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Avian First Aid *September 12*

The program for this month's meeting is a video on Avian First Aid by Dr. Greg Burkett, a board certified avian veterinarian. In case your bird is injured, it's important to know what to do before you are able to reach a veterinarian and to have some essentials on hand in case of an injury. If anyone has any personal experiences to relate at the meeting, that would be helpful. I hope to see you there. We ended up not seeing this video at last month's meeting and will be seeing it at this month's meeting.

Quaker Parrot Nest in Manhattan Destroyed by Vandals

A nest of Quaker Parrots in upper Manhattan was wrecked in August most likely by vandals. Nearby fishermen were witnesses to a group of men who yanked the nest down with a rope from the tree. The adults escaped but the nest was torn down and the eggs destroyed.

<http://www.dnainfo.com/20100824/washington-heights-inwood/mystery-surrounds-disappearance-of-wahi-quaker-parrots>

Important Event Announcements

The 62nd National Cage Bird Show scheduled to be held November 18-20 2010 in Jacksonville, Florida has been cancelled because the Hyatt Hotel exercised the Cancellation Option in their contract. For more info go to <http://www.ncbs.org>

The Loro Parque 1st International Convention on Conservation of Parrots scheduled to be held September 20-22, 2010 has been cancelled due to low registration. The 7th International Parrot Convention will still be held on September 22-25, 2010. For more information, go to <http://www.loroparque-fundacion.org>

The Parrot Training Retreat at Cockatoo Downs scheduled for September 17-20 is full. For more info, go to <http://www.cockatoodowns.com>

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Next Meeting

September 12, 2010
(3:30-5:30pm)

Topic:
Avian First Aid

Location:
McLean Government Center

2010 NCBC Schedule

Meeting Dates	Meeting Location	Speaker	Topic
January 17, 2010	McLean Government Center	Video by Barbara Heidenrich	Parrot Behavior and Training
February 14, 2010	McLean Government Center		Making Bird Toys on a Budget
March 7, 2010	McLean Government Center	Video by Barbara Heidenrich	Parrot Body Language
April 11, 2010	TBA		
May 2, 2010	DJ Feathers Aviary		Free Wing Clipping
June 6, 2010	John Davey's House		Annual Club Picnic
July 11, 2010	McLean Government Center	Cancelled	
August 1, 2010	McLean Government Center	Video by Dr. Greg Burkett	Avian First Aid
September 12, 2010	McLean Government Center	Video by Dr. Greg Burkett	Avian First Aid
October 3, 2010	McLean Government Center	TBA	
November 7, 2010	McLean Government Center	TBA	
December 5, 2010	TBA		Annual Holiday Party

NCBC Yahoo Group

Please join us at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/birdclubinvirginia/>

The purpose of this group is to exchange information and education, and to encourage interest in pet birds, from Canaries to Macaws. This forum is for members of the National Capital Bird Club, as well as all others. There are currently more than 75 members of this Yahoo Group. Please join, contribute and share! Stay in the know by bookmarking this site and visiting often. Check out the interesting links.

NCBC News and Issues

NCBC to vote in November on whether to withdraw from BCV

The issue was formally brought up at the August meeting on whether to continue to be part of the Bird Clubs of Virginia (BCV). In order to give those not attending that meeting time to consider and voice their opinions, there will be more discussion at the September meeting. A vote will be taken at the November meeting on whether to formally withdraw from the Bird Clubs of Virginia.

The reality is that the NCBC does not have the number of members that it once did and is struggling. We also don't have members who have the time and are willing to be effective delegates. It is not fair for our club to continue being a member without actively participating and we also have to consider if being a member benefits our club.

The sole purpose originally of the BCV was to host a yearly convention and bird mart that encompassed an entire weekend (Friday evening through Sunday afternoon). All of the money raised from this convention would match the sum of donations received from the member clubs. The host club would select the organization for the donations with the location and host rotated yearly among the clubs and the convention being held in the city of the host club. That meant that it was local for one of the clubs each year. Having a bird convention locally had the advantage of being able to bolster up the host bird club and attract new members to that club. The bird mart was more important years ago when most bird items were not readily available in local pet stores, catalogs, or for online purchases.

I have attended three of the conventions, only one of them being in the Washington, DC area and the other two in Fredericksburg, VA. While some may consider Fredericksburg, VA part of the DC area, I do not nor do most of the club members with whom I have spoken. The speakers at the BCV Conventions I have attended have all been good, and it's nice to have a bird mart though many items such as bird cages are no longer sold at bird marts but either at local pet stores or online.

However, I do not foresee the BCV ever having another convention in the Washington, DC area that would be considered local for the NCBC members some of whom live in Maryland mainly because of the hotel cost in the DC area. Most of our club members that I have spoken to are interested in attending events locally that do not require an overnight hotel stay. And since the convention is not local, the club does not benefit from attracting new club members from the convention.

Proposal to cancel the October 3 NCBC Club Meeting

Phoenix Landing is having a huge event on October 2nd with Barbara Heidenreich giving an all day Parrot Behavior and Training Workshop at the Elks Lodge in Fairfax, VA. They are asking for those who attend for a \$25 donation. You can bring your own lunch or pay \$15 for a Whole Foods catered box lunch. October 2nd is the day before our regular meeting. We will discuss this at the September meeting.

Our condolences are with John Davey in the death of his Quaker Parrot, Frodo

John has graciously written an article on Frodo's death on pages 4-5.

Turn, Turn, Turn by © John Davey, 2010

Well, this is the second one of these un-funny articles that I am writing – over the years – for **The Sentinel**. I'm glad that these un-funny articles are so infrequent, because I don't like to write un-funny articles. I don't like to be an un-funny guy. In fact, I only like (hopefully) comedy movies and television shows. There's not enough laughter in the world – as it is.

But let's get on with this un-funny article. The first day of July was one of those clear, dry, warm days that are so very infrequent in Washington, DC summers. I had gotten up out of bed at 4:00 in the morning when Old Mosby Dog, our sweet Coonhound mix, had nosed me awake for his daily morning foray into the wilds of our wooded backyard.

I tried to convince the dog that any business he had to transact could easily wait for a couple of more hours, but Mosby was insistent. I finally staggered out of bed and went over to Old Frodo Bird's cage and removed the cover. Frodo stretched and ruffled his feathers. Using a washcloth as a perch, I carried Frodo downstairs and out to the cage on the screened-in back porch. While Mosby Dog patrolled the backyard to chase out any errant deer or raccoons, I put Frodo in the cage and changed his food and water. In retrospect, Frodo was unusually quiet. Normally, he told me "Good Morning!" or said "Thank You!" after I have changed the food and water. That morning, Frodo was quiet and just climbed down in the cage to get a bite to eat and a drop to drink.

After Mosby Dog clambered back

into the house, I closed the door to the back porch and snuck back upstairs for a couple hours more sleep before breakfast. We did get up relatively early, had breakfast, and went outside to take advantage of the good weather to get some yard work completed. We spent the morning working in the yard, cutting and pruning and planting and trimming. Mosby Dog patrolled the yard, and Frodo Bird climbed all over his cage, watching and commenting where appropriate. In hindsight, maybe he was a little quieter than usual, but it's awfully hard to remember for sure.

It was about noon when I crossed through the porch, carrying fresh water out for the backyard birdbath. I dumped the old water out of the birdbath, wiped the bowl out with a paper towel, and poured in clean, fresh water. Crossing back through the porch, I sensed that something was wrong; something was out of place; something was different. I looked around, without even consciously thinking about what I was doing. I checked the ceiling of the porch, the screening, and the floor in quick, almost automatic glances. Nothing was wrong, but then I looked at the bird cage.

Old Frodo Bird was lying on the bottom of his cage with his left wing stretched out under his body at an awkward angle. The one eye that I could see was slightly closed, and his beak was slightly open. A person sort of moves slowly, incredulously, when things are not as they should be. My first, confused thoughts were: "What is Frodo doing down there? He's going to hurt himself!" The next,

more insightful thoughts were: "Oh Boy! Something's really wrong! Is he dead?"

I looked much more closely, and it seemed as if I could see Frodo's long tail feathers slightly moving up and down in a very slight, slow motion. I opened the cage door and reached in and gently picked him up off the covered cage grate. (This was one of the only times I had ever picked up Frodo and he had not attempted to bite me.) I held him in my hand and stroked his body. His tail feathers were moving up and down very, very slightly.

I stroked Frodo for just a moment, and it was over. He was dead. I held him for a moment and tried to see any other movement or feel any sort of breathing. There wasn't any. I held him for a long moment longer and then put him back in the cage, back on the covered grate. I sat down on a chair near the cage and looked at the little bird on the bottom of the cage. I was stunned.

I had never considered Frodo to be a "pretty" bird, but sitting there and watching him on the bottom of the cage, I thought how pretty he looked. Quakers, with their lovely chartreuse green body feathers and their navy blue flight and tail feathers, are lovely birds. They are not as garishly colored as some of their parrot cousins, but they do have some lovely coloring. I think that was the first time I had ever noticed the beauty of Frodo's feathers.

Later that day, I had the Vet check Frodo's body to see if he could discern a cause of death. The Vet is

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an Avian Diplomat who I have known and worked with for years. I'm very comfortable with this Vet, and I trust him. The Vet said that he could not find an evident cause of death. Frodo was a large Quaker – 152 grams – all muscle. No fat. All of his internal organs appeared to be healthy, and there was no evident “smoking gun” cause of death. As I said, I respect this Vet, and he is secure enough in his own knowledge that he's not afraid to admit when he could not figure out what was wrong.

I took Frodo home and buried him in the deep woods behind our house. I dug a deep, deep hole – deeper than you might expect for such a small creature. My wife got me a small box and a nice piece of fabric. I wrapped Frodo's body in the fabric and put him in the box. I placed the box in the hole out in the woods and covered it over with a deep layer of dirt. Then I covered the dirt with a layer of broken bricks that I had in a pile in the woods. I covered the layer of broken bricks with another generous layer of dirt, and I finished up by covering the entire area with an assortment of flat fieldstones that I had left over from building a stone wall. All of this was probably much more coverage than I really needed, but there are all sorts of animals in the woods – which stretch along various runs (streams) all the way down to the Potomac River. I did not want any predators or scavengers digging up the grave. I also didn't want Old Mosby Dog doing me a favor by digging up and retrieving Frodo for me. You never know.

Speaking of Old Mosby Dog, I

now remember reading that pets will grieve for companions, and that it was sometimes wise to let the surviving pet sniff and smell the deceased pet... that this opportunity many times helps the surviving pet “understand” that the deceased pet was not coming back. I had forgotten all of that information at the time that Frodo died. I didn't realize how dumb I really was.

Frodo and Mosby had their own rituals that I had not noticed until after Frodo's death. Each evening, after I put Frodo into his sleeping cage, Mosby would come to the cage and bark at Frodo for a minute or two. Frodo would bob up and down and react to Mosby's barking by chirping back at him. In the days after Frodo's death, Old Mosby was much more “droopy” than normal. I have to honestly admit – that dog was much sadder than normal. To this day, he still curls up and sleeps on the spot on the porch where we kept Frodo's cage. I think he misses Frodo calling him “Rowdy! Come here, Rowdy!” Rowdy was a name that Frodo called ALL dogs. I think that Mosby is mourning in his own special dog-like way. Actually, I know that Old Mosby Dog is mourning. Scientists say that animals do not have the mental acuity to reach sentiment, but most animal owners know that this is incorrect. They know, and they mourn.

So, another chapter in my life is over. I had Old Frodo Bird for over 7 years. I honestly can't say that he was the sweetest, nicest bird I ever had. He was a biter. But he was smart; he could talk like... a parrot;

he had a terrific, maniacal laugh that could stop all conversation with its demonic cackle. He was special in his own way. I really think that someone, somewhere, taught Frodo all sorts of words and phrases. I think that somehow Frodo got caught up in a terrible biting habit that was really unbreakable. I'm pretty good with parrots, and I could not break him of the biting habit. Mattie Sue Athan could not break Frodo of his biting habit. I think that because he was a biter, Frodo's former owners finally gave up and let him fly loose. I have nothing to prove any of these suppositions, but that's what I think, and I think it's a pretty good supposition.

Each pet that we have enriches us in some way... some because of their sweetness, some because of their sauciness, and some because of their intelligence or their love. Our pets are gifts to us, gifts that we need to appreciate and cherish. We are responsible for each of these gifts, and we owe them the very best care that we can provide. I like to think that Frodo had a good life with me and my family. I know that he gave us much – in his own special way. I cherish his memory and his gifts to me.

And so it goes... Let's get back to funny articles.

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The Giant Poop by Carol Rees

Parrot lover's know about "The Giant Poop". When they let their parrots out of the cage first thing in the morning, the parrots typically let loose a huge giant poop, which I call "The Giant Poop". It's like they store it up all night and just wait until they are let out in the morning. I've heard that it's natural for parrots not to want to poop near their own nest/roosting area since that would attract predators. For whatever the reason, it seems that this is common behavior for parrots.

I can't tell you how many times I momentarily forgot that when letting my lovebird, Pierre, out of his cage in the morning for a short romp before I went to work and ended up with a huge blob of poop on my clothes that necessitated changing them. Over the years I've learned to expect "The Giant Poop" and get it out of the way before holding my birds in the morning – and not to hold them when dressed in my work clothes.

Both of my parrots are flighted and their cages are in my bedroom. My Quaker Parrot, Noelle, is rarely locked in her cage, since she's too lazy to fly around much and get into trouble. My Fisher Lovebird, Pierre, is into everything if given the opportunity and only allowed out of his cage under supervision. He gets a romp out in the morning before work and after I get home from work in the evening.

We've developed a routine that works as long as I don't deviate from it. When I let him out of his cage in the morning, I make sure that he doesn't land on me until he's done "The Giant Poop". Usually as soon as I open his cage door in the morning, he'll fly over to my old CRT TV, sit on it and poop. Then I'll clean it up and let him sit on me. Sometimes he'll fly over to one of the playgrounds in the room or on top of the door if it's open but mostly he likes my old TV.

Pierre, unlike most parrots, doesn't just do "The Giant Poop" in the morning. I need to watch out for it also when I let him out after I return home from work in the evening. Of course, every once in a while I forget to be careful and end up with a huge blob of poop on me.



Above my Fisher Lovebird, Pierre

Pesticides and Your Bird's Food by Carol Rees

Providing your parrots with fresh fruits and vegetables is an important part of their diet. Of course you want your companion parrot to have the best quality and safest fruits and vegetables. Pesticides are chemicals used on crops to prevent pests, diseases, and weeds that damage crops. Organic fruits and vegetables are grown without pesticides and typically cost more since the crops output is reduced.

Pesticides cannot successfully be washed off the surface of fruits and vegetables. You may be able to wash off some surface pesticides but others have been absorbed into the interior of the fruit and vegetable.

The non-profit public health organization, the Environmental Working Group, looked over reports from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to determine the level of pesticides in non-organic fruits and vegetables after they had been washed under high-pressure. Their results were two lists: "The Dirty Dozen" (Those that contained the most pesticide residue) and "The Clean 15" (Those that contained the least pesticide residue). For those on "The Dirty Dozen" list they recommend either limiting consumption or buying organic.

The Dirty Dozen

Celery
Peaches
Strawberries
Apples
Domestic blueberries
Nectarines
Sweet Bell Peppers
Spinach, kale, and collard greens
Cherries
Potatoes
Imported Grapes
Lettuce

The Clean 15

Onions
Avocados (toxic to birds)
Sweet corn
Pineapples
Mango
Sweet Peas
Asparagus
Kiwi fruit
Cabbage
Eggplant
Cantaloupe
Watermelon
Grapefruit
Sweet potatoes
Sweet onions

AFA in Brief - September 2010 by Carol Lee

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Proposed Legislation in New Mexico

New Mexico Proposed Regulations of Non-Domestic Animals, Birds, and Fish Under Title 19 Natural Resources and Wildlife, Chapter 35 Captive Wildlife Uses, Part 7 Importation of Live Non-Domestic Animals, Birds and Fish

Update: The rules under the New Mexico captive wildlife law have been finalized. Your AFA took part in the development of the lists of avian species. As it stands there are four lists, numbered 1 through 4, where list 1 are the species that do not require a "State import permit" to be brought into New Mexico, and where list 4 does require a permit. Through much coordination between AFA members and the AFA CITES Committee Chair, Rick Jordan, most psittacines are listed on list 1 and do not require a permit. However, any parrot species also listed under the U.S. Endangered Species Act is still listed on list 4 and will require State approval to be brought into the State. Be advised there are several common species on this list including Scarlet-chested Parakeets, Turquoise Parakeets, Hooded Parakeets, Golden Conures, Cuban and Vinaceous Amazons and a few others.

If you would like to read the official AFA position paper on the New Mexico import law, below is an excerpt and a link to the entire document.

The American Federation of Aviculture (AFA) submits that there is insufficient scientific and/or commercial data to support the proposals that psittacine species, as well as the many species of birds that are commonly kept in captivity in New Mexico and throughout the United States (either as pets or as breeders), should be treated as non-domestic, or as dangerous, or as invasive, or as likely to cause harm to the economy, environment, protected wildlife, human health or safety in New Mexico...**to read more, go to www.afabirds.org**

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American Federation of Aviculture Online Course Fundamentals of Aviculture

Fundamentals of Aviculture is an entirely online course, written by Rick Jordan and Barbara Heidenreich and presented as nine beautifully illustrated chapters, with original photographs and with drawings by Lyrae Perry.

Rick Jordan wrote the first eight chapters which cover avian anatomy and physiology, reproductive functions and behaviors, illness prevention and detection, and aviary construction, taxonomic assignments, avicultural history and advancements, domestication of birds in aviculture, and laws and regulations governing aviculture. Barbara Heidenreich covers keys to understanding parrot behavior, pet parrot behavior modification and training.

Development of Fundamentals of Aviculture was made possible by a grant from Pet Care Trust, and by funding and other support from the Schubot Exotic Bird Health Center, and the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University.

This course includes nine tests. The graduate is certified by the American Federation of Aviculture as Aviculturist, Level I. This course is a prerequisite for Intermediate Aviculture.

To register or for more information, go to <http://www.fundamentalsofaviculture.com/FOAcourse/>

Fees are \$35 for all current AFA Members and \$75 for non-members. The non-member rate includes a one year single membership to AFA. Extra fees are charged for members outside the United States. You will see various membership options on the payment page.

News from the World Parrot Trust (WPT)

The newest issues of Flock Talk the WPT monthly e-magazine is at http://www.parrots.org/index.php/newsletter/FlockTalk_Issue36

They are also selling an exciting DVD compilation of 20 years of their magazine publication PsittaScene from 1989 - 2009 PsittaScene that has been digitally reproduced. It is playable on a PC and is searchable for specific issues based on topic, author, or by year of publication. It is a great price of only \$20. For more info see <http://store.wptestore.com/servlet/Detail?no=249>

The World Parrot Trust Blue-Throated Macaw Project has been on-going since 2002 to try and prevent this wonderful species from becoming extinct. For more on their efforts, see www.parrots.org/bluethroats

To raise funds for their efforts, they are selling a Blue-Fronted Macaw T-shirt and also Wristbands. All proceeds directly support the Blue-throated Macaw Conservation project. Cyd Riley of Fire Fly Studio Art did the artwork for the t-shirt.

The T-shirts are made in the USA and are 70% viscose fiber from bamboo and 30% organic cotton. They are unbleached and natural in color. <http://store.wptestore.com/servlet/Detail?no=243>

They are also Blue-throated Macaw wristbands in packs of 100 for \$100. <http://store.wptestore.com/servlet/Detail?no=246>

Phoenix Landing News

The September issue of Phoenix Beakin', which is Phoenix Landing's newsletter is available and can be found at <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs080/1102829252964/archive/1103640226457.html> or you can just click on the link to it on their home page at <http://www.phoenixlanding.org> In it you can find profiles of a number of parrots that are up for adoption. Additional profiles of adoptable parrots from Phoenix Landing in the MD, DC, VA, WV area can be found at <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/VA278.html>.

Their requirements for adoption are a completed Application, a brief in-Home Visit, attendance at one of their parrot care Seminars, and an Adoption Fee. Their requirements for foster-care placements are a completed Application, a brief in-Home Visit, and attendance at one of their parrot care Seminars. It is important that you are matched with the right bird and they will work with you to find that special connection. Their adoption form can be found at <http://www.phoenixlanding.org/adoption.html>.

Check out Phoenix Landing's blog at <http://phoenixlanding.org/blog/> You can read about their mid-June outreach event at TGI Friday's that had a Caribbean theme in, "Phoenix Landing Outreach Event" <http://phoenixlanding.org/blog/2010/07/phoenix-landing-outreach-event/>.

To help out Phoenix Landing:

They have a number of items that they need.

For birds at The Landing, you can donate unused toys, Harrisons or TOPS pellets, grocery store gift cards, and perches. Also full spectrum light bulbs and fixtures, especially OTT and sturdy large cages in good condition are needed.

When shopping at Amazon, click first at the Amazon link on the Phoenix Landing Web Site at <http://www.phoenixlanding.org/help.html> They will receive a percentage of your purchase at no additional cost to you. This works through an affiliate program.

When shopping at BirdsafeStore.com, click first at their link on the Phoenix Landing Web Site at <http://www.phoenixlanding.org/help.html> This also works through an affiliate program.

Phoenix Landing Membership Program

<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/membership.html>

2010 Loro Parque Conventions

In September 2010 there will be a convention
at the famed Loro Parque in
Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain
Seventh Parrot Convention
Plus 3 additional workshops

The American Federation of Aviculture is the official US organizer

ACCOMODATIONS:

The 5-star Hotel Botánico will have rooms for registrants at special prices. Other housing options are available in the area.

HOW TO REGISTER:

(AFA will send out an email when registration is available)
Complete the form on the website of the Loro Parque Fundación and you will receive your confirmation by email. Put "AFA" down under "organizer"

Special Follow-On Workshops

26, 27, 28 September 2010

26 Sept 2010: Hand rearing

27 Sept 2010: Nutrition of parrots

28 Sept 2010: Diseases, prevention, treatment

For more information: <http://loroparque2010.homestead.com/index.html>

Seventh International Parrot Convention

22 - 25 September 2010

Taoro Convention Center, Puerto de la Cruz

and

Magma Convention Center, Adeje

Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain

Presented by

Loro Parque and Loro Parque Fundacion

The presentations will be translated simultaneously into English or Spanish respectively.

Speakers	Topic
Dr. Franz Robiller	Reminiscence of Dr. Romuald Burkard
Dr. Matthias Reinschmidt	Breeding rare parrots at the LPF
Rafael Zamora	Innovations in Parrot keeping
Dr. Irene Pepperberg	Cognitive and communicative abilities of Grey Parrots
Olivier Chassot	Great Green Macaw conservation in Costa
Jos Hubers	Care and breeding of lories
Dr. Petra Wolf	Parrot nutrition
Eric Anthonise	Commercial parrot breeding in the USA
Mauricio Herrero	Blue-throated Macaw conservation in Bolivia
Simon Jensen	Group breeding of some parrot species
Roland Seitre	The world's best sites to watch and photo parrots
Juan Cornejo	Captive-breeding of parrots in Mexico
Heiner Müller	Parrot health management
Matt Baird	Breeding of Australian parrots
Dr. Yara Barros	Conservation of Spix's and Lear's Macaws
Xavier Viader	Care and breeding of African Grey Parrots
Alan Lieberman	Translocation and conservation of Rimatara Lorikeets
Dr. David Waugh	Saving parrots from extinction

For more information: <http://loroparque2010.homestead.com/ParrotConvention.html>

2010 Parrot Lover's Cruise

To Benefit the World Parrot Trust

November 7 – 14, 2010

Sails from San Juan, Puerto Rico

Ship: Caribbean Princess

Ports of call: San Juan

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Bonaire

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Dominica, St. Thomas

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Steve Milpacher, Director of Business Management & speaker for World Parrot Trust
Sam Williams, World Parrot Trust Field Researcher

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All cruises must be booked through Carol Cipriano. Due to the nature of this fundraiser, if you book through another site or with another travel agent, you cannot be included in the activities of the Parrot Lovers Cruise.

<http://www.parrotloverscruise.com/>

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NOVEMBER 13th 2010

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Advertising opportunities are also available.

Adoption & Rescue

Phoenix Landing has many birds currently in foster care that need a permanent home. If you are interested in making them part of your family, you can contact phoenixlanding@earthlink.net. For more information visit the Phoenix Landing Website to learn more about adoption - <http://www.phoenixlanding.org/>

The **Wilson Parrot Foundation** has birds that need adoption. If you are interested in volunteering or adopting, you can read more about what is required at http://www.wilsonparrotfoundation.com/volunteer_adopt.htm

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National Capital Bird Club

2010 Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

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Email: _____

Date of Application: _____

Would you like to be published in the roster? _____

Annual membership entitles you to a newsletter, access to club library, free business card advertisement in the newsletter for bird related businesses, and other club sponsored projects.

Annual 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.)

What types of bird(s) do you have?

Would you be interested in serving on any committees or serving as a speaker?

Please mail to:

NCBC

8901 Kimes St.

Silver Spring, MD 20901-3727

Please make checks payable to NCBC

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National Capital Club Information

The National Capital Bird Club (NCBC) is affiliated with the American Federation of Aviculture, Bird Clubs of Virginia, and Bird Clubs of America. It is dedicated to education and aviculture with respect to all types of birds.

Club Meetings

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 22101-3428
(703) 356-0551

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/mclean_Lg.htm

Birds

Birds are suspended until further notice from the meetings due to the McLean Government Center regulations stating that no live animals may be brought into their center. The club is in the process of looking for another venue that will accept birds.

Newsletters

Newsletters are published once a month and are sent out the week before the next meeting electronically in PDF format. Hard copy is provided to those members who do not have email access. Members are encouraged to submit articles, stories, pictures to the editor for publication in upcoming newsletters. Please send all submissions to Carol Rees, 727 N Danville St, Arlington, VA 22201 or email to carol.rees@usa.com

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

September 11– by Phoenix Landing

Parrot Psyche 101 (10am-12noon)

Elks Lodge
8421 Arlington Blvd
Fairfax, VA 22031

<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html>

September 11-12 - by ALBS

African Lovebird Society Show

Meadow Events Park
Doswell, VA

Contacts: Wendy Edwards (CarolinaFlight@aol.com) Josh Maple (jam91j@yahoo.com) or Leslie Huegerich (klaviary@showtiels.com)

September 12 – by Phoenix Landing

The Contented Companion (1-3pm)

McFaul Activity Center
525 West MacPhail Rd
Bel Air, MD

<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html>

September 17-20 – by Cockatoo Downs

The Parrot Training Retreat

Dallas, Oregon

<http://www.cockatoodowns.com/RetreatRegistration.htm>

September 22-25 – by Loro Parque

7th International Parrot Convention

Tenerife, Spain

<http://loroparque2010.homestead.com/ParrotConvention.html>

September 26-28 – by Loro Parque

Workshops

Tenerife, Spain

<http://loroparque2010.homestead.com/Index.html>

September 25 – by Phoenix Landing

Behavior Workshop (10am-12noon)

Eastern Exotics Veterinary Hospital
4001 Legato Road
Fairfax, VA

<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html>

October 2 – by Phoenix Landing

Barbara Heidenreich (9:30am-4:30pm)

Parrot Behavior & Training Workshop

Elks Lodge
8421 Arlington Blvd
Fairfax, VA 22031
\$25 donation

<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html>

October 9 – by Phoenix Landing

Building a Positive Relationship with Your Parrot (11:30am-1:30pm)

Kernstown United Methodist Church
3239 Valley Pike
Winchester, VA

<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html>

October 16 – by Phoenix Landing

Nourish to Flourish #3: The Super Foods (10am-12noon)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
1415 West 7th St.
Frederick, MD

<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html>

October 16 - by Baltimore Bird Fanciers

African Lovebird Society Show

Tall Cedars of Lebanon Hall
2501 Putty Hill Ave
Parkville, MD 21234

Contacts: George Mack (410-687-8915)

info@baltimorebirdfanciers.org

October 17 – by Phoenix Landing

A Parrot's Point of View (1-3pm)

Stahl Exotic Animal Veterinary Services
4105 Rust Road
Fairfax, VA

<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html>

October 30 – by Phoenix Landing

Things I Wish I'd Known (10am-12noon)

Eastern Exotics Veterinary Hospital
4001 Legato Road
Fairfax, VA

<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html>

November 7-14 – by World Parrot Trust

Parrot Lover's Cruise

<http://www.parrotloverscruise.com>

Contact Carol Cipriano at 570-226-2569 or 570-470-0034

November 13 - by Peninsula Caged Bird Society

PCBS Bird Mart (9am-4pm)

The Columbian Center
100 Columbus Way
Newport News VA

Admission: Adults \$4, Children under 12 free w/adult

Contact Debbie Wilson 757-247-0168/dwilson786@aol.com