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I have two memories I could share that stand out in my mind:

One is the time when the speaker brought in live rescued birds to the meeting of the Howard County Bird Club – one was an eagle as I recall. I had not realized how large a wing span that bird had. It was really impressive.

The second is my first meeting I attended. It was about real science in action: people taking measurements, gathering data, and publishing findings on birds, butterflies, and insects. I'd like to see more programs about that and fewer of people showing off their knowledge of rare birds found on big trips elsewhere. While I am sure that is important, I would rather hear about local birding and such. Publications like the *Butterflies of Howard County, Maryland* is what I think our club should be doing.