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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

HEATHER W. BARRON, DVM, DIPL. ABVP-AVIAN



Dear Colleagues,

It's been a wonderful, challenging, and exciting year since I accepted the charge of holding the office of presidency. My husband and I finished remodeling our little nest here in the Caribbean, hatched a new chick (it's another boy), and continue to enjoy flying north every summer to the AAV meeting to flock together with friends!

The entire board has worked tirelessly to make major transformative changes to the organization that we believe will help create a better future for us all. Based on data gathered from the membership, the advice of some sage individuals in our industry, and the discussions at our recent Strategic Planning meeting at AVMA headquarters, the Board has designed a really visionary path that we hope will make AAV's contribution towards supporting you in your field increasingly relevant. By now you should have received a very important email from the central office asking for your vote on some extremely important changes to our by-laws. These changes will help bring us more in line with how other successful membership-based organizations operate today. Briefly, the major proposed changes include a leaner and more efficient board structure, electronic voting, more succinct and legally compliant by-laws, and a new "Leadership and Nominating Committee" that would give every member a greater voice in how our leaders are chosen and improve the leadership skills of those elected to allow them to better steer the organization into the future. Please make sure you get your votes in so that we can move forward in helping the organization better serve you.

I can't begin to tell you how much it has meant to me to have this opportunity. I've endeavored to serve you to the best of my ability and hope you feel the organization is moving in a positive direction. I'm proud of what has been accomplished this year and wanted to take a minute to recognize those who have worked especially hard to help me make it all possible. As Newton so famously said, "If I have seen a little farther, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants."

So, special thanks to Debbie Cowen, Mike Kornelsen, Caitlin Cowen, and the rest of the

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staff at Summit Meetings, Inc who went from handling 1/3 of our office duties, to running the whole show in just a few short months; Adina Freedman and Kathy Lyon for helping to make the transition so smooth as they moved into retirement; Bob Groskin, Scott Echols, Karen Rosenthal, and Bruce Nixon for their epic efforts on the Strategic Planning Committee; Paul Welch, Laurie Hess, and James Harris for their support in helping the Executive Committee to function well in high gear; Lauren Powers, Michelle Hawkins, Scott Ford, Brian Speer, Kemba Marshall, Mike Jones, Matt Johnston, Greg Burkett, and many others who worked beyond the call of duty. On behalf of AAV, we owe you all a debt of gratitude for the time and effort you have so selflessly given to serve your association and your colleagues. Thank you all, from the bottom of my heart! It has been amazing working with you and I look forward to continued collaboration in the future.

## Artist Corner

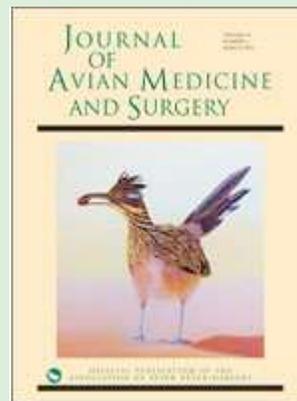
**Paul Rodenhauser, M.D.**

**Cover Artist for our March 2011 JAMS Issue**

After surviving hurricane Katrina and the abrupt conclusion of my career in academic medicine I followed my creative calling to higher ground. Building on the foundation established through studies at the New Orleans Academy of Fine Arts my focus on artistic enrichment expanded to full-time in New Mexico. In Albuquerque I've studied with experts in the fields of painting, photography, pottery and creative writing at the University of New Mexico, Harwood Art Center, The Art League, and Coyote Clay Studio. I cultivate my interest in horticulture through participation in the Albuquerque Master Gardeners' Program.

The models for my oil paintings, which are limited to avian subjects, emerge from my own photographs. Arts-related publications include a novella, short stories, poetry, personal essays, and articles on aviculture. My photographs and paintings have appeared in a variety of publications and include cover art. My good fortune in the arts extends to having my pottery available in several local shops.

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# AAV Members in the Media

## **Animal Instincts Paul Welch, DVM AAV Treasurer**

Tulsa People Magazine, July 2011, by Anna Holton-Dean



After 30 years as a veterinarian, Dr. Paul Welch has seen it all — or rather seen them all. From malnourished lion cubs confiscated during a drug raid to constipated tigers and bears to 16-foot-long snakes.

“However, not recently, thank goodness,” he says. “ ... You never know what’s going to come in, to be honest.”

Unlike many vets, who never practice on exotic animals or wildlife, Welch has made a mission of helping all animals, traditional and nontraditional alike.

“There isn’t much training in exotic pets (or birds) in vet school,” Welch says. “When I was in vet school, there was nothing and I had to go to zoos to get any information. Now, most vet schools have a single class or a rotation offered for birds and exotics. Because of this, most practitioners either aren’t interested or don’t feel they are qualified to work on ‘nontraditional’ pets.

“As far as wildlife care, since that is done (for) free, most vets don’t want to spend the time or money necessary to do this work.”

One thing is for sure, however: Those who entrust their pets’ care to Welch can count on him to put their animals first, day or night.

Just ask Sue Ann Phillips, who met Welch 12 years ago when she began taking her golden retrievers to him.

“There are no words to describe how wonderful he is,” Phillips says. “We go back and forth to Florida and we even call him long distance. My 14-year-old (retriever) has had a couple of strokes. If she’s not acting well and I tell him exactly what’s going on, he might say, ‘Let’s give it 24 hours,’ and at 24 hours on the dot, she starts acting better. He just knows his stuff.

“He’s not an alarmist, but he gives you the facts. We obviously know she’s not going to be here much longer at her age, but he is upbeat and positive. He’s very comforting and smart and he knows when to panic and when not to.”

Phillips trusts Welch so much that living near his practice affected a recent decision about relocating.

“We were thinking of moving to Dallas and I thought, ‘I can’t leave him yet! My dogs are so attached to him,’” she says.

Welch says he has known he wanted to be a veterinarian since he was in sixth grade. He attended Oklahoma State University for his undergraduate and veterinary medicine degrees, and he says his initial plan was to work in zoo medicine.

“I have always enjoyed doing things that were different from the norm,” Welch says. “ ... However, after working at the San Antonio Zoo and doing a research fellowship at the Oklahoma City Zoo, I realized that I would be a city employee and lack the freedom in practice that I would like.”

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Instead, Welch became a staff veterinarian in a Tulsa veterinary practice. But he never lost his love for exotic animals.

"I started seeing birds and exotics as well as doing the relief work at the zoo when Dr. Bill Russell, the first Tulsa Zoo veterinarian, was out of town," he says.

While dogs and cats remain a major portion of Welch's practice, he also sees birds, reptiles, exotics, wildlife and pocket pets (such as guinea pigs, hamsters, rats or any pocket-size animal). Welch has also been the president of the international Association of Avian Veterinarians.

Welch currently owns and practices at Forest Trails Animal Hospital, in addition to working with local wildlife rehabilitators and the Iowa tribe's Grey Snow Eagle House, an eagle sanctuary in Perkins.

Another passion project for Welch is Christian Veterinary Missions, with which he has traveled to Mongolia five times, assisting in an animal hospital and presenting in the veterinary school. His other mission efforts include traveling to India once and Nepal twice, along with sending supplies, e-mail advice and support to veterinarians doing mission work in foreign countries.

Licensed wildlife rehabilitator Stephanie Yuill works with squirrels and is another colleague who can attest to Welch's dedication.

"Dr. Welch is a very caring person, and the animals are a very important part of his life, not only his livelihood, but he truly cares," she says. "I can remember years back when I had taken in an injured squirrel on a Sunday morning. The squirrel was in desperate need of care, far beyond my expertise.

"I paged Dr. Welch and within minutes he called. He was in the middle of a church service, yet he called me. He said he would meet me at the office within 15 minutes, and he was there in his suit, dress shirt and tie.

"He did what he could for the squirrel and said it is in God's hands now. I am happy to say I was able to release the squirrel several months later."

Yuill even credits Welch as the inspiration she needed to get back into wildlife rehabilitation after moving to Oklahoma from Florida in 1992.

"I decided to give up rehabbing, mainly due to the time it requires, the lack of funding and the sadness that sometimes goes along with losing an animal," she says. "If it were not for Dr. Paul Welch, I would not be a rehabber today. He makes it rewarding and meaningful once again.

"He's just an outstanding man. He loves animals, including the wildlife. He has taught me so much over the years and is always available to assist in whatever needs to be done."

While those who've worked with Welch in animal rehabilitation and those whose pets he's cared for can't say enough about his work and dedication, he, in turn, says it's those same people who make his job memorable.

"My favorite experiences are the people that I have gotten to know as clients and the pets that are so important to them," he says.

**We would love to hear from you!** Let us know if you have recently been in the media or will be so we can share what you're doing in your community.  
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## PRATICAL WORKSHOPS STILL AVAILABLE!

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### AEMV

Exotic Companion Mammal Techniques and Surgery with a Focus on Ferrets, Lennox, Johnson-Delaney, Johnson

### AAV

- 1405 **Anesthesia, Emergency Support and Diagnostic Surgical Techniques**, Degernes
- 1410 **Basic Magnification Surgery**, Bennett
- 1415 **Advanced Avian Soft Tissue Surgery**, Bennett
- 1420 **Basic Endoscopy**, Taylor and Divers
- 1425 **Avian Ophthalmology-Principles and Application**, Korbel, Kronthaler
- 1430 **Surgical Aspects of Raptor Feet**, Chitty, Ford, and Jones
- 1435 **Avian Orthopedics: Pelvic Limb**, Orosz and Ponder
- 1440 **Oiled Wildlife Response Workshop**, Heatley and Schmalz
- 1445 **How to shoot birds...Texas Style**, Poteet and Barron
- 1455 **Avian Necropsy Techniques**, Garner
- 1460 **Hematology**, Dorrestein
- 1465 **Cytology**, Dorrestein
- 1470 **Practical Application of Animal Training**, Heidenreich

### ARAV

- 4200 **Hematology of Reptiles and Amphibians**, Russell & Heatley
- 4205 **Gator Wrestling! Handling Venomous and Dangerous Herps**, Funk
- 4500 **Problem Solving & Basic Techniques in Amphibian Medicine**, Wright, DeVoe
- 4600 **Comparative Reptile Necropsy Techniques**, Garner



### IMPORTANT NOTE:

**Effective July 1, 2011: the duties of the AAV Executive Office will be managed by Summit Meetings, Inc**

Debbie Cowen will take over the title and responsibilities of Executive Director and Caitlin Cowen will be coordinating all publications-related responsibilities. SMI has worked for the AAV for a combined 12 years, very successfully directing the growth of the annual conferences. *Summit Meetings wishes to give a special thanks to Adina Freedman for her years of service to AAV. Thanks, Adina!*

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# NAVC Expeditions - Learning around the world

Douglas Mader, MS, DVM, DABVP(CF)

**Question:** Antarctica, the Arctic Circle, the Galapagos and the Amazon Rainforest - what do they have in common? **Answer:** The North American Veterinary Conference (NAVC) Expeditions program has been to them all!

This novel Continuing Education program initiated in February, 2008 with a trip to Antarctica. In a quest to be the first veterinary group to offer C.E. on every continent the NAVC started "Expeditions."



The motto for the program is "The Destination is your classroom, and Nature is your teacher." The idea behind Expeditions is to help promote the One Health concept: Human Health - Animal Health - World Health.

Rather than sponsor a trip to the Galapagos with a dermatologist, dentist or similar, the Expeditions program pairs the groups with experts familiar with the animals and geography of the region. The RACE approved C.E. programs cover the natural history and biology of the regions fauna and flora, as well as veterinary implications such as health and disease, both in the wild and captive situations.

For instance, on the most recent Expedition to the Amazon Rainforest, lectures centered around fish, reptile, amphibian, bird, primate and invertebrate medicine. Over 20 species of animals that are found in the jungle, and ALSO routinely seen in private practice, were discussed: natural history, biology, nutrition, health and disease.

The first Expedition, to Antarctica, saw 32 veterinarians travel thousands of miles to the southern end of the world. They spent 15 days on an expedition ship. Daily events included 2 - 6 hours of classroom lectures as mixed with 6 - 9 hours of field time, both on land and in zodiacs. Since the sun rarely set, most days started around 5 am! In the Southern hemisphere February is summer, so the temperatures averages between a balmy 40 degrees F to a frigid 20F below zero!



The second Expedition took the group to the opposite pole - Churchill, Canada, just north of the Arctic Circle, to study Polar Bears. The smaller group of 24 chartered their own Tundra buggy and hotel. As part of the course we participated in relocating two wayward Polar Bears. The animals were anesthetized and then loaded, using cargo nets, on a helicopter and translocated north to uninhabited territory where they would not cause problems. Unlike the trip to Antarctica, which was during its summer, the trip to the Arctic was at the beginning of winter. The first night in Churchill brought 70 mph winds off the tundra with outside temperatures registering less than -40 degrees F! Fortunately, the Tundra Buggy was solid and comfortable, perfect and safe from the weather and the hungry bears.

Travelers that attended both the Antarctica and the Polar Bear Expeditions joined a very elite "NAVC Bipolar Club."

The following summer the NAVC took 36 veterinarians to Darwin's Galapagos Islands. We chartered our own yacht and spent 8 days island hopping. Hiking and snorkeling by day, lectures each evening. Lots of wonderful food filled in the gaps.

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The Polar Bear Expedition C.E. course was so popular it was repeated the following winter. This is such a unique experience - with the changes facing the earth there is a genuine threat to these magnificent animals. It is clear that the ice, the substrate that these large mammals require in order to hunt and survive - is freezing later and later each year. There is talk that this Canadian population is at risk for depletion.



This past summer the NAVC Expeditions course traveled deep into the Amazon Jungle. A flight to Quito, Ecuador was the first stop. The next day we flew over the Andes to the river city of Coca on the Napo river, a major tributary of the Amazon. From there a two-hour motorized canoe trip. This was followed by a 45 minute hike through a swamp, then finally, a short paddle across a beautiful lake.

By the time we arrived at the Jungle Lodge we were exhausted, but, most of the travelers still had the energy to do a night hike. Insects, reptiles, amphibians and more greeted the group. A five foot long Caiman hunkered down under the dock when the canoe arrived.

Whether you were a birder or a herper, or just loved the rich life of the jungle, no one was disappointed. One of the hard core birders in the group added over 100 new species to her life list. There is truly something amazing about seeing an animal in the wild that, hitherto, you have only seen across an examination table in your office. Flocks of Macaws, screaming Howler monkeys, slithering Anacondas and fist-sized tarantulas were abundant. You will never be able to appreciate the abnormal until you know the normal. In the jungle, the normal was all around.

The AAV has partnered with the NAVC Expeditions program for the next trip - Macaws of Tambopata - deep in the Peruvian Rainforest in October. This trip will be co-taught by Drs. Brian Speer and Carol Walton. You all know Dr. Speer. Dr. Walton, a L.S.U. graduate veterinarian, has lived and taught biology and ecology of the rainforests for the past 20 years. This Expedition, which has sold out, is sure to be another amazing, life changing, practice changing, experience.

Expedition trips include "Alaska: the inside passage" taught by Dr. Mike Murray and myself. We have chartered a private yacht and will be embarking from Sitka, Alaska. The C.E. starts with a visit to the Sitka Raptor center, then ends a week later in Petersburg. Activities will include zodiac tours, kayaking, swimming and hiking and of course, whale watching and wildlife viewing! In the evening we will have lectures on the animals of the area, including the effects and impacts of man on the environment (using the Exxon Valdez oil spill as an example). This trip will take place from May 19- 27, 2012.

Later in 2012 the Expeditions program will have its first "Hands on" program in "Expeditions: Florida Keys." This class, taught by Dr. Geraldine Diethelm and myself, will feature actual hands on veterinary interactions with alligators, large pythons, dolphins, sharks, sea turtles and fish. There will be snorkeling/diving on the beautiful reefs of the Florida Keys as well as numerous lectures on each of these species. A highlight of the trip will be time spent on an actual working Lobster boat baiting/pulling traps. The final night will be capped off with a visit to the famous Sunset Festival in Mallory Square. The trip will be offered August 11 - 19.

For more information please see the following websites:

<http://www.navc.com/expeditions>

<http://www.cliniciansbrief.com/blog/22659>

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE!**

### **NEW: INTERMEDIATE AVICULTURE ONLINE CERTIFICATION COURSE!**

THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF AVICULTURE, INC. (AFA) is proud to announce the second course in its certification series, Intermediate Aviculture. The newly released second course builds upon the foundation course, Fundamentals of Aviculture, and may conveniently be taken online at the student's own convenience.

Fundamentals of Aviculture, creates a professional approach to the emerging science of aviculture and provides a basis for certification of future aviculturists. Written by renowned aviculturist Rick Jordan, and international bird behaviorist Barbara Heidenreich, Fundamentals of Aviculture completely covers nine chapters on how to provide proper housing, detecting and preventing illness in your birds, anatomy and physiology, reproduction in captivity, avian behavior, scientific classifications, laws and regulations affecting aviculture, and much more. Successful completion of the course provides students with the credentials of AFA Certified Aviculturist, Level 1.

Development for 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, College of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M University.

The second course, Intermediate Aviculture, covers a wealth of material in the broad 15 chapters spanning conservation and research, courtship and nesting, basic avian genetics, color mutations, hybrids, breeding stimuli, incubation, hand-rearing, non-parrot studies, basic microbiology, illness, first-aid, avian enrichment and more. Successful completion of the course upgrades students with the credentials of AFA Certified Aviculturist, Level II.

The American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) has approved AFA to be a provider of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for veterinarians, veterinary technicians and other professionals - for updates or annual certification of their professional licensing - through the AAVSB Registry of Approved Continuing Education (RACE).

12 RACE units may be applied to both the premier online course, Fundamentals of Aviculture, Level I, and the AFA's annual convention with its outstanding slate of professional and informative speakers. The FOA II course has been submitted for approval. If you would like to request Continuing Education Units (CEU) for FOA II, please do not take the course before RACE approves it (American Federation of Aviculture AAVSB RACE provider #442).

Both Fundamentals of Aviculture, and Intermediate Aviculture, are completely self-paced in "read-and-test" format and quizzes are automatically scored so there is no need to wait for results. No additional materials, books or workbooks are required.

Admission to the Level II course, Intermediate Aviculture, requires completion of the pre-requisite course, Fundamentals of Aviculture. The introductory admission fee for the Level II course is \$75 for current AFA members. Level 1 is \$45 for all current members of AFA. Non-members can also purchase a one year membership during admission of either course.

Visit the AFA website at [http://afabirds.org/foa\\_intro\\_old\\_2.shtml](http://afabirds.org/foa_intro_old_2.shtml) for further information.

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## AAV MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Each month we will spotlight an AAV member and ask the questions below.  
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### Member Information

(AAV questions in green, responses in black.)

**Name:** Paul L. Welch, DVM

**Age:** 56

**AAV Member since what year:** Spring of 1981



**Where did you grow up:** My father worked for Texaco so we moved around quite a bit. I went to High School in Tulsa, OK and from there went to Stillwater, OK where I attended Oklahoma State University for undergraduate and the vet school. After vet school, we (Sarah and I were married the week after graduating from undergraduate) moved back to Tulsa.

**Veterinary School attended and year of graduation:** Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine 1981

**How many years have you been in practice:** 30. The first two years as a staff veterinarian with a small animal practice and then I left to start my own practice for the next 28 years.

**What type of practice are you in (specialty, % avian, academia, etc)?** I own Forest Trails Animal Hospital in Tulsa, OK which is a 5 doctor practice treating small animal, avian, and exotics. I also own DVM Labs, Inc. in Tulsa, OK.

**What is your favorite bird?** Amazon parrots are my favorite.

**What pets do you own now and what special qualities do they have?** We have a Golden Retriever puppy at home. Also, "Crash", a Double Yellow Head Amazon Parrot which has lived at Forest Trails Animal Hospital since she was a baby, 27 years ago. I also have "Barney" who is a Blue Front Amazon which lives at DVM Labs, Inc. which I own.

**What is it that you like best about caring for birds?** I have to admit, that I first started working with birds and other exotics because they were different and challenging and very few vets wanted to work with unique pets. Remember, this was 30 years ago when there was absolutely nothing taught in the vet schools and there had only been one or two avian books published. In vet school, I was initially interested in trying to get an internship with a zoo and become a zoo veterinarian; however, found that I would be working for the city and felt more comfortable in private practice.

**What do you find is the most difficult part of caring for birds?** Quite often it's working with the owners to change minds on nutrition, husbandry, behavior, etc. Also, I feel great about the advances of the last 30 years, but we have a long way to go to figure out the differences among the various avian species.

**What factors influenced you to care for birds?** Probably the challenge of entering the new field of dealing with birds and the feeling that I was treating "...all creatures great and small".

**Is there someone you would like to thank for helping you to be where you are today?** I remember and appreciate the friendship of Drs. Jim Grimes, Fred Soifer, David Graham, Greg Harrison, Bob Altman and others from my early days in the AAV; but the greatest appreciations are to my current friends through the years in AAV that have been there with their advice and friendship.

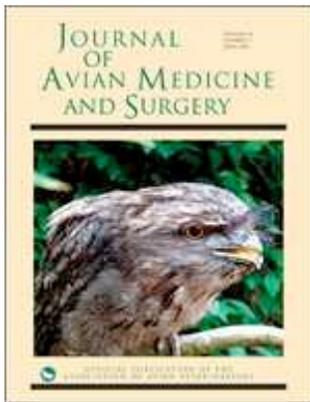
**If you were given one "do over" opportunity, what would it be?** I am where I am today because of my life experiences and I'm satisfied with every one of them whether happy or challenging.

**What advice would you give to new colleagues?** Develop friendships and relationships with others in the AAV. These colleagues will be with you through the years with their help, advice, knowledge, and friendship.

## ANNUAL AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED

We are still in need of items for this year's Annual Auction. Any donation, large or small, will be welcome. Please remember that all proceeds will benefit the AAV Avian Research Fund. If you are interested in donating items, please respond directly to me at: [DrTarah@AtlantaBirdsAndExotics.com](mailto:DrTarah@AtlantaBirdsAndExotics.com). Items may be dropped off at the AAV registration desk no later than 5 pm Monday. Arrangements may also be made to have large items shipped to the hotel or shipped later to winners. Even if you are unable to attend this year's conference, please still consider donating to this very worthy cause.

Wishing you a great rest of the summer and we look forward to seeing you in Seattle! Thanks, Tarah



### NEW MEMBER BENEFIT!

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The **annual AAV membership meeting** is scheduled for 12:45-1:05 p.m., Monday, August 8, 2011, at the Sheraton, Seattle, Washington, USA during the 2011 Conference and Expo. Current AAV members are invited to attend and participate in all business that may be brought before the membership.

**Agenda:** Annual AAV membership business meeting,  
Heather Barron, DVM, Dipl ABVP-Avian, President, presiding.

- I. Call to order
- II. Introduction of board and staff
- III. Report of Executive Board
- IV. New Business
  - a. Announcement of newly elected officers
  - b. Revised by-laws (please plan to attend this important meeting)**
- V. Adjourn



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Students — \$145 (must show student id)

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