

## CENTENNIAL YEAR FIELD TRIPS

### INTRODUCTION

Field trips have been an integral part of the activities of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club since its inception one hundred years ago. Indeed, the first recorded club trip, to Tinicum to observe a Barn Owl's nest, took place in 1890, the year of the club's founding (*Cassinia* 1988-89). Street provides a thumbnail sketch of the development of the club's field trips in his "History of The Delaware Valley Ornithological Club - The First Hundred Years" (*Cassinia* 1988-89). Somewhat surprising, however, there is little consistent record of the club's field trips with the exception of two periods, the late 1920s and the early 1970s. In the former period, a list of field trips followed the "Abstracts of the Proceedings of the DVOC" in the four editions of *Cassinia* covering 1925-1932, during which time Philip A. Livingston and J. Fletcher Street were editors (then called chairmen of the publications committee). Three trips per year was the norm in those times, with one on Washington's Birthday, one in late March or early April, and one on Memorial Day. The tradition of field trip reportage was resurrected during the period of 1969-1972 when Jim Meritt was the editor of *Cassinia* and Harry Todd was field trip chairman. By this period the number of yearly trips summarized had reached ten to twelve and included such ongoing traditions as the winter weekends to the Poconos and New England, the spring "Pocomoke" weekend on the Delmarva peninsula, the fall Barnegat to Cape May weekend, the fall day of hawk watching at Bake Oven Knob, and Alan Brady's annual pelagic trips. Since historians often look back on milestones in the development of their particular subject to catch a glimpse of its state at a particular time, it seemed appropriate to summarize for posterity the field trips that were taken by the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club in 1990, the year of the club's 100th birthday.

**January 6-7 — Pocono Weekend** (the following first person account is by the leader of this trip, Phil Street).

The DVOC Pocono field trip group gathers at Allentown at 8:00 a.m. for our annual foray. My fellow participants are Dick Bell, Earl Harrison, Katrina Knight, Al Kronschnabel, Harold Jackson, Ann O'Leary, Hart Rufe, Bob Sehl, Frank Windfelder, and Lee Yoder. We are blessed with perfect weather this weekend, but the bitterly cold December left no open water on any of the reservoirs, and the only waterfowl we see this morning are one Canada Goose and about fifty Mallards on an open stretch of Pohopoko Creek.

The hedgerows at Beltzville, often so productive, have only a few sparrows and robins, but some of the group see a Sharp-shinned Hawk and a Merlin. Just beyond, along the road, are a single Red-winged Blackbird and a nice group of about ten bluebirds. A mile or so farther gives us five Evening Grosbeaks perched atop a tall tree. While we are walking in after them, a flock of Cedar Waxwings flies past.

The evergreen plantation at Wild Creek Reservoir has several nuthatches of both species and several Golden-crowned Kinglets. Sehl finds a Northern Goshawk. With the reservoirs frozen and no prospect of good birding farther north, we retrace our way back across the Blue Mountain at Little Gap and go to a big, rolling farmland spot near the little village of Klecknersville where the birding hotline last week reported Lapland Longspurs, Horned Larks and Snow Buntings. We tramp the fields, but cannot find the flock. Then, just as we are leaving, we spot a group of Horned Larks and commence to search through it for a longspur. But they are off and away before we have gone through a quarter of them, a flock of about a hundred birds.

We recross the mountain at Wind Gap, go up along the river from Shawnee looking for turkeys in the corn fields, and eventually stop north of Bushkill, where a tree in a field had a remarkable twelve Bald Eagles around it last week feeding on a carcass which had been placed there for them. Apparently the food had been consumed, for there were no birds present this afternoon. Then it was on to the Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) for the night, with a wine reception, dinner, and an early bed.

Bell finds a quite tame Ruffed Grouse near the center before breakfast, but it flies off before I see it. There are two Evening Grosbeaks at the feeders. After breakfast, Jack Padalino (PEEC director) leads us around some roads near his house, where we see a small group of Purple Finches, then down Route 209 to some open water north of Bushkill, where we find two goldeneyes and a Common Merganser. We have an adult Bald Eagle and a Pileated Woodpecker at the Dingman's Ferry bridge, go north to Milford and cross into New Jersey, and come south along Old Mine Road. We see several red-tails but cannot find the rough-leg that was seen yesterday. It is nice to find two Pine Siskins, several flocks of robins, one of bluebirds, and one of Cedar Waxwings, but we see no turkeys. The Flatbrook area is barren and we cannot locate the two Catbirds that are reported to be wintering here.

We leave PEEC after lunch and go down to Norristown to look for the Western Tanager. It is right there in the crabapple tree in which it has most frequently been seen — my second Pennsylvania sighting. There are feeders across the street with a flock of one hundred House Finches perched in a tree behind them. There are two very active Red-breasted Nuthatches and a Yellow-rumped Warbler in an adjacent tree.

### **February 10-11 — Montauk (Long Island) Weekend**

The group of eleven club members meets at Kronschnabel Studios at 6:00 a.m. (or thereabouts) and leader Chris Walters organizes the troops for travel by van and car to Long Island. Kronschnabel's van carries Walters and Kronschnabel along with Ken and Jan Gordon, Ed Fingerhood, Donna Calio, Erica Brendel, Sandy Sherman, and Lee Yoder. Colin Campbell and Earl Harrison follow in Harrison's car, but communication is maintained via CB radios. The weather is mild, but high winds and heavy rains persist for most of the day. Upon arrival at Shinnecock Inlet at 11:00 a.m., the winds and driving rain and sand do not obscure an adult Iceland Gull among the more common species in the inlet. The rain lets up a bit later in the afternoon as we bird Montauk Point, looking at rafts of scoters and mergansers. A wet walk down the beach

rewards us with good views of a first-winter Glaucous Gull. Just as the light fades to the point where birding is no longer possible, the rain ceases and we travel to Shelter Island. Erica Brendel has picked a place for dinner and arranged for the group to stay the night at a friend's summer house.

A breakfast of eggs ("anyway ya want 'em, schweetheart!"), bacon, and toast is expertly prepared by Al Kronschnabel before we begin today's birding in much better weather. The highlight of the morning (indeed, of the trip) is a Thick-billed Murre at Fort Pond Bay. In late morning we begin working our way back west and pick up Eurasian Wigeon at a pond in the Hamptons. We finish the day at Jones Beach. We are there to search for Harlequin Ducks, but happily "settle" for close looks at a Short-eared Owl at dusk.

### **February 16-19 — New England Weekend**

This trip is always run over the three-day weekend afforded by the Presidents' Day holiday. It usually consists of various groups of club members meeting on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at Salisbury Beach State Park on the north coast of Massachusetts. The groups then head off to bird anywhere along the New England coast, south almost as far as Boston, and north to Portland, Maine, and beyond. The groups may or may not see each other during the remainder of the weekend. The leader (admittedly an almost meaningless concept for this trip) this year was Don Jones. His role at least was to be at Salisbury Beach to meet any newcomers and to let them join and/or follow to the traditional spots featured on the trip. What this trip lacks in organization, it makes up for in birds. On the 1990 trip, Don's group had such fairly reliable goodies as Barrow's Goldeneye and Bald Eagles along the Merrimac River in Newburyport, Massachusetts; Western Grebe at Odiorne Point State Park in New Hampshire; and Black Guillemots at Cape Ann, Massachusetts. In addition, this year's highlights included Thick-billed Murre at Marblehead, Massachusetts; Wild Turkey at Essex, New Hampshire; and Northern Shrike, Pine Grosbeaks, and Bohemian Waxwing at an apple orchard north of Portland, Maine.

### **March 10 — Shark River Area**

About eight club members and guests, including Dale Twining, Lee Yoder, Freda Rappaport, and Jack and Sue Siler met leaders Don Jones and Earl Harrison at 8:00 a.m. on this warm and overcast morning at Pat's Diner in Belmar, New Jersey. Birding first at the Shark River estuary, the group had Eurasian Wigeon and Fox Sparrow at Marconi Road and a rather ruffled Merlin perched fifteen feet above their heads in a tree next to one of the nearby ponds. Leaving the Shark River area at noon the group proceeded south to Long Beach Island as the weather cleared beautifully. Eight Harlequin Ducks, including four drakes, were observed closely in perfect light at the Eighth Street jetty in Barnegat Light. The trip ended about 4:00 p.m. along Cedar Run Dock Road in Manahawkin with close looks at three Short-eared Owls.

#### **April 7 — Pedricktown and Salem County, New Jersey**

About fifteen club members and guests met on the causeway across Oldman's Creek in Pedricktown at 8:00 a.m. on an overcast and sometimes rainy day. Frank Windfelder led the troops, which included Harold Jackson, Bob Sehl, Jack Siler, Earl Harrison, Ed Fingerhood, Donna Calio, Erica Brendel, and Sandy Sherman. The group was fairly quick in finding the "target" bird, a Ruff with extensive black on the neck and upper breast. The observers also had good looks at a Peregrine taking (and then taking apart) a Pectoral Sandpiper. Frank then led on to Featherbed Lane for White-crowned Sparrows, the Compromise Road area for nesting Bald Eagle, and then to the Mannington Marsh, where there was a good variety of waterfowl.

#### **April 28 — Special Pelagic Trip With Peter Harrison**

This was a special pelagic trip to the Hudson Canyon arranged by Alan Brady to coincide with the club's hosting of seabird authority Peter Harrison for a special Centennial Lecture and Field Trip. The sell-out crowd of birders was treated to Pomarine and Parasitic jaegers, Sooty Shearwater, Fulmar, a very early Wilson's Storm-Petrel, Glaucous Gull and many gannets. In addition to birds, the participants joining Harrison sighted several Fin Whales, Minke Whale breaching, 30-40 Pilot Whales, and numbers of Risso's and Bottlenose porpoises.

#### **May 4-6 — The Pocomoke Weekend**

Twelve members and guests met on the road to Elliott Island, Maryland, on the evening of May 4 at about 8:00 p.m.. The group included Ken and Jan Gordon, Don and Jane Jones, Bob Mercer, Earl Harrison, Dick Bell, Al Kronschnabel, Bob Sehl, Harold Jackson, and Frank Windfelder. The evening was clear and mild and as the sun went down the group had Orchard Oriole, Brown-headed Nuthatch, and a red phase Eastern Screech Owl along a short stretch of the road near the meeting place. A few hours later the wind began to pick up, but both Black and Virginia rails answered tapes of their calls.

With the wind continuing to pick up, the group proceeded to the boat ramp area in Elliott to camp for the night. With the weather looking worse, most participants elected to sleep in their vans or station wagons for the night. Harrison and Mercer, having traveled in the latter's pick-up, decided to pitch their tent on the concrete slab under the picnic pavilion. They figured that this site would provide protection from the impending thunderstorms. It did not. At 4:00 a.m. they found themselves loudly debating whether they would drown or merely suffocate in their tent which had now collapsed around them. Since neither of these options seemed to offer the possibility of good birding in the morning, they finally rushed, soaking, to the truck, threw the gear in the back, and spent what was left of the night sitting in the cab.

With the dawn came the clearing, and the group birded the area near Elliott Island for a few hours during which there was a small fallout of passerines. In late morning the group proceeded to the Pocomoke Swamp itself, where birding was slow. After setting up camp at the Pocomoke River State Park, we spent the afternoon and

evening birding at Chincoteague through intermittent thunderstorms. Good numbers and variety of ducks, shorebirds, and herons were seen at the refuge, including American Bittern. The rain stopped before it was time to turn in, and the next day dawned sunny and mild for excellent birding around the Shad Landing area. By now, over twenty species of warblers had been seen, along with many other passerines. At midday, the group began to head north, with stops at Prime Hook and Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuges in Delaware. In keeping with the weekend's tradition, thunderstorms started in the afternoon and evening. Most of the group finished the weekend with over 150 species and the aggregate was probably closer to 175.

### **May 12 through 19 — May Runs**

"May Runs" or "Big Days" have long been conducted by the club and its members. In more recent years, some groups have conducted their Big Day in conjunction with the "World Series of Birding" or "Birdathon" sponsored by New Jersey Audubon. Indeed, in 1990, three club teams participated in that event. Whether "official" birdathon Big Days or not, the various participants have traditionally reported their results at the June meeting of the club. In 1990, nine groups made such reports.

Harry Todd and Steve Wing spent 10.5 hours in the field on May 12, a day they characterized as being cool and cloudy with no migrants. They traveled from Ridley Creek State Park to Glassboro woods and then on to Cape May County (Jakes Landing, Reed's Beach, Cape May County Park, Stone Harbor, Nummy's Island, Higbee's Beach, and Cape May Point). In spite of the general lack of migrants, they had 124 species for the day, with highlights being the sandpipers on Reed's beach and a Merlin.

The next day, May 13, Phil Street led his group of E. Altemus, L. Johnson, W. Sheppard, and H. Webster on a rainy twelve-hour run through the Poconos. Eighty-one species were seen by these wet birders.

The same day, John Miller conducted his annual Delaware County Roundup. Miller, along with Ed Rigby, Nick Pulcinella, Helen McWilliams, and Mary Ellen Krober covered Tinicum, the Airport, Ft. Mifflin, Swarthmore Woods, Ridley Creek, and other Delaware County areas. A poor movement of birds led to the lowest total in years with only 117 species recorded. Highlights included ten Common Terns, five Black-necked Stilts, and Green-winged Teal.

On May 14, Kate Brethwaite ran a solo Big Day from Villanova, Pennsylvania, to Cape May, New Jersey. Ruffed Grouse and Piping Plover were the highlights among the 132 species that she observed.

May 15 found John Miller on the first of three Big Days in four days, this time for almost 24 hours with Dave Cutler, Armas Hill, and Carl Perry in Delaware (the state not the county). They covered the Wilmington Airport, Pickering Beach, Port Mahon, Slaughter Beach, Bombay Hook, Little Creek, Delaware City, Indian River, White Clay Creek, Rehoboth, and Cape Henlopen. Their 184 species included all possible rails, including six Yellow Rails. Other highlights were Northern Gannet, Snow Goose, Purple Gallinule, Ruff, Solitary Vireo, Mourning Warbler, Hooded Merganser,

Surf Scoter, Common Scoter, Summer Tanager, Red-headed Woodpecker, two Pine Siskins, and four Sedge Wrens.

On May 17, John Miller, Al Guarente, Nick Pulcinella, and John Freiberg birded Hawk Mountain, Muddy Run, the Conowingo Dam, Ridley Creek, and Tinicum. Their 20-hour effort netted 143 species, with highlights of Common Merganser, Peregrine Falcon, Common Tern, American Coot, Black-necked Stilt, Olive-sided Flycatcher, and Pine Siskin.

At midnight on May 19 three teams began their Big Days in the Birdathon. Club members Robert Mercer, Chris Dooley, Don Jones, and Colin Campbell were the team sponsored by the Silver Lake Nature Center. Starting near Frenchtown, New Jersey, and Bull's Island, they birded their way to the Trenton Marsh, and to Brigantine, Dividing Creek, Belleplain, and Cape May. This team had 185 species for the event, with highlights of Wilson's Phalarope, Brown Creeper, Alder Flycatcher, and Sedge Wren. The DVOC sponsored two teams. Led by Rick Mellon, DVOC I included Paul Guris, Bill Stocku, and John Miller (remember him?). They started at the Kearny Marsh and Great Swamp and birded Bull's Island, Linvale Road, the Trenton Marsh, Brigantine, Stone Harbor, Dividing Creek, Belleplain, and Cape May. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, seven Lapland Longspurs, and a Cave Swallow highlighted their long list of 196 species. The club's other team (DVOC II) included captain Chris Walters, Sandy Sherman, Erica Brendel, and Keith Russell. Moving from the far north of the Pequannock watershed, they traveled to the Great Swamp, Brigantine, Belleplain, Stone Harbor, and Cape May. This group recorded 180 species, including Wild Turkey, Black Rail, and 28 species of warblers.

#### **May 25-26 — Pelagic Trip to the Hudson Canyon**

Since 1976, the DVOC and the Urner Ornithological Club have jointly sponsored a late-May pelagic trip off the coast of New Jersey. Organized by Alan Brady, the trip departs about 10:00 p.m. Friday night from Barnegat Light, New Jersey, with a sell-out crowd of birders aboard the *Miss Barnegat Light*. The Friday evening departure allows for them to be about 80 miles out at first light, near the deep waters of the Hudson Canyon or among the scallop fleet a little closer in. With first light comes the anticipation that almost anything may be seen — it was one of these DVOC/Urner trips that first documented the occurrence of South Polar Skuas in the north Atlantic about fifteen years ago. There would be no skuas on the 1990 trip. However, there were storm-petrels, shearwaters, fulmars, and even passerines, as well as dolphins and whales, as the following first person account by participant Laurie Larson attests.

- 5:00 a.m.: 70°F (air), 56°F (water); very light wind southwest, light cirrus clouds overhead and a fog bank eastward. 81 miles out.
- 5:15 First few Wilson's Storm-Petrels
- 5:18 First Sooty Shearwater well off port bow
- 5:20 Change of course from slightly southeast to due east
- 5:24 Two "mola-mola," Ocean Sunfish
- 5:30 Joe Burgiel and I both notice a storm-petrel different from the Wilson's which continue to appear in ones and twos. This one has

- direct, quick flight with no fluttering, and long pointed wings. Joe notices the length of the wing from carpal joint to tip is longer than Wilson's. I notice the wingbeat is deeper. The bird disappears straight ahead of the boat, going much faster than we are. Joe calls it *Oceanodroma sp.*, probably Leach's.
- 5:38 Sooty Shearwater half-circles boat. Wilson's still constant and scattered.
- 5:53 Third Sooty; Wilson's increasing in quantity/density.
- 6:02 86 miles out. First Fulmar comes in, sits down as soon as chumming starts. Its wings when sitting cross over each other and project beyond tail more than an inch. A Sooty fishes alongside us: it doesn't really dive, just keeps flying straight into the water and then back out, wings flailing.
- 6:20 We cease chumming and move off heading north. Sky is clouding up.
- 6:25 *Sterna* tern heads northwest, distant, no ID.
- 6:28 Shark close to port bow (ID by crew): two small fins a few feet apart, darker at edges/pale inside, riding low in water.
- 6:32 Another Sooty cruising well off boat.
- 6:35 Two Great Black-backed Gulls (one adult, one 2nd-3rd year) pass us heading south. These are the first gulls all day. Wilson's have almost disappeared.
- 6:45 We do a U-turn and head back south. I conjecture we cruised the edge of the canyon and decided things were more interesting where we started. We meet the two Black-backs again as we return. We are chumming as we go.
- 6:50 A Fulmar appears, circles boat, goes north.
- 6:58 Sky is now mostly cloudy; air temperature down to 66°F. Wilson's reappearing but still sparse.
- 7:03 Wilson's picking up every minute we go south, as we are now almost back to our first stationary chumming location. Fifty or so Wilson's now visible in a full horizon scan. One more Sooty is announced.
- 7:15 Several hundred Wilson's in sight now, and we stop. Within five minutes we have a Greater Shearwater, two Sootys and a Fulmar. One of the Sootys is missing a primary; we saw this bird the first time we stopped near here.
- 8:00 By now we have tallied six Northern Fulmars, two Greater Shearwaters, and an uncertain number of Sootys, probably five or six in total. The peak of Wilson's was 300 birds at 7:30 a.m. The Fulmars show considerable variation; one has a shaggy look, with uneven-length primaries and secondaries. Another has a notch in mid-wing where inner primaries are growing in. A couple of others seem to have finished moult and look uniform, clear grey with very little white flash. All have white heads, with only one or two showing a little bit of mottling on crown.
- 9:00 My attention wandered somewhat, but I think the numbers given for 8:00 a.m. were not exceeded; the same birds hung around until we left at 9:00 a.m., heading west.
- 9:12 Two or three Ocean Sunfish.

- 9:45 Rain begins, steady though not very heavy. A dolphin is sighted but not (as far as I know) identified, although later I hear it may have been a Pilot (Bowhead) Whale.
- 10:35 A Jaeger is announced, and I see it disappearing off the stern; it looks hefty and strong, but I don't see enough to venture an ID. We are now near the fishing ledges, where whales were present yesterday. Captain Larson offers a prize of 2½ pounds of frozen scallops to the first person to spot a whale.
- 10:45 I spot a distant storm-petrel doing dips: I seem to remember reading something about this, and will try to track down the reference.
- 11:05 I see a distant bird which may be a Jaeger off starboard bow, but it keeps going.
- 11:10 David Sibley spots a Leach's Storm-Petrel 200 yards off starboard; we turn and begin chumming to try to draw it back, but it doesn't return. No whales here, but we see three Common Terns, 20-30 Wilson's Storm-Petrels, and some land birds: Black-throated Green Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Cedar Waxwing, and a large flycatcher *sp.* (All the landbirds I mention here and below were spotted/identified by Sibley and/or Bob Barber.)
- 11:55 We ply a zigzag course and circle around our last slick, all without particular result. About noon, we resume a straight west heading. It is still raining steadily.
- 12:15-1:20 We come into another area with many petrels. We stop again when whales are sighted. In the next half-hour, we see approximately five Fin Whales well out from the boat, which surface, spout, dive, and re-appear about five minutes later. Also, two Minke Whales come straight toward us and dive directly under us, re-appear belly-up on the other side of the boat, and then breathe a couple of times before disappearing. Somewhere in here (I didn't note the time) we also see 2-3 Common Dolphins, which come in from the south quickly and directly toward boat; we hope they will ride the bow, but they dive and vanish.

Birds during this stop include fifty Wilson's, one Black-back, a winter-plumage Laughing Gull, and one shorebird, possibly a Red-necked Phalarope, flying among the storm-petrels (Sibley). Land birds include Cedar Waxwing, Eastern Wood-Pewee, one Bank and two Barn swallows, Northern Waterthrush, another Common Yellowthroat.

- 1:10 Joe Burgiel tells me that one person (whose name I failed to note) reported seeing a probable Manx Shearwater a few minutes ago.
- 1:40 I decide it is too wet and there are too few birds to continue logging, and retire inside to get warm. Wind is picking up and the sea is getting choppy; rain continues. We are 45 miles from land.
- 5:30 Lighthouse sighted; visibility very bad, and we are almost at the inlet. The inlet is a mass of foam and six-foot waves; we enter slowly and carefully. We dock a bit before 6:00 p.m.

### **June 2 — Meesing Nature Center and the Worthington Tract**

Leaders Bill and Naomi Murphy met fifteen birders from both the DVOG and the Bucks County Audubon Society at 7:15 a.m. in Marshall's Creek, Pennsylvania. The day was to be sunny and very hot, and the objectives were a variety of breeding passerines of the woods, swamps, and fields of the Poconos. The group started at Meesing with Golden-winged Warblers and then crossed into New Jersey and proceeded north along the river through the Worthington Tract. A swamp near High Point State Park yielded both Alder and Willow flycatchers, with Least Flycatcher and Eastern Wood Pewee seen on the way. The open fields were uncomfortably hot for birders but not for breeding Bobolinks and Vesper Sparrows.

### **July 22 — Bombay Hook NWR and Delaware Bayshore**

About ten members and guests met leader Sandy Sherman at 7:30 a.m. at the Wilmington Airport for a day of birding at Bombay Hook NWR, Port Mahon Road, and the Ted Harvey Wildlife Management Area near Dover, Delaware. Three or 4 Upland Sandpipers were seen at the airport meeting spot. While no Asian rarities showed up, the other areas provided good birding. Bombay Hook in particular provided American Avocets and Black-necked Stilts along with Stilt Sandpiper and Wilson's Phalarope.

### **October 6-7 — Barnegat to Cape May Weekend**

About ten members and guests met at Barnegat Light at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday to start this annual weekend trip. The weather was sunny and warm all day and not too "birdy" as the group moved from Barnegat to Brigantine (which did yield Eurasian Wigeon), to Tuckerton, Nummy Island, Stone Harbor, and Cape May. When arriving in Cape May some of the group saw a Western Kingbird along New England Road. The group enjoyed the hospitality at the "Brady Hilton" at Cape May Point on Saturday night which makes this trip a success whether there are birds or not. Sunday was another sunny and warm day with a fairly good hawk flight.

### **October 13 — Island Beach State Park**

Paul Guris led a few stalwarts on this trip to look for sparrows and other migrants on Island Beach. His official field trip report: "No birds!". That is the way it goes sometimes. If there were good birds on every trip, anyone could be a birdwatcher!

### **November 4 — Bake Oven Knob**

Long a club tradition is a day of hawk watching at Bake Oven Knob. In recent years, including this one, Chris Dooley has served as "leader" of this trip. While no great rarities were seen on the trip, a fall day on the ridges is still "required birding" for most of us.

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