

Tracker News

Microwave Telemetry, Inc.

Lifetimes in Technology – Generations Converge

Dear Customers and Friends,

Looking back, we can't help but think that we have achieved many of the company's goals set forth at the beginning of the year. Our conference in March was a grand success. The information disseminated from the cutting-edge research being performed around the world, all in an effort to conserve what remains, was truly humbling to us. It became clear to me that we scientists have always been walking this path together, some longer than others. In this issue of our newsletter Thomas Alerstam, Jim Watson, and Hiroyoshi Higuchi attest to this as they describe their nearly lifelong involvements in tracking birds, while newcomers from the Cape Eleuthera Institute, and Billie Roberts and Kelly Roche, (recipients of our educational award) update us on their students' projects. The next generation of budding scientists is showing so much promise. To see our sons and daughters (literally) joining us in our disciplines truly is a testament to the importance of the research being conducted.

The future is bright. Since the company's inception, our customers have inspired us to invent and provide technology to enable animal conservation. Per your request, we have unveiled our new line of telemetry products, which uses the GSM network to transmit data. For years, we have been asked to find ways to collect more GPS fixes. Now, we fear that we will receive complaints because there is too much data!

We know how difficult your work is – we are grateful for all your efforts (especially those who contributed to this newsletter and our 2013 calendar). The significance of the studies being performed is truly greater than anyone can fathom. In many instances, it now seems possible to see increased abundance of certain species, such as bald eagles and ospreys. It really is possible to adapt our ways, so that we humans can coexist with other animals. Hopefully, the next cohort of scientists will help us make even greater headway. As we start another year of hard work, let's keep the forward momentum going – it will be worth it.

From our family to yours, we wish you a relaxing and joyous holiday season and best wishes in the New Year.

Sincerely,

Paul and the Team at MTI



Photo by Jim Watson

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Above: Juvenile ferruginous hawk
tagged with a GPS/GSM transmitter.