When Horace Greeley coined that phrase, West was the only direction anyone, young or old could go. While there are those of us who will indeed go West to get to the 2009 AFA Convention, others will have to travel East, North and even South. Whatever the direction, we will all be flocking to Houston, Texas. WOW!

Houston is a place where your other car is a truck. Where men are gentlemen and treat their womenfolk like ladies. Where you can find food representative of any cuisine from anywhere. Where fun abounds whether it is structured or a good ole Texas hoedown.

Most importantly, come August 5–8, Houston is where the bird people will be flocking. People will be coming from far and wide to hear renowned speakers on the topic of birds. They will reunite with people of the same interest, people who have become once-a-year friends.
AFA 35th Annual Convention
August 5–8, 2009
Hilton Houston North • 12400 Greenspoint Drive • Houston, TX 77060 • 281.875.2222

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Registration
House of Delegates registration includes lectures, exhibits, specialty meetings, and a banquet ticket. One copy of Convention Proceedings is included if HOD meeting is attended. Full registration includes lectures, exhibits, specialty meetings, and a banquet ticket. Daily registration includes lectures, exhibits, and specialty meetings for a specific day only.

Refunds
Full refund if postmarked on or before June 19, 2009. 50 percent refund if postmarked on or before July 3, 2009. All refund requests must be in writing and mailed or e-mailed to the address below. Early Bird registration MUST be postmarked by June 19, 2009.

Hotel information
The Convention will be held at the Hilton Houston North. Hotel accommodations are NOT included in registration fees. Call (281) 875.2222 for reservations. Mention AFA when making reservations to secure convention rates of $109.00 per night for single/double occupancy.

All minors attending the Convention must be accompanied at all times by a registered adult participant. AFA is not responsible for minors who attend the Convention without proper adult supervision.

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Convention Proceedings CD Pre-Convention: $10 / At Convention: $12
T-shirts / Polo shirts, sizes M–XXL, to be picked up at the Convention: T-shirts: $25 / Polo shirts: $35
If you are not yet a member, join now for full privileges!
Individual: $40 Family: $45 Supporting: $75 Commercial: $125

SEND COMPLETED FORM & PAYMENT TO: AFA • P.O. Box 159 • Rossville, TN 38066
e-mail: conventioncentral@idealbirds.com Phone: 901.853.6079 / Fax: 901.853.8452
Support the AFA and win one of these great prizes!

**Drawing donations:** $2 per ticket, $20 for 12 tickets. **Deadline:** Mail-in tickets must be received by the AFA by July 18, 2009, to be entered in the drawing. Onsite purchases and hand-carried tickets may be deposited at the Convention any time up to moment of drawing. AFA is a 501(c)3 educational organization. **For additional tickets, contact:** AFA, P.O. Box 91717 • Austin, TX 78709 • Tel: (512) 585-9800 • Fax: (512) 858-7029 • afaoﬁ ce@earthlink.net or visit us online at www.afabirds.org. Additional tickets may also be printed from the Web site.

**Amazon Framed Print**
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Beautiful, framed 20” x 30” fine art print of Blue-cheeked Amazon.

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Three days in beautiful Belize:
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**San Francisco Getaway**
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Three nights in a spacious room at the 4-star Club Donatello, in the heart of San Francisco’s Union Square. You will be within walking distance to fine dining, shopping at Union Square, the Best of Broadway, Chinatown, and a cable car to take you to Fisherman’s Wharf and Pier 39. $750 value. Nights may be taken singly or together, before Aug. 1, 2010. www.clubdonatello.org/

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**Small Bow Front Cage**
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EZ Care Bow Front Cage Size outside 25” x 25” x 70 1/4.” Shipping is NOT included. Cage will be shipped to the hotel; winner must get the cage shipped home from the hotel. EZ Care’s phone number is (847) 956-1130. Fax is (847) 956-8513.

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### 2009 AFA Super 8 Raffle Ticket Payment Stub

- **Check or Money Order**
  - 12 Tickets for $20 made payable to AFA
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- **Credit Card only accepted on charges**
  - Mastercard
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Proposals should be submitted in the form of an abstract, accompanied by a brief biographical sketch identifying the author’s experience with the topic to be presented and other relevant information. Please consider submitting multiple abstracts as you may be asked to give more than one presentation.

Abstracts will be accepted through February 15, 2009. Receipt of abstracts will be acknowledged and applicants will receive timely updates from the speaker committee.

If the abstract is accepted, you will be required to sign a speaker’s contract and return the contract promptly. A short bio and a current high resolution photograph is also required. Speakers will not be officially confirmed without receipt of a signed contract. Speakers are required to submit a paper to be published in the convention proceedings and in Watchbird, the official publication of the AFA. Final papers for the proceedings must be received no later than April 15, 2009 to be included in the convention proceedings.

The AFA will provide a complimentary convention registration package that includes one banquet ticket. All other arrangements, including transportation and hotel accommodations, are the responsibility of the speaker.

Abstracts are short summaries of the paper you wish to present and should be no more than 250 words. They must include the name of the authors(s), mailing addresses, Email and all phone contact information for the author(s). It is also helpful to know the name of your company, organization, aviary or other affiliation. If there is more than one author, please indicate which one will present.

Presentations will typically be 40 minutes in length plus a brief period for questions. Audio-visual equipment will be provided and will be specified in the contract.

Abstracts, biographies and final papers may be submitted in electronic format to nancyspeed@att.net. Please send as an e-mail or as an attachment in Word and identify it as “AFA Convention Abstract.” Abstracts may also be faxed to 662-673-2226 or mailed to Nancy Speed, P. O. Box 369, Benton, MS 39039.

The convention requires non-exclusive publication rights to submitted papers including the publication of Proceedings and publication in Watchbird, the official publication of AFA.

For questions specifically regarding speaker topics and issues, contact Speaker Chairwoman Nancy Speed at (662) 673-8100 or by e-mail at nancyspeed@att.net. For general information regarding the Convention please visit our Web site at www.afabirds.org.