



# THE CAPITAL FLYER

The Monthly Newsletter of the  
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## The Next Meeting is August 13th.

### Parrot Rescue in Northern Virginia

The Phoenix Landing Foundation is a new Parrot Rescue organization that has been started in the Northern Virginia area. They offer monthly seminars and opportunities to help in parrot rescue. They have an excellent web page explaining their organization, its purpose, and educational and volunteer opportunities at <http://www.phoenixlanding.org/>

Their next yard sale is scheduled for **August 9th in Arlington, VA**. If you have items to donate for this or future garage and yard sales, please call **703-533-3838**. We will arrange pick-up and provide tax receipts. Thank you!

### Parrots in Need of Homes

**“TOTTIE”** – Cherry Headed Conure. Tottie, now affectionately dubbed Cutie, was with his prior guardians for 15 years, but was not let out of his cage for fear of biting. Cutie’s band indicated he was probably wild caught. He has no apparent behavior problems and has been to the vet. Cutie is in foster care, where he is thoroughly enjoying his new toys and good food, and experiencing joy from the sounds of other birds. He can not yet be picked up by hand, but we’re hoping that with time, patience and affection he will be able to accomplish this also.

**“MELDY”** (short for Imelda) – Sulphur Crested Cockatoo. Meldy was brought to the U.S. from the Philippines 15 years ago by her current guardian. She is reportedly about 20. She will be looking for a foster or adoptive home within the week. Supposedly she has no behavior problems, squawks a bit at dinner time (don’t we all!), comes with her cage, and has a slightly picked chest. The wife says the “bird must go.”

**“BEAUCEEFUS”** – Nanday Conure who is approximately 4 years old. He has been a friendly bird, although the owner now works 2 jobs and can no longer spend much time with him. As a result, he has plucked his chest bald. He also has a feather cyst at the base of his tail feathers. Beauceefus can mimic the sound of going online, says “hello” and “come here.” He reportedly screams and can be a biter. Beauceefus will need a foster or adoptive home within the week.

If you or someone you know could provide a healthy and happy home for these parrots, please have them call Phoenix Landing at 703-533-3838 or email [phoenixlanding@earthlink.net](mailto:phoenixlanding@earthlink.net) for the details.

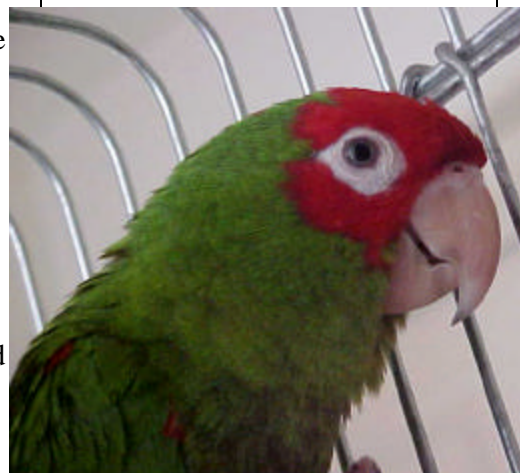
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## FUTURE MEETINGS

**August 3**  
**September 7**  
**October 5**  
**November 9 \***  
**December 7 \*\***

\* *Note date change*  
\*\* *Different Location*



Above **“Tottie”**

## Summertime Moves by John Davey

Well, normally the old song goes: "Summertime and the livin' is easy ...". But this has been a summer unlike other summers. The Davey family has a family wedding coming up this fall, and that has precipitated a rash of cleaning, painting, remodeling, and overall general chaos in the house. This effort to clean, paint, and rehabilitate has caused overall confusion and consternation with the Davey parrots, let alone with the man of the house.

So far, this summer we have re-done the dining room, the living room, one bathroom, the front of the house, and the back porch and deck. All of these improvements, all of these changes, all of the movement, color, and excitement have all had some effect on the birds.

Old Teddy Bird, our plucked nekkid Quaker hen and Old Bilbo Bob Bird, our sweet, stubborn Meyers cock, usually spend the summer months in a large, subdivided cage on the screened-in back porch. It's a great, protected place to spend the warmer months of the year. Lots of sun and shade, lots of wild birds around, I wouldn't mind spending a lot more time there, myself.

But with the work going on and the movement and the hustle and the bustle, there have been lots of changes. Now, I understand that for some birds - perhaps for many birds - change can be a challenging and even distressing thing. But heck, what do we have to lose? Teddy has already plucked out all of her feathers, both contour feathers and down, so she looks more like a very tiny Perdue Oven Stuffer than like a pet parrot. And actually, Teddy Bird seems to thrive on the excitement and change. Give her the chance, and she is right in the center of any action going on - just like some nosy little feathered (All right! Un-Feathered!) busybody.

Bilbo Bob seems to have the same outlook on work and change. He is interested in what is going on and will

spend most of his time hanging on the side of the cage nearest the work and the worker. But actually, I think that Bilbo is more interested in getting a brisk head scratch out of whomever is around the cage than in finding out what is going on. He is shameless! Any one (And I mean Anyone!) who comes near the cage is greeted with a sweet "Bilbo!" in a Mickey Mouse voice and a bowed head. I know that bird thinks that the word "Bilbo!" means, "Scratch my head, please!" I also know that anyone who does not comprehend the message after three or four requests will get a warning nip followed by another bowed head and "Bilbo!" request.

But let's get back to the changes and the effects that they are having on the birds. We have managed to move the birds all over the screened-in porch, as we have tried to accommodate rehabilitation and staining efforts. When we got down to the staining and waterproofing, we decided that the fumes might be too much for everyone,

so we actually moved the birds out into the garage for a couple days. Now, before anyone calls the ASPCA on me, the garage has a work area that includes a window and door, so the birds have light, shelter, and cross ventilation. We also have a family of house wrens that have claimed the garage as their home for years and years. The current wrens must easily be the sixth or seventh generation who have lived in our garage. So, there's a lot to do and see, besides driving your cage mate crazy through the Lexan cage divider. The cars coming and going seem to have no effect whatsoever.

It's amazing how resilient those little birds really are and how interested they are in everything that goes on around them.

The birds will soon be returning to their permanent digs on the back porch. In the meantime, I guess that I should tune the radio in to "Click and Clack" so that Teddy and Bilbo can listen to "Car Talk."

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# 1st American Amazona Convention

hosted by **Bird Clubs of America**  
and **The Amazona Society** in Alliance

**Sat. & Sun., Oct. 4-5, 2003**

**Hampton Holiday Inn & Conference Center**

**Hampton, Virginia (Mercury Blvd at I-64)**

Hotel \$89 plus tax, sgl/dbl. Must identify  
as Amazona Convention before Sept 3, 2003.

Free shuttle from Newport News-Williamsburg Int'l Airport

**Convention registration \$60 per person. Banquet \$25.**

**Bird & Products Mart. Awards.**

**Species roundtable, and a meeting of The Amazona Society  
Speakers on conservation, care, training, behaviors, breeding  
Sally Blanchard, Nigel Carter, Nancy Speed, Nancy Burke,  
Dennis Saydak, Diana Holloway, others**

**Bird Clubs of America, PO Box 2005, Yorktown, VA 23692**

**Check in for updates, speakers and registration information**

**Bird Clubs of America <http://server3003.freeyellow.com/clubpage/bcahome.htm>**

**after April: [www.BirdClubsOfAmerica.org](http://www.BirdClubsOfAmerica.org)**

**The Amazona Society <http://www.AmazonaSociety.org>**



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- Sebastian Lousada

# CLUB NEWS

## Treasurer's Report July 2003

Beginning Balance:	\$2467.04
Total Income:	\$50.00
Dues	\$20.00
Total Expenses:	\$132.67
Picnic	\$20.06
Speaker's Fee	\$25.00
Printing	\$60.23
Postage	\$27.38
Ending Balance:	\$2384.37

## Membership Report July 2003

Exchange Memberships	18
Single Memberships	38
Family Memberships	20
Total Memberships	76

## National Capital Bird Club Meeting Minutes 7/13/03

Kelsie Holtje spoke on how to modify your bird's behavior. She showed us what Liz Wilson recommends in how to obtain control of your bird by taking them into a neutral room and working on step-up exercises.

Ann Brooks, of PhoenixLanding, which is a new parrot rescue organization located in the Northern Virginia area spoke about what their plans were, upcoming events, and how you can help out.

### National Capital Bird Club 2003 Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be published in the roster? \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type: Individual \$20.00 Family \$25.00

(If you are joining after June, your annual dues are one-half the above amounts for the year.)

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If family membership, names of other family members: \_\_\_\_\_

Types of birds you own: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a: Pet Owner Breeder Other \_\_\_\_\_

List any other societies, clubs, or bird magazines you subscribe to: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about NCBC? \_\_\_\_\_

List the topics you would like to see covered by speakers or articles: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you consider volunteering on a committee for special projects or serving in a leadership position? Yes No

Would you be willing to serve as a guest speaker or do you know someone who would make an interesting guest speaker on pet bird-related topics? Yes No  
 If so, who? \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNUAL DUES ARE PAYABLE ON JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR**

Mail your check, made payable to NCBC:

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Meetings are normally held the first Sunday of the month

At the McLean Government Center, 14537 Balls Hill Rd., McLean, VA

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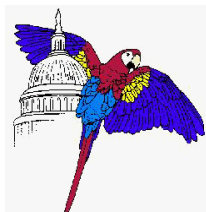
Club **MEETINGS** are normally held the first Sunday of each month at 3:30p.m. at the McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA; (703) 356-0551.

**DIRECTIONS TO MEETINGS:**

From Capital Beltway (I-495): Exit onto Rt. 123 EAST (toward McLean). Follow Rt. 123/Dolly Madison through watching for small blue sign that says "police substation." Turn left onto Lewinsville Road. Take immediate right on to Balls Hill Rd.

**BIRDS** are normally welcome at meetings; however, NCBC assumes no responsibility for their safety or welfare.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Please bring a snack to share at the meetings whenever you can. It doesn't need to be fancy or handmade, store-bought is fine.



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 6-9, 2003**

**AFA 2003 Convention**

Adam's Mark Hotel - San Antonio Riverwalk  
San Antonio, TX 78205  
For Hotel Toll Free: 1-800-444-ADAM (2326)  
For AFA: 816-421-BIRD (2473)

**August 23, 2003 10:30-12:30**

**Ask the Experts (Phoenix Landing)**

**Speaker: Jerry Waters of [www.mytoos.com](http://www.mytoos.com)**  
1725 Wilson Boulevard  
Arlington, VA

**August 24, 2003**

**Mid- Atlantic Bird Mart**

Tysons Westpark Best Western  
McLean, VA (703) 771-9678

**October 4-5, 2003**

**1st American Amazona Convention**

Hampton Holiday Inn & Conference Center  
Mercury Blvd at I-64  
Hampton, VA

<http://www.amazonasociety.org/TASconvention.html>

**October 26, 2003**

**Mid- Atlantic Bird Mart**

Fredericksburg Holiday Inn  
I-95 & Rt #3  
Fredericksburg, VA (540) 786-8321

**November 23, 2003**

**Mid- Atlantic Bird Mart**

Tysons Westpark Best Western  
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