

North American Falconers Association

Protecting the Ancient Art of Falconry Since 1961



STAN MARCUS

With the passing of Stanley A. Marcus on the morning of September 12th, NAFA, and indeed all American falconry lost an icon. Stan was a doer, notable especially in those early days of much talking. He joined NAFA in its first real year (1962) and stepped up to do his part, being appointed secretary in 1967. He was appointed president in 1970, serving a single (but eventful) single term until 1972.

Under his guidance we saw the beginnings of falconry legislation but even before that he had played a significant role in gaining federal recognition of falconry as a legal means with which to take migratory game birds (most significantly, ducks).

I use the term “under his guidance” because, although a doer, he successfully delegated his authority; as president he was an accomplished administrator. In later years he played a major role in securing, after a long struggle, Michigan falconer access to wild take. He joined his friends Edward Freienmuth and Roger Thacker in forming the North American Peregrine Foundation devoted to getting captive-bred falcons into falconers’ hands. He also became increasingly involved in trapping and banding. More than most of his predecessors and successors, he was a frequent participant in NAFA’s field meets over the years. His memory long survives him, he was special in the sport and “his place is now empty” (we miss him!).

Regards,

Bob Welle

NAFA President

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Stanley A. Marcus

President, N.A.F.A.
1970-1972

