

# CONVENTION 1976

AUGUST 20th, 21st, and 22nd  
ON THE QUEEN MARY, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

by Lee Horton  
Convention Chairman

It was a full week after the American Federation of Aviculture convention had ended before the excitement and social activities had calmed. Many guests from out of the state remained to visit with members of A.F.A. and to see their collections of birds.

Looking back we should be proud of what was accomplished this year on the Queen Mary. Many members and friends were united and stronger ties within our organization exist now as a result of the event.

Over two hundred and sixty members were in attendance at the Saturday night dinner and "Avy Award" presentations. Also, it is estimated that about two thousand people visited the display area "The Garden of Allah". Here many birds and bird products were on view for the public.

This part of the convention was so very successful two major T.V. camera crews were there for coverage of the event! Certainly more of the public is aware of "Aviculture" and it's goals through the great exposure of the convention by six T.V. stations and many many newspaper articles.

The lectures were very informative and well presented. They included a great deal of valuable information as well as beautiful slides of aviaries and birds. We are very grateful to the Los Angeles Zoo for an exciting tour and to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schnieder, Mr. and Mrs. Tuenisson, and Mr. Carlson for allowing us to visit their extensive collections of birds. And last, I wish to thank all those who participated in helping the South Coast Finch Society, this years sponsor, make this event a tremendous success.



*An outstanding slide lecture was delivered by Mickey Ollson, Glendale, Arizona, on game birds.*

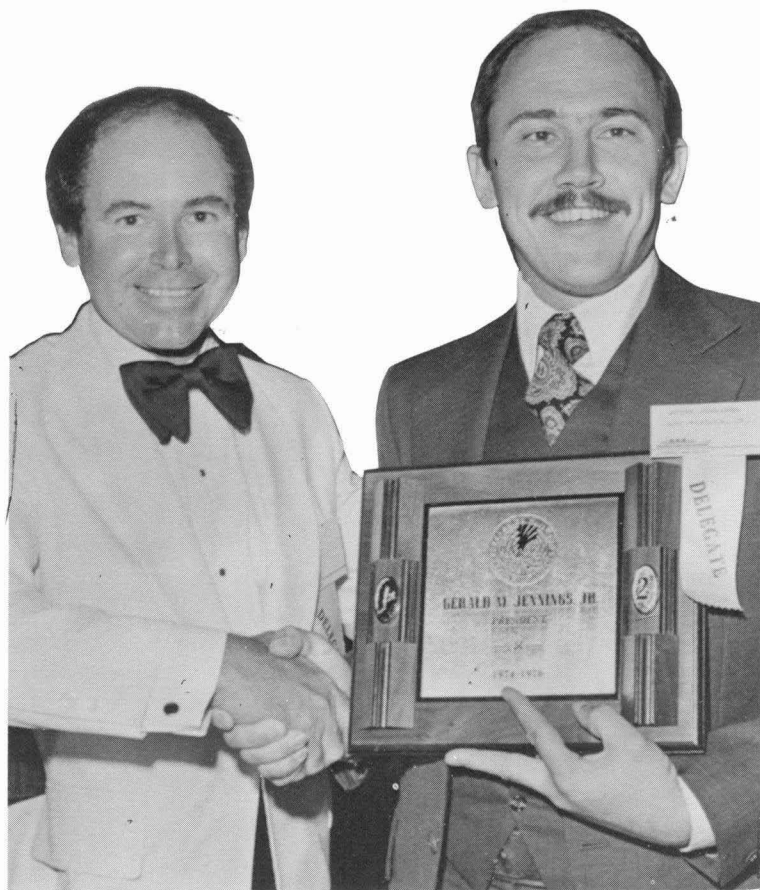
*In the recent AFA officer elections, Mickey Ollson was voted 1st Vice President.*



*View of the banquet and speakers table in the Grand Salon on the Queen Mary.*



Entertainers L to R: Laren Chapin, Wade Crookham, and Chris Costello, made the Awards Banquet complete with their many faceted talents – including presenting of the Avy Award.



Special Service Award presented to Jerry Jennings, A.F.A.'s first president, by Lee Horton.



A few of the Convention Speakers: L to R – John S. Osborn, Jr., D.V.M., Dept. of Food & Agr./ Vet. Laboratory Services, San Gabriel, CA.; John Robert McMorris, Zoologist, San Francisco, CA.; Madeline Mysliwiec, American Singer Canary specialist, Wantagh, N.Y.; William S. Hawkins, D.V.M., impressive collection of breeding psittacines, Sunland, CA.



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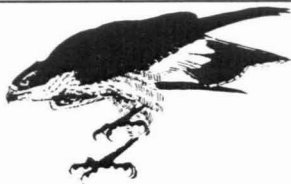
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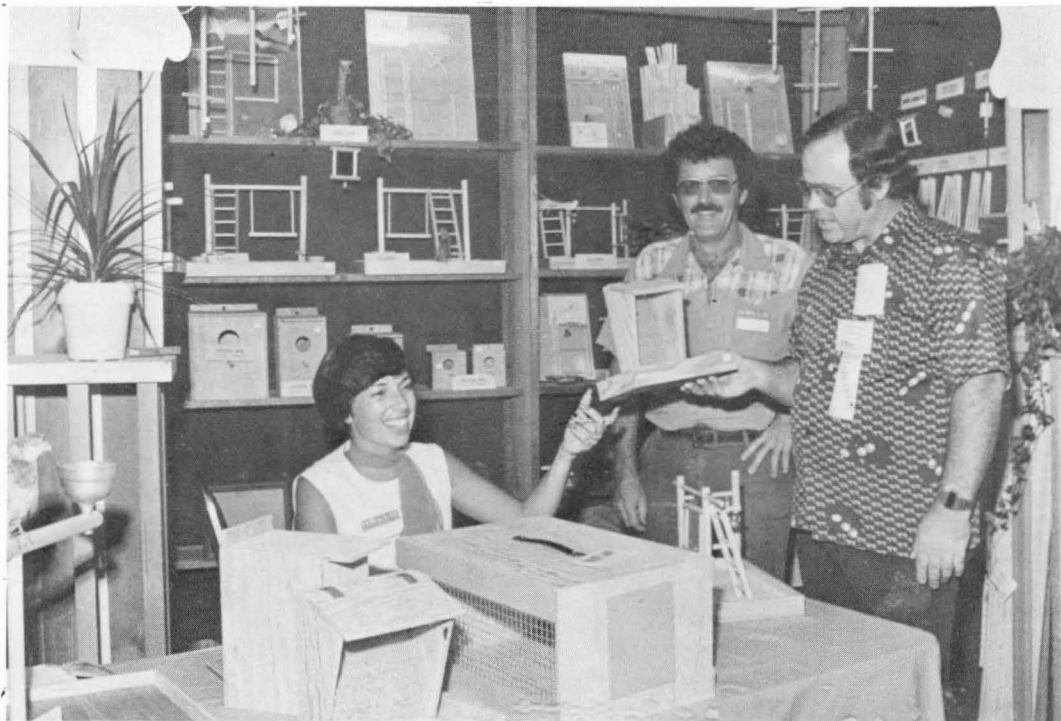
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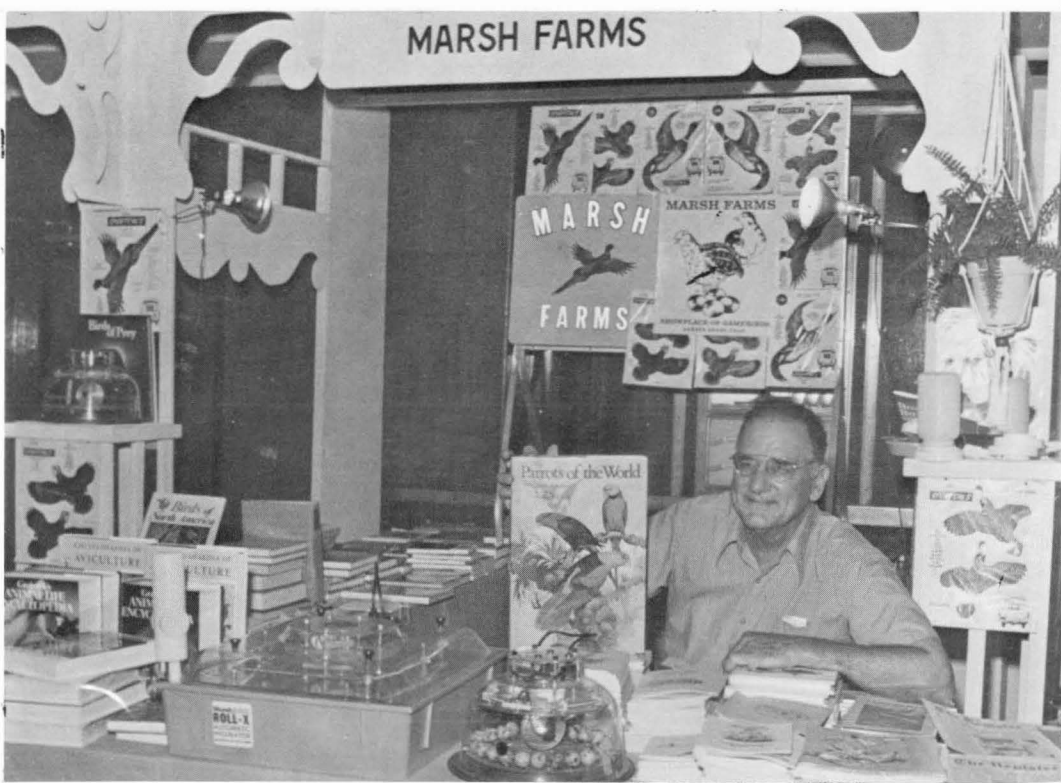
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*Craft and hobby displays – Marcy and John Lifavi of Gentle Breeze Creations, North Hollywood, show their very unique scrimshaw and Howlographs, miniature paintings and drawings on small slabs of howlite – all done with the bird theme. Their pet parrots attended to charm the visitors.*



Conventioneers enjoyed viewing a dazzling array of wood products for birds at the Pet Shack booth. See ad on page 12



Albert Marsh shows a few samples of the extensive book display at Marsh Farms booth in the "Garden of Allah" display room. See ad on page 13



Ed Essington and helper for Pet Mart had a beautiful display of cockatoos and parrots. See ad on page 47

## HAWAII '76

by Gordon J. Outhier, Raffle Chairman

Although the final figures are not in, we can say that the raffle was very successful. In round figures we operated on a budget of \$1300.00 and received \$4200.00 for a profit of \$2900.00.

First place was won by Mr. Mac Sanders, a retired gentleman from North Hollywood. He said he is very excited to be able to take his wife on a "Dream Trip". Have a good time Mr. Sanders. Let us hear from you when you return.

Mr. William Todd of Houston, Texas, won the second place. Although not a member of A.F.A. he soon will be and he has enough interest in birds to have come from Texas to the convention. He purchased just one ticket but it was enough. Since he had enough watches and cameras he accepted a check. Due to his shock Mr. Todd wasn't sure what he'd do with the money, but when last seen he was buying a round of drinks.

The ten third place winners are: Harvey Knapp, St. Louis, MO; William Hawkins, Sunland, CA.; Gregg Bramlett, Upland, CA.; Jan Shubin, Santa Ana, CA.; Mr. Frownfelter, Gulfport, Miss.; Mr. Cirelli, San Diego, CA.; Sharon Gaffney, San Diego, CA.; Mr. Loeschler, La Canada, CA.; Salvatore Cosco, Santa Ana, CA.; Lyanne Johnson, Compton, CA.

The top salesman award was won by Connie Sosa. She earned the pair of Fischer's Love Birds with her hard work. After seeing her in action at the convention I can understand how she sold almost 200 tickets. She reminds me of a Cooper's Hawk after a Valley Quail.

Ticket sales credited to member clubs was good. The West Valley Bird Club won the "A" Division and the South Bay Bird Club was the "B" Division. In both divisions the runner up clubs were close behind the winners.

Many thanks to all of you who bought or sold tickets or otherwise helped with the raffle.



Dr. Orsborn presented a very informative lecture at the convention.

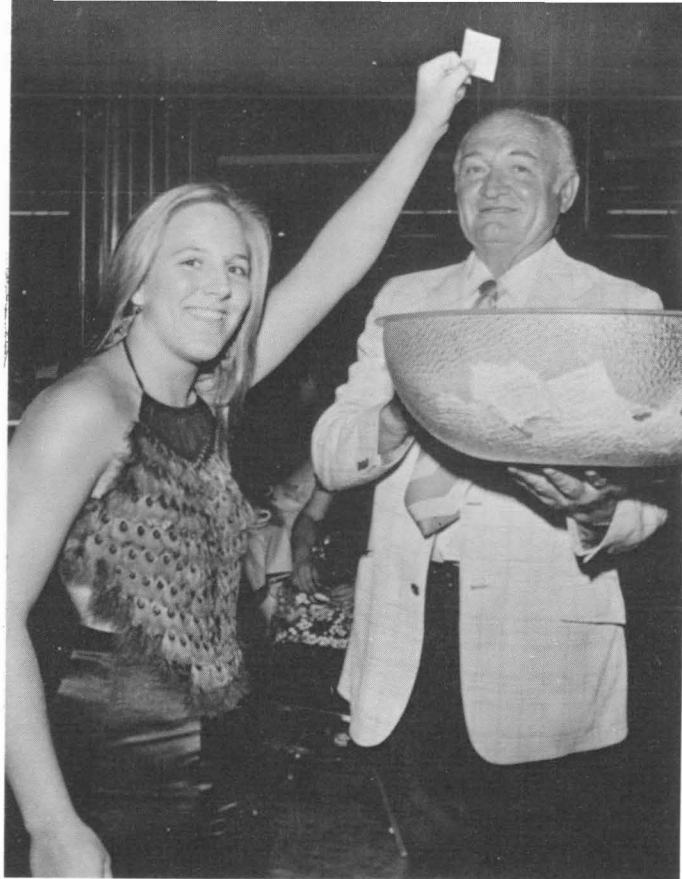


After the lecture period was over, Harold Sodamann, Payola, Kansas, had a hard time clearing the room. Interest was genuine and Mr. Sodamann held their attention.

The A.F.A. booth was well staffed by hardworking John and Connie Moseley.







One of the many lucky numbers being drawn at the raffle. Treasurer, Frank Kozeluh, holds the huge bowl of tickets while Jill van Amerongen picks a winner. Jill is wearing a beautiful hand made vest of peacock feathers, and no amount of fast sweet talk could persuade her to go into a moult.



Raffle Chairman, Gordon Outhier, right, congratulates William Todd upon winning 2nd place prize.

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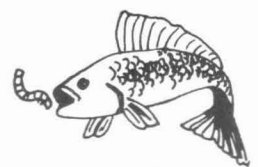
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