

Tracker News



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Satellite Telemetry—Fulfilling Dreams

Dear Customers and Friends,

The naturalist and philosopher Henry David Thoreau once said, "If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours." I was fascinated by Dr. Bernd Meyburg's introduction to his article where he recalls being a young boy in what was then West Germany: he dreamed of tracking raptors and of saving the chick that would otherwise be killed by its sibling in the nest. Bernd diligently pursued his dream by using whatever technology was available at the time, first VHF transmitters and ultimately satellite transmitters.

In June of 2007, I had the privilege of being hosted by the Meyburgs. While cruising around Germany at great speeds, I witnessed firsthand Bernd Meyburg's enthusiasm, dedication, and absolute commitment. I wish to thank him and his wife, Christiane, for their hospitality; I will forever remember those three days. Thank you, too, for your article which should inspire others to pursue their dreams.

Fifteen hundred kilometers southwest of Germany, in the Basque area of Spain, Professor Joseba Tobar-Arbulu and his local Woodcock Hunters' Club dreamed of tracking the woodcock. Using a 9.5g PTT, they have been tracking Navarre, the "Iron Woodcock". Thank you for your article. Again, I hope that this will inspire others to pursue their dreams.

What do we dream of here at MTI? We dream of creating the technology that would allow you the researchers, to pursue your own dreams. Our full development agenda is a testimony to our commitment. We also dream that we will all inspire the next generation to carry on where we leave off. Hence, we welcome an opportunity to work with school children. We thank Bridget Olson for her article on Project MAGO and Irene Nolan of the Hatteras Free Press for allowing us to reprint one of her recent articles. On April 24th, Chris and I visited Cape Hatteras Secondary School of Coastal Studies to give a talk to the students about satellite telemetry. We were impressed by these budding scientists!

Have a productive field season and a good summer.

Sincerely,
Paul and the staff at MTI



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Above:
Paul, Dr. Bernd Meyburg and Black Kite
in Germany, June 2007.