



News from the 'Hood

Patuxent Bird Club

A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society

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March-April 2020

Upcoming Meetings and Speaker Programs

Tuesday, March 10, 7:30 pm, doors open at 7 pm
Third Maryland & DC Breeding Bird Atlas Project
Presented by Gabriel Foley



Breeding Bird Atlases are a great way for birders to explore new birding areas, learn more about the behavior of their local birds, and contribute directly to bird conservation! On January 1, 2020, Maryland and DC are beginning their 3rd Breeding Bird Atlas, or BBA3. BBA3 will be a survey of the birds breeding in Maryland and DC. It will rely on volunteer citizen scientists for its data collection. BBA3 will use the popular website eBird for data collection, so collecting data for BBA3 will be different from previous atlases. Gabriel Foley, Coordinator for BBA3, will be discussing what the Atlas is, how it is used to conserve birds and their habitats, and how you can get involved.

About the presenter: Gabriel Foley is an avid birder from the prairie province of Saskatchewan, Canada, located north of Montana and North Dakota. He received his bachelor's degree in biology at the University of Regina, Saskatchewan. For his master's thesis, also at the University of Regina, he researched nighthawk habitat use in Canada's boreal forest. Gabriel has also published research on acoustic analysis and interactions between bats and nighthawks around the Washington Monument in D.C. Over the past decade, birds have taken him around the world. He studied White-browed Sparrow-Weaver nest-building behavior at the University of Pretoria, South Africa, as a visiting researcher. He has worked on research projects in Alaska, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Nunavut, coordinated



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College Park Airport Operations Building, 2nd Floor
1909 Corporal Frank Scott Drive
College Park, MD 20740
Free and open to the public

Saskatchewan's nightjar surveys, and hosted a weekly nature radio show, The Prairie Naturalist. Now, he is excited to be the Coordinator for the 3rd Maryland-DC Breeding Bird Atlas. You can connect with him on Twitter and Instagram at @birdnirdfoley and read more about BBA3 at <https://ebird.org/atlasmdmc/home>.

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Tuesday, April 14, 7:30 pm, doors open at 7 pm
Birding Ecuador
Presented by Jane and Fred Fallon



While further afield than Costa Rica or Panama as a neotropical birding destination, Ecuador is becoming increasingly popular with North American birders. One of South America's smaller countries, it is nonetheless larger than the UK; about the size of Colorado. Within that area is a wide variety of habitat, a consequence of the Andes Mountains bisecting the country and creating distinct zones of high and low altitude, and wet and dry, forest – including a good chunk of Amazonian rainforest. As a result, the country's species list is over 1,600 (of which 200 are migrants from North America), comparing favorably with such giants as Colombia and Venezuela. In this talk, examples of native species will be illustrated, with emphasis on the different families represented and their relation to habitat regions. Interspersed, we'll cover living conditions, infrastructure, and tips on travel.

About the Presenters: Jane Fallon was raised in Northern Lower Michigan, in the resort town of Petoskey on the shores of Lake Michigan. She earned a BS at Michigan State University and an MS in Mathematics at The Ohio State University. After working in Chicago for a couple of years she moved to Maryland. She likes to be outside whether birding, botanizing, hiking, kayaking, or gardening. She retired from Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in 2013.



Fred's educational background is in astronomy, optics, and statistics; with a bit of aeronomy and geophysics. He has a PhD in astronomy from U Fla.; has done research at U. of S. Fla, Goddard SFC, and NOAA. He is a native of this area, raised in Silver Spring (and Selby Bay near Edgewater during summers) where he started birding at age 14, and got really serious about 40 years ago after joining MOS and PGAS. In more recent years he has become active in bird conservation, once leading MD Partners in Flight Habitat Committee where he was proud to have helped write the ground-breaking manual "Habitat Management Guidelines for the Benefit of Land Birds in Maryland" in collaboration with great regional experts. While on a PGAS canoe trip Fred met future wife Jane. Since then they've birded together for over 30 years and been active in our Patuxent chapter. They've been happy taking a few excursions far afield such as this trip to Ecuador.

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Upcoming Field Trips and Bird Walks

As always, all field trips are co-sponsored with Prince George's Audubon Society.



Thursday, March 5, 3 pm - [Lake Artemesia Natural Area](#)

Wheelchair-accessible. Meet at 3 pm at parking lot, at intersection of Berwyn Rd. and Ballew Ave. in Berwyn Heights. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich (mozurk@bellAtlantic.net) for more information.

Photo courtesy MNCPPC

Saturday, March 7, 7:30 am - [Fran Uhler Natural Area](#)

Meet at 7:30 am at east end of Lemon's Bridge Road, off Route 197 just north of Bowie State University. No reservations needed. The March 7 walk will feature the Spring Cleanup. Help pick up litter and trash to preserve the area's natural beauty as we also enjoy birding! Contact Bill Sefton (kiwisuits@msn.com).

Thursday, March 19, 3 pm - [Lake Artemesia Natural Area](#)

Wheelchair-accessible. Meet at 3 pm at parking lot, at intersection of Berwyn Rd. and Ballew Ave. in Berwyn Heights. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich (mozurk@bellAtlantic.net) for more information.

Saturday, March 21, 7:30 am - [Governor Bridge Natural Area](#)

Meet at the Natural Area parking lot on the south side of Governor Bridge Rd., 1 mile east of Route 301. No reservations needed. The March 21 walk will feature the Spring Cleanup. Help pick up litter and trash to preserve the area's natural beauty as we also enjoy birding! For more information contact Bill Sefton at kiwisuits@msn.com.

Sunday, March 29, 8 am - [North Tract of Patuxent Research Refuge](#)

One of the prime birding areas in Anne Arundel County, the North Tract of Patuxent Research Refuge has ponds, streams, open fields, shrubby areas, and woods, as well as several pollinator gardens. We will travel by car to different areas of the refuge and will walk some of the trails. Meet at the Visitor Center at 8 AM. Half-day trip. For directions see <https://birdersguidemddc.org/site/patuxent-research-refuge-north-tract/>. Contact leader Debi Talbott (dtalb74296@aol.com) for more information. Photo by Marcia Watson



Thursday, April 2, 6 pm (Note: start time is 6 pm April through August) - [Lake Artemesia Natural Area](#)

Wheelchair-accessible. Meet at 6 pm at parking lot, at intersection of Berwyn Rd. and Ballew Ave. in Berwyn Heights. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich (mozurk@bellAtlantic.net) for more information.



Saturday, April 4, 7:30 am - [Fran Uhler Natural Area](#)

Meet at 7:30 am at east end of Lemon's Bridge Road, off Route 197 just north of Bowie State University. No reservations needed. Contact Bill Sefton (kiwisuits@msn.com).

Photo courtesy MNCPPC

Thursday, April 16, 6 pm (Note: start time is 6 pm April through August) - [Lake Artemesia Natural Area](#)

Wheelchair-accessible. Meet at 6 pm at parking lot, at intersection of Berwyn Rd. and Ballew Ave. in Berwyn Heights. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich (mozurk@bellAtlantic.net) for more information.

Saturday, April 18, 7:30 am - [Governor Bridge Natural Area](#)

Meet at the Natural Area parking lot on the south side of Governor Bridge Rd., 1 mile east of Route 301. No reservations needed. For more information contact Bill Sefton at kiwisuits@msn.com.

Photo courtesy MNCPPC



Upcoming Field Trips and Bird Walks, Continued**Sunday, April 19, 8 am - Bluebells and Birds of Watkins Regional Park and Western Branch**

Explore the woodland trails at Watkins Regional Park, looking for blooming bluebells and early spring migrant birds. Then carpool to nearby White House Road for a look at the fantastic bluebell swaths along the Western Branch of the Patuxent River.

Meet at 8 am by the Nature Center in Watkins Regional Park. Contact the leader, Lisa Garrett at froglipp@gmail.com for more information.



Photo by Marcia Watson

Sunday, April 26, 8 am - [North Tract of Patuxent Research Refuge](#)

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Saturday, May 2, 7:30 am - [Fran Uhler Natural Area](#)

Meet at 7:30 am at east end of Lemon's Bridge Road, off Route 197 just north of Bowie State University. No reservations needed. Contact Bill Sefton (kiwisuits@msn.com).

**Thursday, May 7, 6 pm - [Lake Artemesia Natural Area](#)**

Wheelchair-accessible. Meet at 6 pm at parking lot, at intersection of Berwyn Rd. and Ballew Ave. in Berwyn Heights. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich (mozurk@bellAtlantic.net) for more information.

Photo by Marcia Watson

Saturday May 9 - Annual Spring Migration Bird Count

Annual county-wide census of resident and migrating birds. Pick your own start and stop times. Contact the county compiler Fred Fallon at fwfallon@ymail.com to receive an assigned area and for more information.

Sunday, May 10, 8 am - [North Tract of Patuxent Research Refuge](#)

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Photo by Marcia Watson

Would you like to see additional field trips to places around the county and the region? We need your ideas and we need more field trip leaders. Field trip leaders don't have to be able to identify every bird. It's more a matter of picking a place and planning a route to walk or drive, and then keeping folks together once you get there. Contact Dave Mozurkewich (mozurk@bellAtlantic.net) with your ideas and to volunteer to lead a trip.



News in Brief from MOS

The following items are from Robin Todd, MOS President.

Holiday Donations Appeal

As you may recall, MOS sent a letter to all members early in December requesting end of year donations. I am pleased to report that this yielded over \$4500 in donations via the mail and \$1220 from donations made online. I must thank Barbara Johnson for this letter. For a past president, who no longer even lives in the state, having moved to Tennessee last year, she certainly remains active.

Atlas (BBA3)

The [Third Maryland & DC Breeding Bird Atlas](#) began at midnight on January 1st. The state Atlas coordinator, Gabriel Foley, reports that the first confirmed breeding species was by Jim Stasz for a Bald Eagle, before sunrise on January 1st. Way to go Jim! Great Horned Owl has also been confirmed. In the first week of the Atlas, as of January 6, 86 atlasers had submitted 403 checklists to the atlas portal. Pretty impressive! Gabriel reports lots of enthusiasm amongst the 200 birders who have signed up to atlas. There are now [easy-to-use charts giving the safe dates](#) for each species. Atlasers are urged not to be dissuaded from atlasng species outside their safe dates. These are not rigid dates and breeding may occur before or after a species' safe dates. <https://ebird.org/atlasmdc/about>

MOS Convention Planning Underway

The MOS Convention will be held in Cumberland in Allegany County, May 15-17, 2020. Convention Chair Meg Harris advises that registration opened on February 15th and will close on April 30th. You can sign up for field trips starting April 1st. Rooms at the Cumberland Ramada will be available at the favorable group rate of \$109 per night until April 17th. Dave Wilson, of Conservation Community Consulting LLC, and his team are organizing field trips. Seminars are being arranged and the key note speaker will be Ian Davies of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology – expert on all things eBird. Convention Chair Meg Harris reports that Luke DeGroot (Powdermill Avian Research Center, PA) and Ashley Kennedy (Native Plants, University of Delaware) have agreed to present seminars on their respective subject areas. Details of the meals, which the Ramada will serve, are being finalized. A celebration of MOS' 75th anniversary is also being planned. Meg notes that we still need more volunteers, so please contact Meg (mctharris@gmail.com) if you can help out.

Irish Grove MOS Sanctuary Expands

It is now official: in late November, Mr. Beverly DuBose III donated 670 acres of tidal marsh adjoining the [Irish Grove MOS Sanctuary](#) in Somerset County. This very generous donation adds to the Irish Grove sanctuary on both sides of Rumbley Point Road all the way down to the point, and brings the total size of Irish Grove to 2,285 acres. A small area, around the cabin at the end of this road, is not part of the donation. Certain family members of the owner of neighboring marsh will be allowed to hunt waterfowl over these 670 acres for the next ten years (we plan to exclude rails from any list of target species). The donated land, known as Richardson Marsh, is considered by the MD Department of Natural Resources to be one of the best examples of marshland habitat in Maryland. This addition will help us ensure that this area is maintained for the benefit of birds and other wildlife.

Irish Grove MOS Sanctuary Work Weekend

MOS Sanctuary Committee Chair Dominic Nucifora is organizing a work weekend at [Irish Grove](#) for April 4-5. Tasks include replacing the east end gable, reglazing the shed windows, patching the pole barn roof, replacing shower hoses, and preparing food to feed the hungry crew. We also need to dedicate the marsh donated by Mr. Beverly DuBose III and set aside time to remember long-time Irish Grove volunteer Mike Knott, who recently passed away. To volunteer for the work weekend contact Dominic at d.nucifora@yahoo.com.

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MOS News in Brief, Continued

New Sanctuary Chair Needed

Speaking of sanctuaries, many of you will have heard that Dominic Nucifora will be stepping down from being the MOS Sanctuary Chair. Dominic has done a sterling job of maintaining our sanctuaries, including regular work weekends at Carey Run and Irish Grove. He will be greatly missed. So now I need to ask each of you to consider if there are candidates in your chapters to become our new Sanctuary chair. Please send any suggestions to Dominic (d.nucifora@yahoo.com) and Marcia Watson (marshwren50@comcast.net).

Second Maryland Youth Bird Symposium

The Second Maryland Youth Bird Symposium was held on January 25th at the Patuxent Research Refuge, with MOS as a sponsor. Numerous presentations were given by student and professorial researchers, YMOS members (YMOS is the MOS youth birding group), and conservation advocates, including keynote speeches by Mike Parr, head of American Bird Conservancy, and Autumn-Lynn Harrison, program manager of the Smithsonian Migratory Connectivity Project (and former 7th grade student of George Radcliffe, who heads YMOS!). The Symposium offered a chance to catch up on the most recent work being done with electronically tagged migratory birds, as well as to network with other individuals and organizations active in bird conservation.

New MOS Development Chair Needed

Following Bruce Beehler stepping down from being the MOS Development chair, this important position has been vacant. If you are interested in fund raising for MOS, please get in touch with Robin Todd at robintodd1948@gmail.com.

MD-DC Birders Guide Update

Marcia Watson reports that MOS has re-launched the *Birder's Guide to Maryland & DC* at a new address: <https://birdersguidemddc.org>. We have decommissioned the original website at <http://www.mdbirdingguide.com>. If you have bookmarked any links to material within the original website, please update your bookmarks. The Prince George's County entries can be accessed at <https://birdersguidemddc.org/explore-birding-sites/by-region/the-southern-region/prince-georges-county/>.

MOS Sponsored Trip to Panama in May

MOS trip planner Maryanne Dolan advises that there are still two spots open in the MOS-sponsored birding trip to Panama in May. The dates are from May 1st to May 11th. This promises to be a great trip. If you are interested, please contact Maryanne for details (maryanne.dolan@gmail.com).

Save the Date!

MOS Convention

Ramada Inn
Cumberland, MD
May 15-17, 2020

Registration open now
until April 30th

<http://www.mosconvention.org/>

Bowie Race Track Update

As reported in the January-February issue of *News from the 'Hood*, local elected officials have been working on a complex plan that would enable the owners of the old Bowie Race Track, the Stronach Group (who also own Pimlico and Laurel Race Courses), donate the Bowie property for public use as a park or recreation center. In fact, legislation has been introduced in both houses of the Maryland General Assembly to promote the donation of the land, as well as to provide funds for needed repairs and upgrades at Pimlico and Laurel. The relevant bills are the Racing and Community Development Act proposals (Senate Bill 987 and House Bill 1056).

The following information was provided by Representative Geraldine Valentino-Smith in an email on February 20, 2020. The purpose of her email was to announce hearings on the bills on February 25, 2020 and only portions of the email are reproduced here, since the hearing has already occurred.

In the last few weeks the most controversial provisions for our district relate to future ownership of the Bowie Training Facility parcels of land. The City of Bowie has taken a formal position to support future ownership by the City. Bowie State University may continue to advocate for conveyance of the property to the University and not to the City of Bowie.

Bill Details:

SB 987 has specific language regarding the future of the Bowie Racetrack property. The Senate bill conveys a small portion of the Racetrack parcels near the Patuxent River to the Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) and the rest of the parcels to the City of Bowie. The MNCPPC portion will be devoted to hiking and nature; the City of Bowie portion will be reserved for outdoor recreational activities, while also limiting the size of any built structure to ensure the lowest possible traffic impact. The measure also includes a joint use agreement with Bowie State University and the city for some joint recreational use to be determined by a future Memorandum of Understanding. The Senate bill can be read at this [link](#). The specific language referencing the Bowie Racetrack can be found on pages 9 and 10.

HB 1056 can be read and reviewed [here](#). This bill does not currently contain language specific to the ownership of the Bowie Racetrack. Delegate Marvin Holmes, Delegate Ron Watson and I (District 23) have drafted amendments to have the provisions in the Senate Bill incorporated into the House Bill. The language will convey ownership to the City of Bowie with the same provisions outlined in SB 987. It remains unclear if the House will accept the amendments regarding ownership.

News reports since the hearing on February 25 indicate that the bills were favorably received, but no details have been provided on the aspects of the bills that relate to the Bowie Race Track.

The Bowie Race Track property spans Race Track Road just south of Bowie State University. The property, with 161 acres, lies along the Patuxent River and adjoins the BW&A Trail and the Horsepen Branch Spur Trail, as well as other public parkland. Preservation of the race track property would help to protect important bird habitat along the Patuxent River, as well as protecting water quality.

The Bowie City Council is interested in acquiring the race track for the city in order to use it for recreation and sports. Bowie State University would likely partner with the City so that their students could use the recreational facilities. The Senate version of the bill stipulates that a 100-foot strip of land adjacent to the Patuxent River would go the Maryland-National Parks and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) be preserved for passive recreation. MNCPPC already owns parkland directly to the north and south of the race track property, including the WB&A Trail and the Horsepen Branch Spur Trail.

The Patuxent Bird Club worked with MOS and Prince George's Audubon Society to draft a letter to our elected officials emphasizing the importance of preserving the habitat along the river. Other organizations that co-signed the letter were MD-DC Audubon, the Audubon Naturalist Society, Southern Maryland Audubon Society, the Patuxent Riverkeeper, and Friends of Patuxent Wildlife Research Center and Patuxent Research Refuge.

You Are Invited to a Special Friends of Patuxent Presentation:

Conserving Insects and What You Can do to Help
by Dr. Rebecca Waterworth

When: Saturday, March 7 2020, 1:00 to 3:30 PM

**Where: National Wildlife Visitor Center at Patuxent Research Refuge
10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708**

There are only a few seats remaining.

Register ASAP if you want to go.



The renowned ecologist E.O. Wilson called insects “the little things that run the world”. They aerate soil, pollinate plants, and are food sources for many animals. We need healthy insect populations for our survival. Yet recent studies suggest that many insect species are in serious decline.

Dr. Rebecca Waterworth will be discussing how beneficial insects can be saved by restoring native plants to our ecosystems. She will share online resources that you can use to determine which plants best attract these insects and are beneficial to add to your garden. She will also discuss the recent headlines on insect decline and how conserving insects in your yard can go a long way to help preserve biodiversity at a local scale.

Rebecca is an entomologist in the Office of Pesticide Programs at the Environmental Protection Agency. Prior to this, she worked with Dr. Paula Shrewsbury at the University of Maryland, Department of Entomology after completing her PhD at University of California at Riverside. With her current research, she is interested in the identification, diversity, and conservation of beneficial insects using floral resources.

Following the presentation, please join us for a dessert social.

For questions on the event, please contact Cathy Kuehne at (410) 997-7925.

Please register for this event at Eventbrite link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lecture-on-conserving-insects-by-dr-rebecca-waterworth-tickets-88744438003>

Notable Bird Sightings in Prince George's County January and February, 2020



A single **Trumpeter Swan** was reported from Central Tract of Patuxent Research Refuge (restricted access) by Mikey Lutmerding on January 27, and four swans were there on February 5, as reported by Evan Buck. There has been a pair of Trumpeter Swans frequenting ponds at [North Tract](#) in neighboring Anne Arundel County for the last year or more. Photo by Evan Buck, February 5, 2020; Macaulay Library ML207533671.

A **Long-tailed Duck** was observed at [Lake Artemesia](#) by Rick Borchelt on January 20. Another was on the Potomac River at [Fort Washington National Park](#), found by Marisa Rositol.

A late **Sora** was found at Beltsville Agricultural Research Center by Jeff Shenot and Hans Holbrook on January 1 during the Bowie Christmas Bird Count. Another was at [Jackson Landing in Patuxent River Park](#) on January 3, this one found by Matt Felperin, a ranger there. The latter bird is presumably one of the individuals tagged by Greg Kearns during his research there; Gred is aware that a tagged bird never migrated away in the fall and the tracking equipment indicates continued presence.

Christina Yuan reported a flock of five **White-winged Crossbills** at [South Tract of Patuxent Research Refuge](#) on January 22. This has **not** been an irruption year for crossbills and other boreal birds, so this report is one of very few from the lower 48 states.

A **Lincoln's Sparrow** was at Central Tract of Patuxent Research Refuge (restricted access) on January 2, found and photographed by Mikey Lutmerding, who works at Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. Marisa Rositol found another Lincoln's Sparrow at [Fort Washington National Park](#) on February 18. Photo by Marisa Rositol, February 18, 2020; Macaulay Library ML210182341.



An **Orange-crowned Warbler** at [Schoolhouse Pond](#) was reported by Marisa Rositol on February 16. Photo by Marisa Rositol, February 16, 2020; Macaulay Library ML209701211.

Your Submissions Invited

Do you have an idea for an article you would like to see published in a future issue of *News from the 'Hood*? Send a note with your suggestion or, better yet, a draft article to the editor, Marcia Watson at marshwren50comcast.net. Worried that you're not a good writer? No worries – Marcia will happily help with your article. Deadline for submission of completed articles is the 20th of even-numbered months (August, October, December, February, and April). If your article is just a rough idea, please allow more time to develop the text and to seek illustrations, if appropriate.

Dues are half-off if joining after February!



MOS/Patuxent Bird Club Membership Application



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone(s): _____

E-Mail: _____

Full dues include Chapter and MOS State membership, and subscriptions to *Maryland Yellowthroat*, *Maryland Birdlife*, and the Patuxent Bird Club Newsletter. (The newsletter will be sent by email unless US mail requested). Dues are tax-deductible; see note below.

Choose Membership category:

Chapter and State combined membership:

or

Chapter membership only:

(must be a full-paying member of another MOS chapter - indicate primary MOS chapter: _____)

☐ Household ~~\$33~~ \$16.50 after Feb.

☐ Individual ~~\$26~~ \$13 after Feb.

☐ Junior (Age < 18) ~~\$6~~ \$1.50 after Feb.

☐ Household ~~\$8~~ \$4 after Feb.

☐ Individual ~~\$6~~ \$3 after Feb.

☐ Junior ~~\$1~~ \$0.50 after Feb.

In addition, I have enclosed a tax-deductible contribution

☐ to Patuxent Bird Club in the amount of _____

☐ to Maryland Ornithological Society in the amount of _____

Make check payable to **Patuxent Bird Club** with this application to:

Jane Fallon, Treasurer PBC
6711 Venus Dr
Huntingtown, MD 20639

"The benefits received from Maryland Ornithological Society membership dues are not considered to be substantial, as determined by criteria in IRS Publication 526. Therefore, members can claim a tax deductible charitable contribution for the full amount of their membership dues."

Or, you can now pay your dues online using the new MOS website:

1. Go to <https://mdbirds.org/>
2. Choose "Join" from the menu on the top right
3. Scroll down and click on "Chapters"
4. Scroll down to the map and click on Prince George's County to reach the Patuxent Bird Club membership area
5. Scroll down and click the little + sign next to "Membership" for PBC
6. Scroll down and pick your membership level and then click the orange "Register" button
7. Fill out the information, including setting up a password that will allow you to access "Members Only" information on the MOS website
8. That's it! You can even pay dues using your smartphone – the website is optimized to work with the screen on your phone.