



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 Fanciers 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
Capitol City Bird Society
Central California Cage Bird 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 Hobbyists of Southern California
Long Beach Bird Breeders
Norco Valley Bird Breeders
Nu-Color 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 Society
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 Bird 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 Muncie

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 Singers Club, Inc., Chapter I
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

Columbia Canary Club

PENNSYLVANIA

Greater Pittsburgh Cage Bird Society

RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island Canary & Cage Bird, Inc.

TEXAS

Alamo Exhibition Budgie 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

WELCOME NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Alamo Exhibition Budgie Club — Texas
Aviary & Cage Bird Society of South Florida — Florida
Avicultural Society of Utah — Utah
Baltimore Bird Fanciers — Maryland

Capitol City Bird Society — California
Gulf Coast Cage Bird Breeders — Florida
Norco Valley Bird Breeders — California
Rocky Mountain Cage Bird Club — Colorado
Tide Water Cage Bird Fanciers of Virginia — Virginia

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 us 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.