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President's Corner

By Shirley Devan



I am at a loss for words! No words to describe the wonderful support and participation of our members in our events and adventures! Nineteen people participated in our most recent Bird Walk at New Quarter Park! Nineteen! I read about other Bird

Clubs in the state who have 5 or 6 or 10 people on a field trip or bird walk. We have 19! And that's not unusual.

Our October 19 Club meeting, where Bob Ake thrilled us with tales of his Big Year, found ~70 people in the audience! Some bird clubs would be happy to have 70 members.

Thank you for your support and your participation. We hope that you learn a bit about birds and the natural world each time you come out. We know that the camaraderie is a big factor in your participation. We work hard to make sure the birding, learning and fun go hand in hand.

See you soon at a Bird Walk, Field Trip, or Club meeting.

Proposed Slate for 2012 Officers

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Jennifer Boag, Jeanette Navia and Joe Piotrowski, has submitted the following slate for 2012 board members for the WBC.

President: Shirley Devan

Vice President-Programs: Joe Piotrowski

Vice President-Editor of The Flyer: Fred Blystone

Secretary: Jennifer Boag

Treasurer: Ann Carpenter

Members-at-Large: Geoff Giles and Jeanette Navia

Voting will take place at the November 16th meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting.

November Meeting



At the November 16th meeting Bill Leaning will present a program titled *New Zealand, The Living Land*. Bill, originally from New Zealand, is a retired veterinarian and enthusiastic nature photographer. He has traveled extensively throughout the world, visiting some 44 countries. In the spring of 1989, Bill and

his wife, Clare, attended their first New Jersey Audubon "Cape May Birding Weekend" and were severely bitten by the "birding bug".

Bill and Clare live in Earlysville, Virginia on a 17-acre wooded property they've named "omanu", which in the New Zealand Maori language, means "the place of birds". The major objective of all new planting and landscaping is to attract more birds.

Plan to join us on November 16 at 7:30 PM in **Room 101, Andrews Hall**, on the W&M campus. Mary Anne Fennell will be providing the refreshments. **Don't forget to use your parking permit.**

November Field Trip

20 November field trip to Hog Island!



Join WBC for a Sunday field trip in November to Hog Island. We can only access this prime birding location on Sunday, due to hunting seasons

this time of year. We will be led by Brian Taber through

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Summary of Bird Data

The latest version of Bill Williams' *Summary of Local Bird Data through 2009: Williamsburg, James City County, York County, Hog Island WMA, Surry County* can be downloaded from our website.

Wild Birds Unlimited

Don't forget that the WBC receives a 5% rebate on the pre-tax amount our members spend at Wild Birds Unlimited in Monticello Marketplace. You do have to let them know that you are a member.

some super marsh, woodland and field habitat known for an exciting variety of birds and critters!

Name Hog Island doesn't sound enticing? Try this. Join us on a free cruise departing from a historic location on a slow boat to Scotland (Jamestown ferry)! Then, en route, we'll be making Bacon (or at least his castle) on a lovely distant shore drive to our destination! There, you won't want to miss this one!

Actually, without any hype the exceptional variety of birds we can expect to see there are reason enough to join us. For those who would like to carpool and caravan, we will depart from Colony Square Shopping Center (south of intersection of Jamestown Road and 199) at 0700 hours on Sunday morning, 20 November. For those who prefer to meet us there, we plan to be at the entrance to the Surry Nuclear Power Plant, which is the entrance to the Hog Island Wildlife Management Area, at about 0800 hours. Please bring photo ID for entrance to the WMA and note that a cursory car search for security can be expected and is in the interest of safety while visiting this site.

This should be a great day's birding and we hope you will join us. For any additional info needed please contact Geoff Giles at 757-645-8716.

WBC Offers Two Bill Williams Nature Camp Scholarships

The Williamsburg Bird Club requests applications from Williamsburg, James City County, and York County students in grades 5 to 12 for the Bill Williams Nature Camp Scholarships, two full tuition (\$700) scholarships for a two week summer camp program in 2012 at the Nature Camp in Vesuvius, Virginia.

The deadline for applications is **January 17, 2012**. The Williamsburg Bird Club will contact the students who earn the scholarships in early February 2012.

Complete information and application is available on our club's website at www.williamsburgbirdclub.org.

No Child Left Inside: How about a Christmas Bird Count By Bill Williams

The 35th annual Williamsburg Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is scheduled for Sunday December 18, 2011. Let's spice it up some—get a child involved! Last year for the 2010 CBC wife Arlene asked our 2 granddaughters as they were on their way to and from church to help her count the Rock Pigeons along Route 199 and at Williamsburg Crossing Shopping Center. We have known for some time such species go undercounted because they “hang out” in less than inviting habitats, circumstances not likely to produce much in the way of species diversity. We also know many of our feeder birds slip through the count-day net, too. Why not turn this into a productive learning experience for those wonderful little eyes that see everything? Get them to help out! House Sparrows at Aromas anyone?

So here's a request. Between now and December 18 work with “your” young'uns-nieces/nephews, grandchildren, children, etc. to “learn” the names of your feeder/backyard birds. Then on the real count day, 18 December, have them help you make a count list—even if its only for a few minutes, even (especially!) if you have not participated in a CBC in the past. Count the number of individual birds of each species, record now

long you actually counted, then submit that information to the CBC compiler Bill Williams. There's no cost for "feeder watcher", but it is an investment. Just think, the little ones will be building their resumes **and** contributing to one of the most highly regarded citizen-science initiatives in the world. More to follow in the December *Flyer*.

October Bird Sightings

Report your backyard birds and local sightings to Fred Blystone at 229-4346 or fmb19481@verizon.net. If you encounter interesting birds on your vacation or travels, please share!

October 2: John & Marilyn Adair and Geoff Giles joined Jane Frigo and other birders on the HRBC walk at Newport News Park. Despite dreary conditions the group was able to spot 36 species, including several warbler species; Northern Parula, Black-throated Green, Black-throated Blue, Pine, Black-and-white and Common Yellowthroat. An immature male Rose-breasted Grosbeak was also a good find.

October 4: From Tom Armour: "Good shore birds at the horse farm on Greensprings Road—a plover, I think a Golden, in the grass—might be a Black-bellied but it didn't act like one. Lesser Yellowlegs, Pectoral, Least and Semipalmated Sandpipers, also had a Gray-cheeked Thrush in our yard today. Still have 1 hummer at our feeder."

October 6: Adrienne Frank reports having some good sightings in her yard the past week. Her dogwood tree in the backyard was completely stripped of red berries in a few days by a few Swainson's and Hermit Thrushes, an immature Scarlet Tanager and a robin. Among the 72 species Bill Williams entered into eBird from the survey done at Craney Island were **4 Red Phalaropes**.

October 8: Bill Williams reports at least 7 Sora calling at the Powhatan Creek overlook on the Parkway. He also had a Spotted Sandpiper at the smaller parking lot near College Creek.

October 12: Lois Leeth was in the Richmond area, visiting from Florida, and reports seeing 2 Blue Jays, 3 Northern Mockingbirds, 6 American Robins, 1 Red-headed Woodpecker, 1 Carolina Wren and 2 White-throated Sparrows.

October 13: The survey at Craney Island ended up with 77 species. Among the birds entered into eBird by Bill Williams were 2,266 Northern Shovelers, 74 Brown Pelicans, 15 Snowy Egrets and 18 American Avocets.

October 14–15: Jim Booth reports a Black-throated Blue Warbler visiting his yard.

October 16: Shirley Devan reports that while at Eastern Shore

NWR she and Ruth Beck observed a single American Avocet in the water at the Wise Point Boat Launch area at the end of Ramp Road. Other birds in the area were 83 Willets, Herring Gulls and Ring-bill Gulls. There was also an immature Little Blue Heron in the pond on the left side of Ramp Road. Highlights at the Songbird Banding Station included a Hooded Warbler, Brown Creeper, Cape May Warbler and Song Sparrow.

October 16: Virginia & George Boyles joined Jane Frigo and other birders for the HRBC walk in Newport News Park. Fall arrivals included Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, both Kinglets, Hermit Thrush, Winter Wren and Yellow-rumped Warbler. A Prairie and Palm Warbler, Northern Parulas and American Redstarts put on quite a show, as did a Bald Eagle fishing for his breakfast. Even our favorite Great Horned Owl showed up! A total of 61 species were identified.

October 19: From Kathi Mestayer "Man, the backyard is hopping today! Yellow-rumps, sapsuckers, jays, titmice, bluebirds, cardinals—could it be the ten-foot high stump from our tipped over red oak tree that faces my office window? Titmice say, **yes!**"

October 20: Bill Williams entered 71 species in eBird for the survey done at Craney Island. These included 1 Redhead, 13 American Coot, 6 Horned Lark and 1 late Bank Swallow.

October 21: Kathi Mestayer reports seeing a Canada Warbler in her front yard.

October 25: Shirley Devan and Geoff Giles drove around the long loop at Jamestown Island. Highlights were 2 Red-headed Woodpeckers in different areas of the island. One immature near the Black Point area and then an adult closer to Pitch & Tar Swamp. They also had good looks at Bald Eagles—adult and immature. They also stopped at Drummonds Field on Greensprings Road where the highlight was 2 Pectoral Sandpipers—a life bird for Geoff.

October 30: Bill Williams reports seeing a Green Heron during his Sunday morning Greensprings walk.



Photo by Jim Booth

Williamsburg Bird Club DVD Review

By Jeanette Navia

Ghost Bird: A Documentary by Scott Crocker. small change productions, 2010. 85 minutes plus extras. Williamsburg Library call number DVD 598.72 GHO

Remember the hullabaloo about the Ivory-Billed Woodpecker a few years back? Several birders and respected ornithologists claimed to have seen one in the bayous of eastern Arkansas, but no one could get a good photo of it on film. The Ivory-Billed Woodpecker, thought to be extinct since the 1930s, is the “ghost bird” in the title of this very interesting documentary film.

In 2005, the small town of Brinkley, Arkansas, found itself in the spotlight when a local birder claimed to have seen an Ivory-Billed Woodpecker, and a subsequent search team from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology announced that they, too, had seen the bird. The locals in Brinkley understandably tried to capitalize on the sighting, naming an inn after the Ivory-Billed, opening an Ivory-Billed gift shop, selling souvenirs, and even creating a woodpecker haircut in its honor.

After the Cornell team made its astonishing announcement, skeptics, including David Sibley, responsible for the Sibley Guides, and Jerome Jackson, considered an expert on the Ivory-Billed Woodpecker, challenged the findings of the Cornell team. There are questionable measurements of white versus black in a very short segment of video, the only piece of photographic “evidence” offered as proof of the bird’s existence. While such a debate may seem academic and dull, the director makes it engaging and fascinating. Seeing drawers filled with taxidermy specimens of Ivory-Billed Woodpeckers, Passenger Pigeons and Carolina Parakeets at Harvard and Yale is heart-breaking, but also breathtaking.

The movie runs a bit long at 85 minutes, but the scenery of the bayou is absolutely beautiful. Interviews with locals are intriguing and not condescending. There are nine “extras” included on the DVD, all of which were fun to watch. While the main movie focuses on Arkansas, a short segment at the end discusses more recent (and perhaps more believable) possible sightings in Florida. There is also a segment examining more closely the “six pixels” that make up the bird sighting in the video used as evidence. Another segment discusses earlier sightings and sounds of the “double knocks,” the sound made by the Ivory-Billed, that later fizzled out. Jerome Jackson’s collection of Ivory-Billed Woodpecker memorabilia, knick-knacks and artwork—his ‘cabinet of curiosities’—is also featured in a segment, which concludes with a look at his pet two-headed turtle. How do you feed a two-headed turtle without the heads fighting with each other? He’ll tell you in this segment. It’s a very interesting video, all in all!

Bird Club donates books to Williamsburg Regional Library

1. *Bird Feathers: A Guide to North American Species*
2. *Crossley ID Guide: Eastern Birds*
3. *Stokes Field Guide to Bird Songs: Eastern & Western Box Set [With Bonus MP3] CD*
4. *Extreme Birder: One Woman’s Big Year*
5. *Ghost Bird DVD*
6. *Hawks at a Distance Hawks at a Distance: Identification of Migrant Raptors Identification of Migrant Raptors*
7. *Kaufman Field Guide to Advanced Birding : Understanding What You See and Hear*
8. *National Geographic Backyard Guide to the Birds of North America*
9. *Stokes Field Guide to the Birds of North America*

A Learning Odyssey with Birds

By Bill Williams

It was hard to discern which face, that of the 10 year-old girl or that of the world-traveled septuagenarian, expressed the more delighted glee as the Golden-crowned Kinglet with its shiny new US Fish and Wildlife Service aluminum bling departed from the youngster’s palm. By learning opportunity happenstance the child and the senior citizen, each on separate journeys, shared this experience while gathered on the morning of 10 October 2011 at the Kiptopeke State Park

Songbird Banding Station on Virginia's Eastern Shore. The young lady and her siblings, part of a park-visiting Germanic speaking family, hung on every word delivered by the Coastal Virginia Wildlife Observatory volunteer guides. The senior, on the other hand, was among the dozen-less-one College of William and Mary Road Scholar (formerly Elderhostel) group there to experience a week-long immersion into *Making the Most of Migration*, a program designed and conducted annually since 2004 by the Center for Conservation Biology. Program participants had made their way to the Delmarva peninsula's southern tip from such disparate continental origins as California, east Tennessee, up-state New York, North Carolina, Maryland, and Richmond, Virginia. Among them were retired teachers, a former college president, a veterinarian, a retired physician and medical school instructor, and a retired dentist. Their collective life continuum experiences included first-hand accounts of 1930s hardships, academics in a two-room school, rigorous day-long walking tours in Tuscany, snorkel-to-face encounters with Galapagos sea lions, and a treasure trove of the most delightful bird stories one could hope for.

Each Road Scholar day was devoted to carefully planned field and classroom activities designed for the travelers to learn as much about avian migration dynamics, avian research strategies and techniques, the role of habitat diversity and stewardship for avian migrants, avian natural history, and bird identification strategies as possible. Van-ride field trips took them to the aforementioned Kiptopeke Songbird Station, the Kiptopeke Hawk Watch platform, Fisherman Island National Wildlife Refuge, a coastal forest trail at The Nature Conservancy's Brownsville site near Nassawadox, an owl prowl, and visits to the Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge. Classroom activities ranged from hummingbird and owl natural history lectures to studies of the Chesapeake Bay impact crater to hands-on opportunities to practice raptor identification skills. But wait! There was much more. At least part of one afternoon delivered the group to the Barrier Islands Center museum where the Eastern Shore's fascinating cultural diversity and historical legacies are showcased within an architecturally unique alms house headquarters building. Many took advantage of a free afternoon to visit the Turner Gallery in Painter, where meticulously detailed bird, fish, and mammal bronzes complement walls covered with exquisite wildlife paintings.....all for sale!

Among the birds Scholar members closely encountered were Black-crowned Night Herons, White Ibis, an in-hand Sharp-shinned Hawk, migrating Peregrine Falcons, clapping Clapper Rails, "western" Willets, Wilson's Snipe, Sandwich Tern, Brown Creeper, Swainson's Thrush, Gray Catbirds, Black-throated Blue and Black-throated Green warblers, and the subtlety scrumptious Swamp Sparrow.

Yet as moving and substantive as the birds and program experiences were, it was the day-to-day interpersonal exchanges that eventually paved the scholarly road. Participant conversations and thought-provoking questions, as in years past, taught the instructors as much or more as the knowledge they were sharing. It does not get much better than that! For more on this and other Road Scholar programs visit www.roadscholar.org.

VSO Dec 2-4 Field Trip to VA Beach and environs: Dec 2-4

By Shirley Devan

The VSO'S annual field trip to Virginia Beach will be Friday, December 2 through Sunday, December 4, 2011. An outstanding weekend is planned with a Friday afternoon field trip to the Whitehurst Tract for those arriving early. Field trips include a visit to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (CBBT) on Saturday and a half day at Back Bay NWR and False Cape State Park on Sunday. The possibilities are endless for these areas at this time of the year!

You do need to sign up in advance because two trips have limited space and require a nominal fee. See registration details below.

Friday Afternoon Field Trip

Friday afternoon's field trip will leave the hotel at 12:15 PM for the Whitehurst Tract, one of the many good birding areas in Virginia Beach.

Saturday Field Trips

1. Morning on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Fee is \$10 per person to cover the cost of the security guards. This trip is limited to 45 people. Register with Clark White ASAP so you can complete the security form and return it to him by November 11.

2. Afternoon on the Eastern Shore. 12 noon—4 PM. Meet at Kiptopeke State Park at noon to join the group coming from the CBBT trip.

Sunday Field Trips

1. Back Bay NWR and False Cape State Park. 8 AM. Trip limited to 25 people; fee is \$10 for tram transportation from Refuge Headquarters to False Cape State Park and Back.
2. First Landing State Park. 8 am.

Hotel Accommodations

The Country Inn and Suites at 1801 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, will be the host hotel. Oceanfront rooms with private balconies will be available at \$75 plus tax. All rooms have refrigerators, microwaves, and coffee makers. The hotel has an indoor pool and a free covered parking garage.

Check-in time is 4:00 PM and check-out is 11:00 AM. It will be necessary to check out on Sunday before leaving on the field trip. Those planning to stay at the hotel should make reservations by November 11, 2010, specifying they are with the VSO. The hotel phone numbers are (757) 437-9100 or (800) 456-4000.

Register by November 11

Register with the trip coordinator, Clark White, by US mail or e-mail by November 11. Include your name, street or e-mail address and telephone number, the field trips you are requesting and a check for the cost of the trips (if applicable) payable to Clark White.

Send registration to: Clark White, 101 Brookstone Court, Yorktown, Virginia 23693. Phone 757-875-7649 or email at cwbirds@cox.net.

WBC October Field Trip & Walks

Complete lists of species seen on each walk are on the club website at www.williamsburgbirdclub.org.

8 October Bird Walk at Beaverdam Park in Gloucester—Geoff Giles

Gloucester birder George Harris led our scheduled bird walk in a beautiful place we don't often see. New Quarter Park was still closed for storm damage, but we were treated by George to a great morning outdoors and some memorable birds. The first Ruddy Duck of the year put in an appearance on the idyllic lake, as did four Pied-billed Grebes! The lake was also stormed by well over one hundred Tree Swallows, including a large swarm of them which seemed to play musical branches while roosting "en masse" on a large leafless bush in mid-lake. That was an unaccustomed sight for all of us.

Among the 37 species that performed for us were all six of the woodpecker species (Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were not yet with us). Warblers were represented by multiple American Redstarts, Northern Parulas, a hyperactive Black-and-white Warbler, and a towhee vocal ensemble. A Blue-grey Gnatcatcher competed with a Ruby-crowned Kinglet for the littest bird of the day honors.

George took us along beautiful trails with great views of a beautiful lake and some wonderful habitat. Thanks for a great day to George and our participants!



Left to right: Dave Wilson, George Harris, Bringier McConnell, Marilyn Adair, Ann Carpenter, John Adair, Gary Carpenter, Cathy Millar and Ron Giese
Photo was taken by Geoff Giles

Fall Migration at Shirley Plantation—Tom McCary

Transition was evident on the October 15th bird walk at Shirley Plantation. It was a beautiful day with a light wind, and fall was definitely in the air. Some birds were coming and some were going, and monarch butterflies reminded us that other creatures were also on the move.

A huge flock of Laughing Gulls on the James River seemed in no hurry to go their merry mood suggested an unwillingness to go anywhere just yet. Chimney Swifts just like to linger before heading to South America; several were seen twinkling overhead. For the most part swallows have departed, but a Tree Swallow was spotted over the polo field. The best of the wood warblers was an acrobatic Northern Parula, which danced right over our heads as we stood on a path by the James River.



Left to right, front row: Tom McCary, George Boyles, Ann Carpenter, Cheryl Jacobson, Gary Carpenter, Marilyn Adair, Geoff Giles, Virginia Boyles, Carol O'Neil, Doug Gee, Inge Curtis, Lililan Woolfolk, Don Woolfolk, Jeanette Navia and John Adair. Photo by Shirley Devan



John Adair looking at Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Photo by Shirley Devan

Ducks caught our admiring eyes at the impoundments, especially at the secluded pond known as The Cove. Wood Ducks mingled with Mallards, and a lone Black Duck consorted with a small flock of Canadas. In spite of a game of now you see him, now you don't, a Pied-billed Grebe was spotted sooner or later. Lording over the proceedings was a solitary Great-blue Heron.

The best act at The Cove, however, was performed by a magnificent Caspian Tern. At times darting like a small hawk, at times hovering like an Osprey, he held his audience breathless as he searched the waters for a tasty catch. Excitement bordered on ecstasy when he at last obtained his prize.

Many sightings were of arriving winter residents. A Yellow-billed Sapsucker created quite a stir. Forster's Terns appeared downright frosty as they mingled with the more jovial Laughing Gulls. The presence of Yellow-rumped Warblers evoked knowing glances from the members of our group. On the other hand, Green-winged Teal discovered at The Cove received rave reviews.

Resident birds of course provided a certain stability. Rock Pigeons and European Starlings we counted on—and count them we did. Mourning doves and chickadees greeted us in the parking lot. Eastern Bluebirds we heard singing there. American Crows were cawing and an at first elusive Northern Mockingbird eventually appeared. Both vultures sailed in. And, believe it or not, finding a Canada Goose turned out not to be a wild—goose chase after all!

Caspian Tern



Photo by Inge Curtis

Thus we concluded our outing in the country in high spirits. Doubtless there were several “birds of the day”. My two favorites were the Caspian Tern and a Merlin we saw in flight earlier in the day near the Shirley goat pasture.

My thanks go out to Shirley Devan and Geoff Giles who helped me organize and lead our adventure. Many thanks also to the band of birders who shared this walk with us. What a splendid way to spend a glorious morning in the fall.

Editor's Note: A total of 43 species were reported seen during the walk. Another highlight, in addition to the birds mentioned by Tom, was an American x Eurasian Wigeon hybrid adult male.



Three group photos taken by Jeanette Navia

The 22 October New Quarter Park Walk

Bill Williams led 18 birders on a beautiful fall morning walk at New Quarter Park. Forty species were identified during the morning, the highlights were 7 Red-headed Woodpeckers, a Hermit Thrush, 3 Clapper Rails (heard down at Queen's Creek) and an aerial display by an adult Bald Eagle over the creek.



Missing from this photo of the October 22 group are Margaret Ware (who took the picture) and Sara Lewis.

Left to right, front row: Virginia Roane, Elizabeth Roane, Betty Peterson, Sharon Plocher, Alice Kopinitz, Mary Main and Shirley Devan.

Left to right, standing: Jennifer Trevino, Bill Williams, Jan Lockwood, Pat Roane, Nelson Ensley, Nancy Barnhart, Sherry Brubaker, Geoff Giles, Joyce Lowry and Hart Haynes.

Bird ID from Recycle Bin Photos

By Joe Piotrowski

This feature is only on the website and in the electronic version of *The Flyer*. The answer to this month's "puzzle" will be given in the next electronic newsletter, as well as on the website.



November's bird photo

October's bird was a Snow Goose.



CALENDAR

Sunday, November 6	HRBC Bird Walk, Newport News Park, 7 AM, Jane Frigo, Leader
Thursday, November 10	HRBC Monthly Meeting, Conference Room at Sandy Bottom Park, 7 PM. Carl Boast will present a photography program titled <i>Awesome Alaska</i> .
Saturday, November 12	WBC Bird Walk, New Quarter Park, 8 AM, Geoff Giles, Leader
Saturday, November 12	HRBC Field Trip to the First Landing State Park in Virginia Beach. Contact Marc Nichols at 865-3438 or mnichols@hampton.gov for further information.
Wednesday, November 16	WBC Montly Meeting, Bill Leaning— <i>New Zealand: The Living Land</i> . See front page.
Sunday, November 20	WBC Field Trip to Hog Island. See front page.
Sunday, November 20	HRBC Bird Walk, Newport News Park, 7 AM, Jane Frigo, Leader
Saturday, November 26	WBC Bird Walk, New Quarter Park, 7 AM, Bill Williams, Leader
December 2-4	VSO Field Trip to Virginia Beach. See page 5.
Sunday, December 18	Save the Day—Williamsburg Christmas Bird Count. More information to follow.