

SEPTEMBER OAS NEWSLETTER

OUR TOPIC WILL BE
WHAT'S NEW FROM AFA

BRING YOU BIRDS



NEXT MEETING: SEPT. 27, 2009 The OAS meeting begins with a social time and set up time at **1:30 pm, the fourth Sunday of each month.** The **business portion of the meeting begins at 2p.m..** Our meetings are held in the Hardesty South Regional Library which is located off memorial behind the car dealership at 8316 East 93rd Street

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- A. To promote quality of birds along sound avicultural lines.
- B. To monitor legislative activity that might threaten, endanger, or otherwise affect the Avicultural community.
- C. To obtain and distribute information by educational speakers, exhibits, and general fellowship necessary to complement the keeping, raising and breeding of caged birds.
- D. To support and assist other organizations with similar goals or interests, whether state, national or international.

Submissions

All members of OAS may submit materials or ideas for this newsletter. Volunteers, writers, reporters and people with editorial ideas are encouraged to participate. Original material or reprinted articles will be accepted, but must have copyrighted release or permission to reprint, including author or contact person, with submission. All submissions must be received by the editor by the 10th of the month of publication.

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Meetings begin at 1:30 p.m. on the **FOURTH** Sunday of every month (except **December and at times in May**) at the Hardesty South Regional Library, 8316 East 93rd Street, Tulsa. Any meeting changes will be published in the newsletter and online on the Forum pages.

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NOTES TO MEMBERS:

1/ It is time to elect new officers and we want anyone who wants to help this club grow to sign up for one of the positions. Your ballot is enclosed in this newsletter. If you want to help out call Carol Spilman, or Tina Cook and they will see that your name is added to the ballot. Take a look and vote. You will need to have it in by Oct 15th 2009.

2. We will be sending out application for membership or renewal of membership after the election. Not all our data is up to date. Those that have Lifetime membership will need to fill out the application form so that we can update our data. Those that are renewing, please fill out the form completely also. You would be surprised at how out dated our membership list is. WE NEED YOUR HELP.



AUGUST 2009 OAS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

1st Vice President Jo Gleason called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. on August 23, 2009 at the Hardesty Library. Officers present were, 1st VP/Jo Gleason; 2nd VP/ Mattie Sue Athan; Secretary/AFA Rep Debbie Davis; Robert Morgan/Treasurer; Mary Hill/Publicity/Bird Fair Coordinator, and AFA Rep/Joy Jahn.

Jo welcomed the club members and identified new attendees Rick and Laura.

OLD BUSINESS: Robert gave the Treasurer's Report, and provided the attendees with a copy of the Treasurer's Report. Karen O'Brien made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion was seconded and approved – none opposed.

Mattie Sue informed the attendees the OAS Board approved the purchase of the OAS Banner for the Raffle Table during the Bird Fairs, and also the purchase of parrot related videos. Debbie volunteered to take possession of the videos for storage.

NEW BUSINESS: Mary Hill (Publicity and Bird Fair Coordinator) provided the attendees with an updated bird fair report. Mary informed the attendees she has reserved 75 tables, and a lot of new vendors have turned in their contracts to attend the Bird Fair. Mary informed the attendees the OAS needs volunteers to help with the Admissions, Club and Raffle Tables. Also, the Raffle Table needs the OAS member's help in bringing raffle items to the Bird Fair. Mary requested the attendees take several OAS Bird Fair flyers to pass around to the many merchants, vets, feed stores etc. to advertise the upcoming bird fair. Mary stated the OAS will provide pizza to the vendors Friday evening and encouraged the attendees come to the Green Country Event Center Friday evening to assist the vendors set up. The OAS will also provide coffee and donuts early Saturday morning. The Green Country Event Center will provide concessions to the public.

Robert made a motion to adjourn the business part of the meeting. Motion was seconded and approved – none opposed.

Mattie Sue began the program on the Pacific Parrot species. The Pacific parrots are located in Australia, Indonesia, Solomon Islands, and at many other islands. Robert brought his beautiful female Vosmari Eclectus Parrot to the meeting, and provided everyone with a brief story about her. Afterwards, Mattie Sue provided a video on the amazing and beautiful Pacific Parrots. The OAS members provided refreshments to the attendees.

Thank you Mattie Sue for providing this informative video presentation.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Davis, Secretary

SEPTEMBER 2009 OAS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

On September 1, 2009 at 7:00 P.M., President Carol Spilman called the meeting to order at the Hardesty Library. Officers present were President/Carol Spilman, Secretary/AFA Rep Debbie Davis; 1st VP/Jo Gleason; Board Member/Lori Naiman; Board Member/Tina Cook; Publicity Rep/Mary Hill; AFA Rep/Joy Jahn and OAS Member/Karen O'Brien.

NEW BUSINESS: Mary discussed the upcoming OAS Fall Bird Fair, and she made a suggestion on how to increase revenue and attendance for the March 2010 Bird Fair. The Corpus Christi Bird Club identified one large raffle item to bring in the public. They purchased a large Vizio flat screen television at SAMS, and advertised four months in advance as a raffle item at their bird fair. The flat screen television was a very lucrative raffle item. The OAS Board members agreed this is a great idea, however, the club will need several months to advertise a large item like this.

The Board discussed limiting the amount of time Robert Morgan uses to make announcements during the Bird Fair. Tina made a motion to have Robert speak at the Raffle Table 10 minutes every hour. Debbie seconded and approved – none opposed.

Carol made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. Motion seconded and approved – none opposed.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Davis

Secretary

If you missed the September Bird Fair, you missed a lot of fun. Our Bird fairs are getting better and better. Plan to come in March and also work with other OAS members. It is a good experience and very rewarding!

Robert Morgan won the Club Raffle door prize...the cage..donated by Centurion Cages of Wichita ,Ks..

Lee West of Claremore,Ok. was the winner of the \$50.00 Door Prize. A check was on it's way Monday the 14th.

AFA IN BRIEF
September 2009
Editor - Carol Lee

We had a great and successful convention in Houston in August, and are now preparing for our 2010 convention. Join Us August 4-7, 2010 in St. Petersburg, Florida
36th Annual AFA Convention - The Magic of Birds!
Hilton St. Petersburg - Bayfront
333 First Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida

2009 AFA Convention Super 8 Prize Winners !

Many thanks to all who donated items and to those who purchased tickets!

1. Tiffany Latino--Amazon Framed Print donated by Gamini Ratnavira
 2. Bill Christian--Belize Retreat at Banana Bank donated by Carolyn and John Carr
 3. Julia Stacy--San Francisco Getaway donated by Mary Ellen LePage
 4. Jan Cheney--Parrot Bed Quilt donated by Ardith Raine and Pat Chinnici
 5. Georgia Hayes--Opal and Diamond Ring donated by Pat Chinnici
 6. Peter Rizzo--\$1,000 cash card donated by Christopher Chinnici
 7. Daina Mahone--Pediatric Supply Intensive Care Unit donated by Joe Freed
 8. Ed Singh--Small bow-front cage donated by Super Pet
- Lisa McManus won the laptop for the membership drive.
-Madeline Franco won the laptop in the registration drawing.

A huge thank you to the generous donors for the outstanding raffle, auction items, and to Bill and Wanda Elder for donating the two laptop computers!

2009 Avian Conservation and Research Grants were awarded at the AFA Convention banquet. Our AFA Conservation and Research committee chair, Janice Boyd, presented checks to David Waugh of Loro Parque for conservation and research, and Dr. Ian Tizard of Texas A&M University for their PDD research project.

American Federation of Aviculture, Inc
36th Annual Convention - 2010 CALL FOR PAPERS

We invite you to submit a proposal to present a paper at our annual AFA convention. Proposals should be submitted in the form of an abstract, accompanied by a brief biographical sketch identifying the author's experience with the topic to be presented and other relevant information. Please consider submitting multiple abstracts

As you may have the opportunity to give more than one presentation.

* Abstracts will be accepted through February 15, 2010.

* AFA will provide a complimentary convention registration package and One banquet ticket to each confirmed speaker.

For complete details, see 2010 Call for Papers on our website at www.afabirds.org .

2009 Avian Research Grants Program

AFA Helps Avian Research and Conservation

In 2009, the AFA is soliciting contributions from members and friends to

Provide grants to the following avian conservation projects:

1. Red-fronted Macaw Conservation Project (Asociación Armonía, Bolivia)
2. Project Abbotti – Conservation of the recently re-discovered Abbott's Cockatoo (Indonesian Parrot Project / Project Birdwatch)

Go to afabirds.org to learn more and help with these important causes.

AFA Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting will be held November 6-7, 2009, Houston, TX.

Important Legislative Issue Regarding the U.S. Endangered Species Act

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of the Interior have been sued by a group called the "Friends of Animals". This lawsuit is forcing the USFWS to investigate the possible listing of up to 14 additional parrots on the U.S. Endangered Species Act (ESA).

Once a species is listed under the ESA, all interstate commerce in that species requires federal permits and registrations. If adopted, the proposal would list the following species as "Endangered" under the ESA: umbrella cockatoos, Moluccan cockatoos, lesser sulphur-crested cockatoos, Buffon's macaws, hyacinth macaws, scarlet macaws, military macaws, shining parrots, grey-cheeked parakeets, red-vented cockatoos, blue-headed macaws, blue-throated macaws, yellow billed amazon parrots and green-cheeked amazon parrots.

This would mean that any listed species could not be sold from one State to another without the appropriate federal permit, a permit that does not recognize "pet purposes" as a valid permitting reason.

AFA believes that this proposal is bad politics and worse science, is not supported by reliable commercial or scientific data, will discourage captive breeding of these species and may encourage hybridization. It will also have a detrimental affect on interstate and local commerce without any benefit to the species alleged to be protected.

The USFWS has initiated a call for information on the science and commercial data with regard to these species, with comments due by September 14, 2009.

They are not looking for public comment at this time but will accept comments containing science or commercial data. Once the comment period is open to all public comments, the AFA will advise its members. Rest assured your AFA is working on a position paper to be submitted by the deadline.

All other avicultural, scientific, and conservation organizations are encouraged to do so as well. Contact information for the Service and this important legislative issue can be found at www.fws.gov or by

contacting the AFA Business Office at afaoffice@earthlink.net.

To make a comment online, go to:

http://www.regulations.gov/search/Regs/home.html#submitComment?R=09_000064809f0e3a

Or you can write to:

Public Comments Processing
Attn: RIN 1018-AV75
Division of Policy and Directives Management
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 222
Arlington, VA 22203

Additionally, people concerned about this proposal may want to contact their US Congressman or woman and their US Senators (by phone, email or letter) and make them aware of their concerns.



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PARROTT RULES OF THE HOUSE

I truly believe that the secret to true Parrott heaven is an understanding of basic parrott psychology. This set of rules is designed to assist in that regard and I send it out to you in the hope that it will help to keep misunderstandings over 'property rights' to a minimum in your particular corner of Parrott paradise! [: >)]

1. If you like it, it's mine.
2. If I can reach it, it's mine.
3. If it's in my beak, it's mine.
4. If I can take it from you, it's mine.
5. If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.
6. If it's mine, it must never appear to be yours in any way.
7. If I'm chewing something, all the pieces are mine.
8. If it looks like mine, it's mine.
9. If I saw it first, it's mine.
10. If you have something and you put it down, it automatically becomes mine.

I barrowed this from Parrotlet Plus web site. But it can be applied to all our feathered Fids

BALLOT

Listed below are the board positions currently open and those members who have agreed to run. *NOTE: If no more candidates are presented before the October 1 deadline, then the bylaws state all on this list will be elected by acclamation.* Please make your selection, sign and mail this ballot.

Please mail completed ballot no later than October 15, 2009 to:
OKLAHOMA AVICULTURAL SOCIETY
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Please check by each name to indicate your vote.

	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>JIM GEURIN</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<u>TREASURER</u>	<u>DEBBIE DAVIS</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>KAREN O'BRIEN</u>

BOARD MEMBER at LARGE:

YES NO CAROL SPILMAN

Board Members continuing to serve until term expires:

1st V.P. ALENA IO GLEASON
2ND V.P. MATTIE SUE ATHAN
Board Member at Large TINA COOK

AFA REPRESENTATIVES:

YES NO DEBBIE DAVIS
 YES NO JOY IAHN

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____