mike Parr

Avian Field Research and Studies

Tim Wright

Vocal Dialects of Yellow-napes Amazons in the Wild

Jack Bastiaan

Asiatics and Mutations

Thomas Ryan, DVM

Role of Lighting in Aviculture

Paul Crow

Lovebirds

Friday Evening

Speciality Clubs & Affiliates/Committee Meetings

Saturday - July 31

Jan Beatrous

Aviary Security and Theft Prevention

Tom Roudybush

Avian Nutrition

Bob Hollaway

Aviary Construction and Management

Sandee Molenda

Parrotlets

Jack Bastiaan

Asiatics and Mutations

Diana Holloway

Breeding in a Small In-house Aviary

Gail Worth

Handfeeding Softbills

Bernie Levine, DVM

Geriatric Parrots and Parrot Jungle

Bob Dalhausen, DVM

Polyoma Virus Testing

Pet Bird Seminar (Saturday)

Ruth Hanessian

Buying Your First Bird

Darrel Styles, DVM

Your First Vet Visit

Liz Wilson

Pet Bird Behavior

Diane Grindol

Cockatiels, Companion/Hobby

Micki Sparzak

Bird Breeding Basics

Janice Rothe

Importance of Toys, Toy Making Workshop

Saturday Evening
AFA Reception and Awards Banquet





Drawings and Exhibitors

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Super 10 Drawing

- Macaw Cage donated by Animal Environments
- Amazon Cage donated by Animal Environments
- Millennium AV1001 Incubator donated by Avocet Manufacturing
- Solomon Island Eclectus (young female) donated by Bacon's Eclectus Cove
- Blue & Gold Macaw (young, AFA registered) donated by Benney Gallaway, Ph.D.
- Diamond Cluster Ring, 14K gold setting donated by Chuck and Monica Sudds

- Parrot Cage, 24 X 36, powder coated steel donated by Coast to Coast Cages
- Fine Art Painting, Blue & Gold Macaw signed, donated by Gamini Ratnavira Hidden Forest Art Gallery
- Umbrella Cockatoo (young, AFA registered) donated by Jerry McCawley and Sharon Rosenblatt
- \$400 Certificate for high quality Acrylic Toys donated by Perches by Bear

There are also many other terrific prizes to win at the convention donated by our vendors and other friends of the AFA.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 12 for \$10

Drawing to be held August 1, 1998 at the Convention Banquet.

You do not need to be present to win.

For tickets contact: American Federation of Aviculture, P.O. Box 56218. Phoenix, AZ 85079-6218 phone (602) 484-0931 • fax (602) 484-0109

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- Moyer Air Purification
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- Perches by Bear
- Pet Power, Inc.
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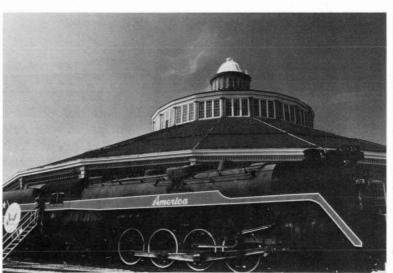
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