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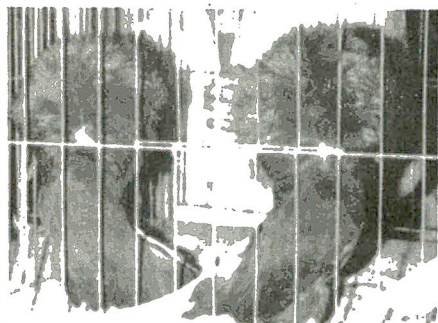
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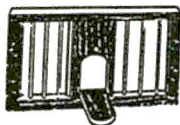


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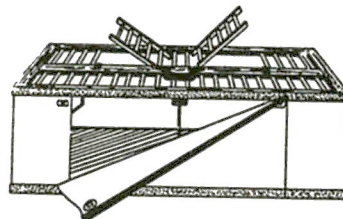
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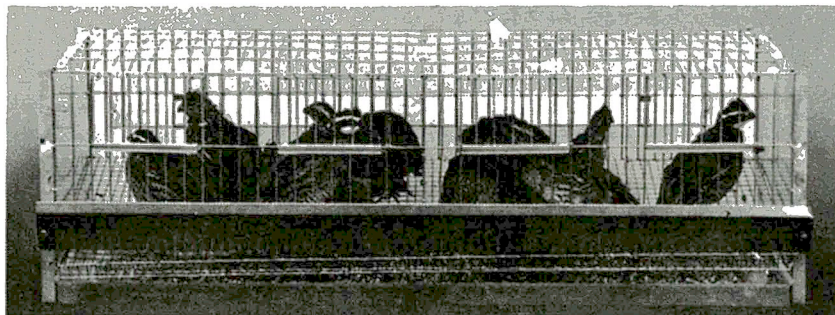
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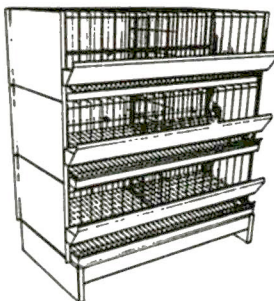
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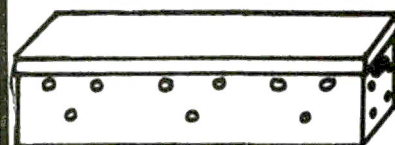
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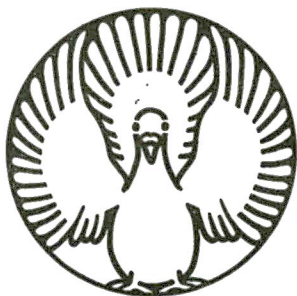
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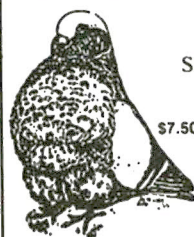
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Moments With "Mike"

Mike Weisz, Arlington, S.D.: "I just got involved with the pigeon raising again and am really enjoying it again. Wayne Fischer has been instrumental in getting me started again. I want to thank him and thank you folks for putting out such an outstanding publication as the Journal. Lori, my wife, and I really enjoy reading it. Thanks again."

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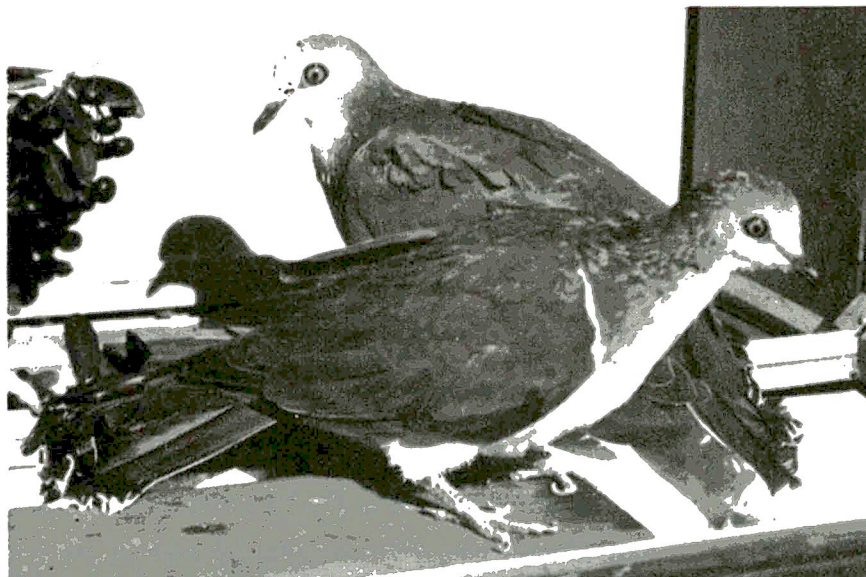
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Leon O. Ballard, Okmulgee, Okla.: "Had been looking for an old APJ magazine for your address and received your card today. Started with commons when a youngster. Of course, once a pigeon lover always a pigeon lover. Here is check for 2 yrs. renewal. I have missed the magazine so much, also pigeons. About 4 yrs. ago we moved to this address. Had bought particle board to build a 12x16 bldg. It had 7 individual partitions. Put approx. 1/2" sand and fine needles on floor. To make the story short. After about 2 yrs, gave pigeons up. Hadn't raised even one pigeon to be grown. They laid, nested and sometimes hatched. Lost one hen on nest. Watched my feeding and watering. Thought I was a pigeon man but really got disgusted. Sold out my birds. Being a retired carpenter, one day I read the carpenter magazine. The magazine was stating that the glue in particle board could be poisonous. I remembered that in this area when spring rains came in (which lasted 3 or 4 months), the walls and floor would get wet and stay wet for some time. Then I began to see where my problem could be. I wouldn't advise use of particle board on floor or walls. I raise mostly Mondains, Giant Homers or Kings. I am 73 yrs. old but intend to start back in pigeons soon. Thank you."

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VIOLET DOVES

A pair of Violet Doves from Jamaica. The male is in front. — Photo by Carl Naether, Encino, Calif.

The Violet Or White-Fronted Dove Is An Ideal Aviary Dove!

by **CARL NAETHER**, Encino, Calif.

The reasons why I consider this very attractive dove ideally suited for aviary occupation are as follows: in the first place, its plumage coloration is pleasing. It is easily identified by its white forehead, throat, breast and belly. On the nape appears an amethyst iridescence. Both, back and sides show a purpose or green iridescence. The breast is grayish pink and the upper parts are olive brown. Conspicuous are the silver-white eyes. The bill is grey-black; legs and feet are red. The female is slightly smaller than the male and its plumage less iridescent. This beautiful dove is called also, "Whitebelly" by the natives of Jamaica, which is its homeland.

It's been my pleasure to keep the Violet Dove on repeated occasions in an aviary planted with leafy shrubs and blessed with frequent sunshine (summer and winter), where these very attractive doves proved to be so-called ground doves, running about on the aviary floor during the day, but roosting fairly high up during the night. They were not at all shy or "wild" in their behavior, being not disturbed by my presence in their abode at feeding time. Their behavior toward other species of foreign doves in a spacious, planted aviary presents no problem for the simple reason that they are not in any way aggressive, but they should be afforded ample space to run about among grasses and low bushes. I

have found them to be good breeders and feeders of their squabs. Crushed pecans, peanuts and some live mealworms are to their liking, in addition to the usual grain mixture of popcorn, milo, large and small millet and so-called wild-bird seed mixtures. They relish also ripe, wild berries in season, such as the pyracantha and others.

I must not forget to comment on the voice of the Violet Dove, which is quite musical, not at all the often monotonous cooing voiced by many wild doves, but pleasant to listen to. All in all, the Violet Dove makes a lively, fairly tame aviary bird, that is very pretty and likely to prove a good breeder under favorable aviary conditions. □

Wear That Dust Mask

by **FRANK KRUMWIEDE**, Berryville, Ark.

I've been breeding pigeons for many years - starting in 1923. In my younger years I knew very little about breeding pigeons or their needs. I cared for them like other poultry - hen scratch, a shovel of sand and a pot of oyster shells. I never wore any dust mask nor was ever aware of any danger from breathing the dust.

Well, I was lucky until 1984 when I started having breathing problems. I finally went to a lung specialist only

Short Face Help

by **GERALD RICKSECKER**,
Petaluma, Calif.

I would like to publicly thank Michael Seiler and Warren Maurer for responding so quickly to a request that I had about Viennas.

I first wrote Warren Maurer asking him if he had any pictures or if he knew anyone who had a picture of a show quality Vienna. And in that same week he wrote me a letter back, letting me know that he had no pictures but that I should write to Michael Seiler who is a Vienna breeder.

Then I wrote Michael a letter asking if he had any pictures of Viennas. And within that same week he wrote me back and had enclosed two pictures, one of a red cock and one of a beautiful black hen. And in the same letter he told me he would send me a photo copy of a Vienna out of the Empire Short Face Tumbler Club, Inc., Book of Standards. (This arrived two days later).

Then I called Michael to thank him for the information and told him that I took some pictures of my birds and asked if I could send them to him so he could tell me which birds I should use for breeding. He said that he would love to, and then asked me if I would like him to send a video tape taken of the 1985 E.S.F.T. Club show. Of course I said yes, and then in 5 days the tape was in my hot little hands. I've just finished making myself a copy of the tape. It was really very informative.

So I would just like to say thanks again for such **quick replies** and all your help. It's people like you guys that help promote this great hobby.

Thanks, Gerald Ricksecker. □

to find out I had "breeder's lung disease." My lungs have become so weak that I have had pneumonia two times already in 1986 and also a cardiac arrest.

I was told to sell out and only keep a few flying pairs, but here in Northwest Arkansas, there are many predators so I'll just be keeping a few pair of racing homers.

So **keep that mask on!** — Your friend in pigeons, Frank Krumwiede. □



VIENNA TUMBLERS

The flock of MF Vienna Tumblers in the fly pen. Note Light Stork, Muffed and Kiebitz. — Birds bred and owned by W. Curteman, Germany.

The Viennese Tumbler, Medium Faced, Exhibition Type

by WILLIAM H. CURTEMAN, West Germany

As the title above indicates, this article will be devoted to the MF Vienna Tumbler, Exhibition Type, not to the Viennese Highflyer (a sport pigeon) nor to the SF Viennese (quite another exhibition type). Both the latter are entirely different breeds, hence should be addressed elsewhere.

I have raised pigeons as a hobby off and on for over 60 years, the last 30 years in Europe, and during this time I have had several breeds. About ten years ago I chose MF Viennese Exhibition Tumblers as the one breed I would keep. I fell in love with this elegant little bird while putting together a shipment for a breeder in the US. My love for them continues. Lack of space made a small breed preferable and I was attracted to this breed by its dainty elegance, cheerfulness and the variety of beautiful colors in which it comes. A fantastic amount of improvement to this breed has been made in these last ten years and especially in the rare color varieties, this without deviating from the standard; the breed has been perfected to meet the standard rather than, as often happens, changed until a new or revised standard is required. In the case of the Vienna Tumbler the standard has undergone practically no change except to provide, about five years ago, that the stock blue can also be muffed as well as clean legged.

To provide a common basis and point of reference I will start by furnishing an English translation of the German Standard (since the Germans are generally recognized as the most advanced with this breed, the German Standard, at least in Europe, is accepted as the Authority).

VIENNESE MEDIUM-FACED TUMBLER

Origin: Believed to have originated in the Orient, since the 16th Century bred in the Vienna area as a sport type, then developed as a show pigeon starting ca 1900.

General Appearance: Slender, erect, elegant in stance.

Head: Longish, narrow, flat top (slight dip in middle permitted), forehead slanting down to beak (wattles at approximately 30 degree angle, back of head forming a sharp 90 degree angle).

Eyes: Large, located a bit forward toward beak and near the top of the skull; Color white, small, round pupil; ceres smooth, two-ringed, plum blue to black except reddish (flesh colored) for red and yellow color varieties.

Beak: Straight set, opening forming a horizontal line drawn under the eye; medium length, thin, delicate, somewhat set into head; wattles rather small and soft; color black except flesh color (light horn color less desirable) for red and yellow color varieties.

Neck: Long, thin (especially at throat) and carried erect.

Breast: Narrow, not protruding.

Back: Long, narrow, sloping.

Wings: Butts of wings carried bit forward, long, almost reaching end of tail, tips together (not crossing) atop tail.

Tail: Fairly long (ideally $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch longer than flights), follows line of back without touching ground.

Legs: Long, thin, close together, clean-legged except that stock blue and light storked come with light muffs; toe nails same color as beak.

Plumage: Short, close.

Colors: Blue - Blue-bar except bit darker and grayer than the classic blue-bar of a Homer.

Dark Storked - Head and beard dark blue with a violet or green sheen; from beard to beginning of breast violet or green color, delicately sprinkled with white; breast, belly and thighs pure white; wings blue gray with lighter veining and narrow black bars; tail dark blue with black band at end.

Light Storked - Basic color white, flights (ideally 7-10) and tip (band) of tail blue gray (storked); pure white tail also permitted.

Color Storked - Basic color white; head ears and flights (7-10) black, red or yellow.

Kiebitz - Breast below a line even with shoulder butts, belly, thighs and fluff white; rest of body black, blue, red or yellow.

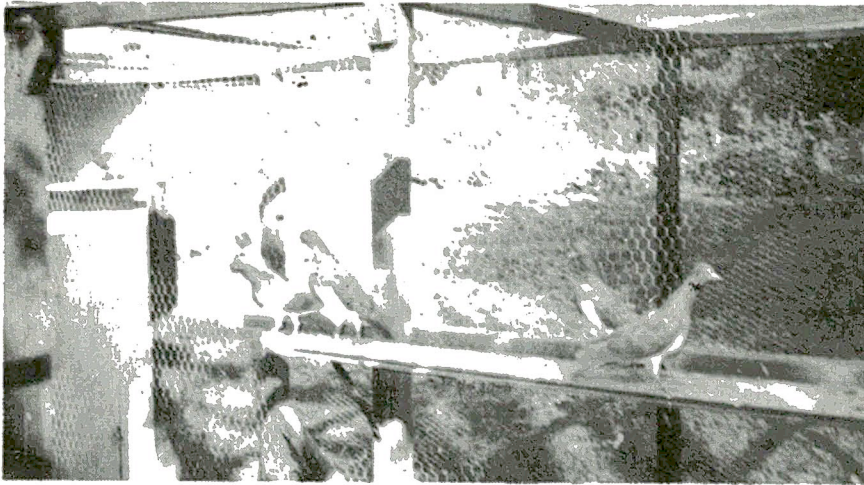
Thatched - Head, ears, beard, tail and wings black, blue, red or yellow;

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MF VIENNA TUMBLER

A light stork, muffed MF Vienna Tumbler (85) cock. — Bird bred and owned by William Curteman, Germany.



VIENNA TUMBLERS

Five yellow Kiebitz Vienna Tumblers, MF. — Birds bred and owned by William Curteman, Germany.

balance of body white.

Rosewings - Self colored in black, red and yellow with small patches of white feathers on shoulders (small heart-shaped white area on forward part of back allowed).

Faults in all above varieties: Too large or bulky figure, round head, drop (sinking) beak, thick neck, horizontal carriage, short legs or neck, faulty color of eyes, ceres, beaks, dull color or too much misplaced color in plumage.

Muffed stock blue and muffed light stork, color storked, Kiebitz, thatched, and Rose-wing are commonly referred to as the rare colors.

The stock blue and light storked, CL, are the most highly developed, then the following (roughly in order): dark storked, color storked, Kiebitz (except blue), muffed light stork, muffed stock blue, thatched, Rose-wing.

Another MF Viennese Tumbler (Exhibition Type), but very different

from the others above described, is the Viennese White-Shield which comes in black, red and yellow. Except for the beak, this breed resembles the Holland White-Shield very much. I will not give the standard for this variety. It is better that I stay with the other MF Viennese and mainly with the muffed light storked and Kiebitz since they are the ones I breed, hence am most familiar with. Much of the rest of this article is however applicable to all varieties listed above in the standard.

In Germany there are six regional speciality clubs for the Vienna and Budapest (Hungarian) Tumblers: South Germany, Rhineland-Westphalia, Lower Saxony, Hamburg, Bremen and Berlin. Each has its own annual show followed by a show at the National level. The number of MF Viennese now average around 180 in the South German Club show and 500 in the National. Most entries are CL stock blue and CL light stork and they represent the highest quality but the number and quality of the rare colors (see above) are growing. Whereas 10 years ago around 40 rare colors would be entered in our regional speciality show and 60 at the National, there are now over 50 and 100, resp. Not only is the quantity of the rare colors rising but the quality is ever higher, approaching that of the more commonly bred stock blue and light stork.

When I started with my muffed light storked and Kiebitz 10 years ago, about all I could obtain were sub-par birds the breeders wanted to get rid of: round heads, poor form and stance, sinking beaks, etc. These color varieties were then bred in any

quality by only 3 or 4 fanciers but then even their birds were inferior to today's. Blacks usually had gross color faults, especially black thigh feathers; blue Kiebitz didn't exist and are only today (1986) being resurrected, a few shown this past year; reds and yellows had the faults of the blacks plus almost always blue or slate discoloration in their tails. Credit must go to a handful of breeders who have had the patience and perservance to improve these rare color varieties until they proudly compete at the shows with all the other Viennese.

Still generally inferior to all other color varieties are the thatched and rose-wing. The thatched is usually a throw-off from a Kiebitz or a color storked and is not well established and will not breed true to color. The rose-wings are even more rare, usually being an over-marked Kiebitz and again not breeding true to color. Seldom does more than a total of six of these two colors appear in a show. It may be that 10 years from now they too will be improved like the other rare colors have been. One German breeder is now developing the MF Viennese in self black, red and yellow but this color variety is not yet incorporated into the standard and it will probably be several years before it is.

The Viennese are good, quick flyers and do well flying free, hawks, cats and neighbors permitting but, if not, they are healthy and happy in fly pens. They are not the best breeders, like any breed that has been developed over the years exclusively for show. On the other hand, several breeders keep along with SF Viennese or SF Hungarians, exchanging the eggs or very young and each breed seems to do a good job of raising its adopted young. Although the Viennese is lively, it becomes tame and is easily handled.



MF VIENNA TUMBLER

A young (85) red Kiebitz MF Vienna Tumbler Cock, #FL664. — Bird bred and owned by William Curteman, Germany.



MF VIENNA TUMBLERS

Two young (85) Black Kiebitz MF Vienna Tumblers, #567 and #666. — Birds bred and owned by William Curteman, Germany.

This pigeon has been bred in Austria and Switzerland, also improved in these countries during the last few years. It has more recently spread to France and the Benelux where it is becoming ever more popular. I understand that there are

a few in the US, perhaps even offspring from some that I sent over in the early 70's, but I don't know where they are or in what quality they not exist. I would be happy to hear from any breeder who has them. W. Curteman. □



EDNA SCIFRES AND JERRY QUEEN

Edna Scifres and Jerry Queen in front of Edna's many trophies that she has won.

What Caught My Eyes

by **JERRY QUEEN, Waynesville, N.C.**

As a young boy I was attracted to pigeons flying around in our local town park. As always my eyes could not stray from these feathered creatures that has so long been a part of man's everyday life.

My brother Jim was also attracted to these birds. As fate would have it, what really got him interested was when he read a book in the children's Nancy Drew Mystery Series about racing pigeons carrying notes and being involved with spies and such. This became his first introduction to pigeon fanciers. After reading this my brother could not wait to get some racing pigeons for himself. So, by a streak of luck he was casually leafing through a Sears catalog and to his surprise Sears offered pigeons for sale, including Racing Pigeons. With some persuading and pleading to my Grandma Ella, my brother had his racing pigeons coming by train in just a few short weeks. That was an exciting time for the both of us, as Grandma Ella even helped us build a small loft. As I think back I somehow knew that Grandma Ella knew either Jim

or myself were destined for the birds and it would be an important part of our lives. We were fortunate in having a Grandma who knew the importance of young boys having an enriching hobby.

Jim kept the birds for a couple of years. I was always trying to help clean and prepare the loft. Just being around the birds, I somehow felt that they were meant for me. As time passed Jim became involved with college and other school activities. At ten years old I became master of the loft.

So, 20 years later my eyes have seen many birds come and go. Throughout these years I have always kept racing pigeons and have participated in races with our local club. I have taken numerous birds many miles from home just to experience the pleasure of watching them return.

In 1979, I had now found after all the years that had past, what my eyes were finally looking for. To my surprise, my eyes caught sight of Show Racing Homers at a show in South Carolina. And even more in-

teresting they were being judged by a lady with an Australian accent! Later, after questioning those around me, I found out this lady was Edna Scifres a resident of Greenville, South Carolina. Anyone that races and shows their Show Racing Homers knew this lady was the top of the line. She was the owner of the most successful family of Show Racing Homers anyone could ask for. Edna had raced and shown her birds for over 20 successful years; winning hundreds of trophies and ribbons and becoming a top judge of the show Racing Homer.

I was just overwhelmed by the beauty of the birds. When the show was over I asked Edna Scifres where I could get some of these beautiful birds. I told her I very much wanted to show as well. After being told that Edna had her great family of birds at her residence I just could not resist asking her if I could somehow see them. She was very polite and said my brother and I could come over and visit her loft. Oh yes! My brother was with me that day and even though he did not own birds, his eyes never closed when it came to pigeons.

It was unbelievable to me that we were actually on our way to see these beautiful birds in a pouring rain as we followed Edna to her home. We were there in no time as it was only a few miles. As we were pulling up the driveway the first thing my eyes could focus on, was this enormous two story loft. It was one of the nicest pigeon lofts I had ever seen. We were invited to come into the house in order to let the rain slack a little. As we entered the kitchen I could not help but glance into the living room. To my utter disbelief my vision was overcome with hundreds of beautiful trophies and awards that lined the walls. I quickly thought back to when Grandma Ella helped us so much. I knew this is what she envisioned for me or my brother to accomplish someday. So the rain stopped and it was out to the loft as fast as we could go. It was even more exciting to me as the Show Racing Homers were just what my eyes were searching for. My first reaction was one of innocence and amazement. For my eyes could see these birds were like a beautiful painting, a living creature that possesses beauty for everyone to behold.

From that rainy day seven years ago destiny did prevail, as I was

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fortunate enough to purchase the breeding stock of Show Racing Homers from Edna Scifres. I not only acquired the beautiful birds but found a dear friend in Edna Scifres as well.

My travels have taken me to many shows. I have been fortunate to win many trophies and ribbons. I have had the opportunity to judge the beautiful Show Racing Homer with Edna Scifres at several shows in the South and as far away as Colorado. I have met many fine people all over

the country including top fancier Earl Robbins of Kentucky, whose stock I have introduced to my own family of birds.

To my best friends Tommie and Judi Justice, who are fine pigeon fanciers in their own right, to my Grandma Ella and brother Jim, and friends like Edna Scifres, I dedicate this article. For in them not only did I come to find the beauty in the Show Racing Homer but found friendships as well. And this, more importantly, is what caught my eyes!□

Breeding English Trumpeters In A Heated Loft

by KEITH PHELPS, Grand Island, Nebr.

I have been heating my breeding loft for the last four years and I have to say that it is probably the best thing I have ever done to enhance my enjoyment of the hobby.

I spend a lot of time in the loft in the winter months that I wouldn't if it were 10 or 20 degrees below zero in there. I get a lot of young birds early and can split my breeders early. Both the young and old birds get a good early molt and are in good shape for the shows.

I no longer go out after a cold snap in the spring and find a bunch of frozen statues in the nest. (These seldom make good show birds).

I heat my loft, 8' X 10' X 7', fully insulated with a small electric heater. I estimate that it costs about \$20.00 a month on the average, December through April. This is about two trips to McDonald's with the family, better to get your priorities right and

spend it on the pigeons.

One thing you find out real quick is the importance of good ventilation in the loft. The University of Nebraska Ag. Dept., recommends four air changes per hour in poultry confinement buildings. This can be accomplished either mechanically, i.e. fans with or without timers or by gravity, letting the cold air in the bottom and warm moist air out the top.

I feel the latter is most practical for the small loft. I have a 4" plastic pipe that runs from the roof to about 4" from the floor. Cold air comes in down there. There is a 6" vent in the center of the ceiling with an adjustable opening to let the warm humid air out. The more birds, the more humidity and more air changes are necessary. If you don't watch this point, you will have respiratory problems in your birds.□

Donek Amazement

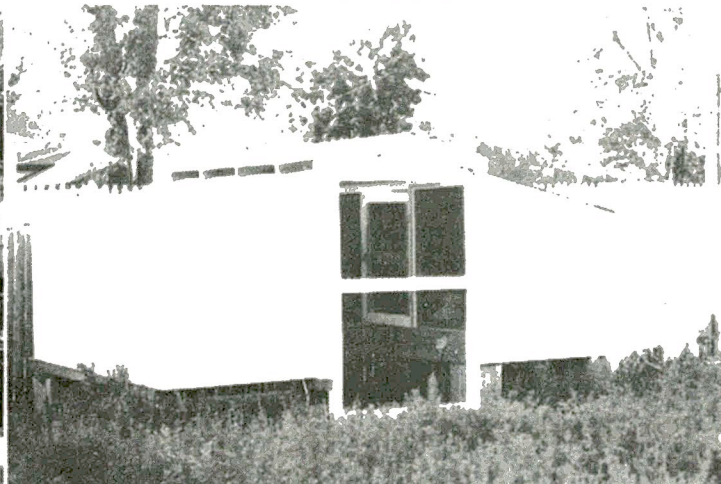
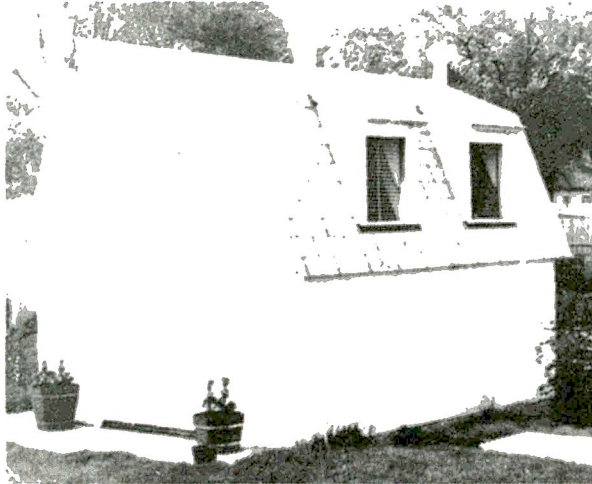
by G.L. Martin,
Valparaiso, Ind.

I live on a farm in Northwest Indiana. I enjoy the pigeon sport. I raise Parlor Rollers, Flying Rollers and Doneks. All of my birds give me great enjoyment. My children are at the top of the list next to my wife. But birds can give you that special moment in life, when you can just relate on their level.

The difference between a roller spinning and a Donek spiraling is amazing. When I first saw a performance by Doneks I couldn't believe my eyes. Such spiraling done coming straight down out of the sky. I knew then I needed to get a pair or two. Now 25 Doneks later I'm still flying them. If you have a chance to see Doneks perform don't pass it up. I'm sure they will amaze you too!

Doneks can be taught to come out of the sky straight into their coop. I prefer to have my birds land on the ground and herd them in. I hand release all of my Doneks into the air when I fly them. This way when I want them to just walk around the yard, I open the door and they can come out and not fly off. I found the more you can walk them or herd them, they can be controlled better. Doneks are great foster parents and good pets. Try a pair and enjoy a real treat.

Correspondence is welcome and any helpful hints. — Glenn L. Martin, 236 W. 375 S., Valparaiso, Ind. 46383.□



LOFT AND YOUNG BIRD PENS OF KEITH PHELPS

On the left is the attractive loft of Keith Phelps of Grand Island, Nebr. On the right is Keith's young bird pens. Keith is a lover of White English Trumpeters.

Preview Of The 1987 Grand National Show Site

by BOB CALLIHAN, Langhorne, Pa.

By now, no doubt, it's generally known that the Eastern District has been chosen as the area for the 1987 Grand National Pigeon Show with the Philadelphia-South Jersey Pigeon Association receiving the honor of sponsoring the show.

Even at this early date a flurry of activity is taking place by the sponsoring club to organize a National that will be remembered for many years. Much time was spent at many meetings discussing committee and individual reports on show sites that had been investigated. Although each location mentioned was carefully considered, the place finally chosen always seemed to emerge and dominate the rest as the most suitable.

This place known as the Downingtown Inn and Resort is located on Route 30 not far from Pennsylvania Turnpike Exit 23. I will try to give a summary of many of the attractions that makes the Downingtown Inn an ideal mid-winter vacation for both the fancier and members of his family whether or not they share his or her intense interest in pigeons.

The fact that January's weather is unpredictable it is possible that the indoor activities available will be the ones mostly enjoyed during free time from the show room. To list some of them there are six bowling lanes, a racquet ball court, archery, shooting range, miniature golf, shuffleboard and ping-pong. A health spa features universal exercise equipment, exercise bikes, steam rooms, saunas, whirlpools and showers. Also, in the hotel is a swimming pool, a basketball court, a roller skating rink and areas for bocci, volleyball, badminton and horse shoes. There's dancing to live music nightly. The outdoor enthusiast can avail himself of cross country skiing, horseback riding or hiking.

Downingtown is often referred to as the "gateway to the Pennsylvania Dutch Country" -- so, from this vantage point guided bus tours through the Dutch Country are provided. Seeing people living and dressing as their forefathers did 200 years ago is an experience that is never forgotten. There will be an opportunity to visit Longwood Gardens and stroll through it's 20 indoor gardens - a welcome respite from the cold and snow of mid-winter. Finally, I wanted to

mention that plans are made for a bus trip to Atlantic City where the day can be spent visiting the fabulous casinos.

This article has been prepared to

My Three Weeks In Spain With The Spanish Thief Pouter Pigeons

by SANDALIO CORTES, Hialeah, Fla.

In 1985, I enjoyed my three weeks vacation in Spain, assisting to the Spanish Thief Pouter Pigeon Championship, ending June 15 at the City of Nules, near Valencia. The **Copa Su Majestad El Rey** - His Majesty The King Cup, with the prize to the winner.

I have grown and owned this sporting race of pigeons since early childhood in my native Cuba. I belonged to the Spanish Thief Pouter Pigeons Owners and Breeders' Club of Cuba until 1966, the year in which I came to the USA as a political exile.

For years I was unable to obtain Spanish Thief Pouter Pigeons here. So, faced with the apparent impossibility of getting these, I began to grow Racing Homers and all kinds of fantasy pigeons, specializing in Norwich Cropper, Pomeranian Pouter and Bokhara Trumpeter.

In time, some well known "aficionados" of the Spanish Thief Pouter's made contacts and through some organizing efforts, the Spanish Thief Pouter Pigeon Club of the USA was born. Actually I am the Club's President.

Some time ago we imported several pairs of Spanish Thief Pouters from Spain and began to grow them at home. Today we have a good size family of these birds in and around this area. As far back as 1975, I eliminated from my stock all and every pigeon other than Spanish Thief Pouter, having dedicated all of my efforts and energy to the breeding and organizing competitions of my favorite race of pigeons - the Spanish Thief. And during this recent vacation trip, I brought with me to Miami 23 new pigeons from Spain. This pure-breed injection has bettered my stock of Pigeons 100%.

But let us continue with my trip to Spain.

I knew there was a great deal of

show the setting in which our Grand National Pigeon Show will take place in 1987. I think we have an opportunity for one of the finest ever held. I'm sure that as further details of the 1987 National Pigeon Show unfold

the enthusiasm here at the Philadelphia-South Jersey Pigeon Association will spread throughout the fancy. □

liking for this race of pigeons, but never, in my wildest dream did I dare think that there was such large number of Spanish Thief Pouter fanciers as there actually is. The Spanish Thief Pouter Pigeon Club of Spain actually boasts a 27,000 dues paying membership! And there, in the area where the Championship competition was held, Valencia, Nules, Castellón, it was the most talked-about subject for days on end. Restaurants, cafes, bars and department stores wore and displayed their best decorations, garlands, signs, placards and specials in honor of the racers and the signs announcing the competition for **La Copa Su Majestad El Rey** were conspicuously displayed by all, among photos and drawings of Champion Birds, Owners and Racers. A sort of Christmas in June, if you can imagine yourself in it!

On the eve of the competition, we were hosts to a banquet. 1700 places at the table! Can you imagine the size of the place, and the spirit of the guests? His Royal Highness Don Alfonso de Borbon, Prince of Cadiz and President of Spain's Olympic Committee was the Guest of Honor.

I take this opportunity to once again thank all the Spanish "aficionados" for all the distinctions and favors they bestowed upon me, and promise them that I shall be there for the 1986 Championship, as I feel obligated to share and partake of the challenging fraternity The Spanish Club and its members showed me they had for the American Spanish Thief Pouter Fanciers. Til then.

Thanks and Saludos. □

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The Whiteside Chinese Owl — A Living Work Of Art Among The Exhibition Pigeons

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This colour has been developed in Sweden by crosses with Vienna-Whitesides. The "Chinese King" Gunnar Nordquist has bred these colours in red and yellow; he is regarded as the pioneer of the Chinese Owl today. We have to owe the construction of structure to him, for it was he who made the courageous step in crossing with Jacobins to achieve a much more fuller and richer structure (more richness in feathers, that means a longer feather).

The breeding of the Whiteside Chinese Owl depends on three specific characteristics. At first, the wing shield tends to be recessive; on the other hand, it must be understood as a slowly shading of loosing pigment, that is varying during the generations at several feathers parts on the pigeon's body. At last the birds vary while growing older; they become much more whitish within the years. The dominant factor in breeding the whiteside is naturally the self. If you put two whiteside Chinese Owls together, you cannot expect that all their young become whitesides. The pattern of the young birds will fluctuate between self coloured and whitesides, with some tendency to grizzled or colourlessness of feathers at parts of the body that are more distant from the birds

heart, it means which are less supplied with blood. As an example, the lightening of wings, tail, belly or thighs and pants is mentioned. As a rule, such birds are less suitable for the stock, because they often pass on those faults very frequently. On the other hand, you can raise from the continuation of two whitesides self-coloured birds or young with mottled wing sides and with deep clear colour otherwise. Before all those pigeons make good stock birds. In mating such birds one can counteract against the drop of pigment in an effective manner. Experience shows that one gets whitesides with extraordinary rich colour.

The problem in breeding whiteside Chinese Owls is the desired clear white shield markings. White tends to displace the pigment. Therefore, show birds, pigeons with clear white shield, mated together, in most cases, are not good stock birds. You need much instinctive feeling and the perfect knowledge of the descent. Better to mate birds with only least developed white or with mottled shields, then to bring two perfect figured ones together. Given two self-coloured ones that have been bred from whitesides can produce perfect whitesides.

With the yellow whitesides you have to take care that the pigment does not become too pale. In such cases, it is advantageous to cross with deeply red pigmented (self reds) birds. You will produce as intermediate colours, all birds will be pigmented clearly. The young get out of the nest as selfs. When moulting, the white feathers of the wingshield break off (not in every case; some birds remain selfs).

To find out early, whether the bird has received the disposition as a whiteside any way, it is advisable to pull out some little feathers from the wing shield twice or three times. However you have to pay attention that the quill is dry before pulling, that it is not supplied with blood (blood quill). Otherwise, the new feathers might possibly come shorter, smaller or crooked.

One must not pull out all the feathers at the same time because particularly the longer feathers need more time to dry out than the shorter ones. One can begin with it when the



CHINESE OWL

This Yellow White Shield Chinese Owl hen received "hv" Special - E at the German Pigeon Show, Munster, 1983. Bird bred by J.A. Lang, Kulmbach, Germany. — Photo by J.A. Lang.

young are about eight or nine weeks of age. Sometime after separating the young, you can pull out a few feathers from the wing shield to try out, if white is following anyway. But it is pointless to use this method on birds which are more self than spotted. Those are better used for stock if showing good structure markings. Birds that already show a clear, white shield marking in the first year, that are perfect anyway, mostly cannot be used for exhibition in the second year, because in wings, belly, pants, back and tail, a white or grizzled colour will appear.

It is not easy and everyone's goal to breed Chinese Owls with good



CHINESE OWL

This Yellow White Shield Chinese Owl hen received 94 points at the International Pigeon Show in Brunn, Czechoslovakia, 1985. Bred by J.A. Lang, Kulmbach, Germany. — Photo by J.A. Lang.



CHINESE OWL

This Yellow White Shield Chinese Owl cock was the Europa Champion with 96 points at the 19th Europa Show held in Verona, Italy, 1983. Bred by J.A. Lang, Kulmbach. — Photo by Lang.

richness of feathers, typical distinctive markings and besides that, good whitesides. It needs much persistence and patience, for the breeding is not to be called simple anyway. The structure of the plumage as well as the whiteshield are so much complicated that you use a lot of expert knowledge, breeding ability and instinctive feeling to provide exemplary specimens.

Finally, some remarks on the spreading of the whiteside Chinese Owl aboard. Sweden is the place of origin of the whiteside Chinese Owl with the late "Chinese King" Grunner Nordquist at the top. This colour configuration found a further reception in Denmark, the Netherlands, France, Holy Land, to underline it particularly, even in Saudi

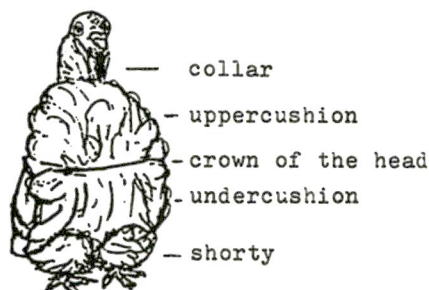
Arabia.

But also in the countries of East Europe, a lively interest to this striking color configuration can be ascertained. For years I have sent exhibits to the "Intertau" and if possible, I have visited them. By getting in contact with breeders over there, birds from my stock have come to Hungary, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Romania as well as recently to a breeder in Prussia (USSR by the Block visa).

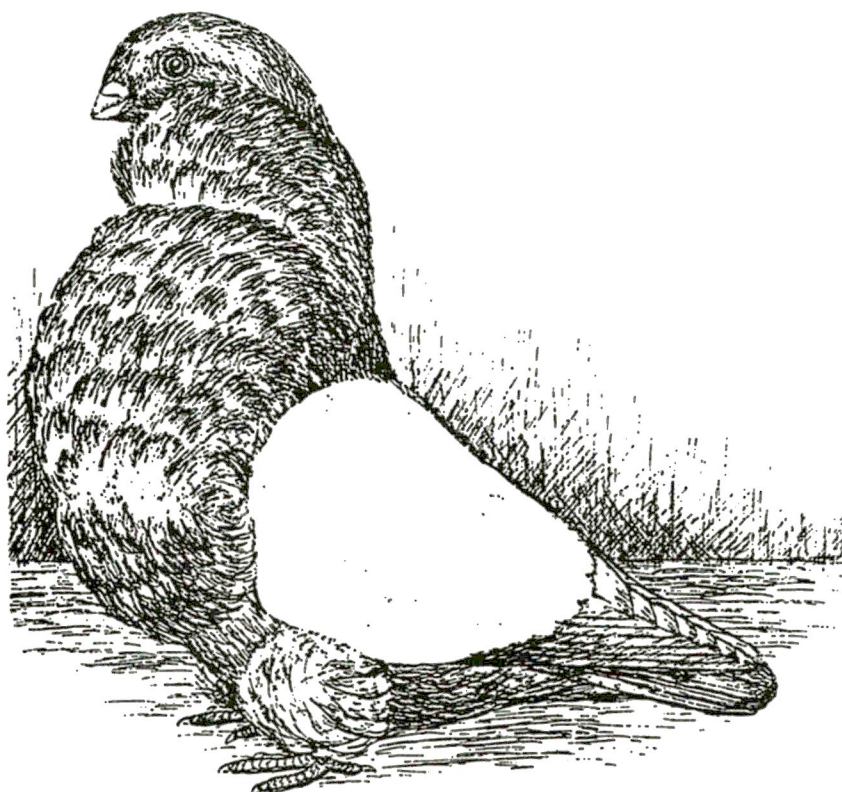
I can only hope and wish that we can admire black as well as blue whiteshields Chinese Owls at exhibitions one day.

The short body with width in the breast, very deep and wide in stand, the short legs, the toes almost covered by the trousers, extremely soft and rich shaping and fullness of feathers, broad-flagged, providing the general impression of a feather ball by front view.

The head is slightly rounded, running out in the mane, wide between the eyes, good filled forehead. The eyes are great and lively, orange coloured to red at the selfs respectively the yellow and red whitesides, dark at the whites, shield coloured and foiled ones. The eye rim is smooth and light, little developed. It



The front view of a Chinese Owl.



The modern White-Shield Chinese Owl Type.



CHINESE OWL

This Yellow White Shield Chinese Owl Hen was the International Winner, Volume, at the Intertau Show, held in Warsaw, Poland, 1983. Bird bred by J.A. Lang, Kulmbach, Germany. — Photo by Lang.

never must be red. Further on you can very often find the light eye, the so-called fish or glass eye. But this is frowned upon and not desired.

The beak is light brown coloured, strong, attached broadly and not more than medium-sized by which the feeding ability and intensive breeding possibility should be obtained. The warts of the beak are smooth, little developed and powdered white.

The neck is of medium length with a slight bend, wrapped up by the cushion at the front and at the sides too. The throat has to show a very well developed dewlap, which of course is almost covered by the very high reaching collar.

The collar has to reach high up to the bottom rim of the eye, it has to be as large as possible - the bigger, the more valuable the bird. It has to be slant well at the front and to lay on close at the sides running out in the so-called mane.

The upper cushion consists of long, soft feathers striving upwards and aside without gaps and shaping an extraordinary width of the breast. Regarding the profile, good vaulted and reaching to the collar, covering well both bows of the wings.

The parting has to begin as deep as possible at the breastbone and it must go horizontal in a line across the breast from one bow of the wing to the other one and has to divide the upper cushion from the lower

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one.

The feathers between parting and trousers are called the **lower cushion**, they form the structure of belly. They, too, leave to be long and smooth and wrap up the bows of the wings completely - regarding from below.

The trousers show themselves before the thighs, they are very well developed, feather tufts sticking out far and must possibly reach to the toes, almost covering them if possible.

The tuft feathers on the back appear because of the now reached luxuriant structure. Unless effecting too great and appearing on both sides, they are allowed, but not

demanding.

The legs short, strong, wide standing and red, the toes well splayed. On front view almost covered by the well developed trousers down to the toes.

The tail must be short and slim, closed well and stretched out horizontally, as a rule it shows 12 feathers. Turning or splay-feathers are not desired on exhibitions.

By the luxuriant structure, the feathers of thigh and anus have become essentially longer and denser. Therefore, it is advisable to shorten the feathers before starting to breed, to achieve a 100 percent mating. □

Memories Of A Special Friend: Earl Manns

by JOHN MOPPIN, Kansas City, Kans.

From time to time some of us will be fortunate enough to have the opportunity to meet a person who will truly enrich our lives. A person who asks nothing more from us other than our friendship. Four years ago one such person stepped into my life and with his friendship has made the Fantail fancy even more enjoyable than it already had been. The gentleman I'm referring to is Earl Manns of Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

It was late one summer afternoon in 1982 when I received a phone call from Earl. Earl was calling in hopes of buying a pair of Fantails. In this conversation Earl told me he'd always liked the Fantail pigeon, but never really had the opportunity to acquire any good, useable stock birds. As our conversation progressed, I could tell that Earl was sincere about wanting to breed good Fantails. It was funny but I had felt like we knew each other much longer than a few minutes. I really believe that Earl knew no strangers. No matter where he was, he could always find a friend. As our conversation drew to a close, I had already decided to give Earl a good pair of Fantails to get him started. After telling Earl of my intentions we made plans for him to pick them up.

Some two weeks later Earl did make it over to my home and, as luck would have it, our plans were met with one of our summer rain storms. This storm made the 60 mile drive from Excelsior Springs seem more like 200 miles, thus Earl was only able to stay for a short time. The next day he called to apologize

for having to leave so soon and to once again thank me for the Fantails.

Earl and I exchanged a number of phone calls after that and from time to time we would get together at his loft or mine to talk Fantails. In the next couple of years Earl became more involved in the Central Fantail Club. Earl's interest escalated after seeing his first meet, which was held in Kansas City in 1983. Earl said he was so impressed with the people involved in Fantails that he wanted to go to every Central Meet from that point on.

Earl and I did go to the next meet together, which was held in Ottumwa, Iowa. In fact, this was the first Central Meet that he'd shown his Fantails. I can remember Earl telling me all the way there of how excited he was to see all the friends he had made the year before in K.C. It was also at this show that plans for the Central - Altpeter Classic were made. As we're all aware of now, this show was the second largest Fantail meet in history. All the way home from Ottumwa most of our conversation was about the Classic. In fact, we had already made plans to ride together to it.

The next Spring Earl was rapidly becoming a top breeder. In the short three years before, he had read everything on Fantails he could get his hands on. He also had dozens of Fantails breeders across the country that were pen pals. This breeding season would be his best yet and he would finally start seeing his hard work coming together. At the end of this breeding season he raised a couple good whites and a real nice

blue hen. It was late that Fall Earl talked me into showing at a small All-Variety show. As it turned out Earl and I were the only two breeders showing Fantails. Between the two of us we had about 10 Fantails entered. We brought one bird for each class and Earl entered a couple more young birds as well. As it turned out I won three of the four classes and Earl won the young hen class. His young blue hen beat my best young white hen of 1985. To tell you the truth, she should have been the Best. To let you know just what class his hen was in, the young white he beat was fifth out of 55 at the Classic. So, as you can see, Earl was definitely ready for this year's Central meet.

Then tragedy struck Earl. Late in November of that year Earl had a massive heart attack that nearly took my friend's life. In fact, he was gone for about ten minutes until the Paramedics could bring him back. Earl did fight back but his old heart just couldn't bring him back fast enough for him to go to the Central. I offered to take his birds to the meet, but he just wasn't up to working with them and he decided the best thing would be to wait until next year.

Late in February of 1986 Earl and I made plans to meet in Liberty, Mo., about 10 miles from his home. I had some birds to give him that a few breeders gave him and also a couple of whites that he needed from me. One of my daughters had a gymnastics meet at a college in Liberty, so it would work out good for both of us. As always, it was great to see my good friend and he was looking as good as ever. We spent about 15 minutes together and then he was off. Later the next week Earl called to thank me for bringing the birds and to tell me the whites were just what he was after. In that conversation we made plans for three shows in 1986. He was going to travel with me to the N.Y.B.S. in Louisville, Ky., the Central, and the Canadian Classic. I remember thinking how this may be the year Earl really starts to compete well.

It was Wednesday morning at 7:20 a.m., March 12th, when I got the call from Earl's son. His son told me that his father had passed away earlier that morning. Earl had another massive heart attack that took the life from my good friend's body.

I've talked to Earl's wife, Louise, and she's going to continue his breeding program for 1986. She knew the love Earl had for his

pigeons and she's going to try and keep them together. She hopes to have a show team at the major meets this year, and with my help this will be a reality.

To say Earl will be missed is an understatement. In the short four years I knew Earl Manns, he added a new dimension to the word "friend." There will be a void in the Fantail fancy for me for quite some time, and I'm going to miss those priceless phone conversations we had. I'm sure with every loss there is a period where we just can't believe they're gone, but Earl is, and I know he's in a heavenly place with some of the past masters ... a place where all the Fantails are Champions and all the Breeders are as one.

I know that Earl is somehow still taking delivery on the American Pigeon Journal and that he'll be with us at the Central Fantail Club's annual meet this year and for years to come.

Earl is survived by his wife, Louise and his three sons: Bobby, Earl, Jimmy; two daughters: Earline, Joyce, sixteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Earl Manns: Dec. 6, 1918 to March 12, 1986.

If you'd like to send the family your sympathy, you can do so by contacting: Louise Manns, Rt. 3, Box 86, Excelsior Springs, Mo. 64024. □

Teatime In Portland

by DICK RICKNER, Sherwood, Ore.

"It was evident to me that tea meant much to Mrs. Pethel. She looked stronger after her second cup, and younger after her third."

—Max Beerbohm, "Seven Men"

Your rollers were originated in England, right? Birmingham or the "Black Country" is known to be their original breeding place. With this in mind, we must consider the tradition of the old time breeders, and of course, the customary tea.

The drink itself should be a legitimately brewed blend of black teas and **not** from (there's no easy way to put this) ... bags. It should be prepared daily because warming up tea is akin to refreshing a gin and tonic by adding more ice. It's alright for Americans to drink it plain but it's more proper to serve cream and sugar. Then some seed cake, butter cream cookies or a slice of date nut bread and your freshly brewed pot of tea and out to the pigeon loft you go.

Pour two cups, one for yourself and one for your English bred birds. (They expect tea time, too). One

The Rare Breeds Pigeon Club Today

by BOB FEISTER, RBPC Pres., Henderson, Texas

Like all new presidents of a national club, my term started out with grand expectations of what I could do. Of course, as all of you know who have held offices in various national clubs reality soon brought me back to earth. Stable leadership and a handful of dedicated fanciers is really the heart of all clubs. Whether or not I am a stable leader may be disputed but because of dedicated fanciers we may be one of the strongest clubs going.

Our club like any other has members drifting in and out, has members who honestly won't agree with anything, has members who won't do a darn thing, has members who live to enjoy fights with others members and has ten or so members who do all the work of writing articles, promoting the club, judging the birds, etc., etc. In other words as you in the other clubs can see we're one of the strongest clubs going.

It gives one a sense of pride knowing that our club encompasses hundreds of rare breeds and gives all of them a pretty fair shake at a show. No longer is a rare breed judged on 'condition' alone. No longer are they shoved into a corner somewhere (we were right at the

entrance of the Houston National). I myself really didn't realize how far we had come until the Houston National. Visiting with the 'tops' of the NPA and countless others I finally realized why all this hard work is worth it. The NPA's new book of standards includes quite a few 'American' rare breed standards. In other words where other clubs had their breed's one standard to update we worked and added a score or more. I initiated the work and had approved and published the Saxon Stork standard so I know first hand the magnitude of such an endeavor. Here again I could not have even attempted it without the existence of our club. We publish a directory each year listing all members and all rares that they raise. Through this we have communication to all other fanciers breeding the same birds. We have the facilities to collect translations of standards to compile and initiate an "American" standard. to locate rare breeds that we're interested in, the list goes on and on.

The Rare Breeds Pigeon Club has sponsored meets at virtually every Grand National and NYBS for the past 7 or 8 years. Mike Lerp has almost single handedly maintained a Rare Breeds column in the APJ for over five years. If one just collected the information that he has written you would have a pretty good start on a rare breeds encyclopedia. If that wasn't enough information the APJ special sponsored by the UORA, the NRTC, and the RBPC would fill quite a few more pages. But then again if you really did want to get serious you could join our club and receive some very informative bulletins too.

Almost everyone raises a rare breed or would like to. The purpose here is to let everyone know who we are and how far we've come. Our purpose is to preserve and improve the Rare Breeds of Pigeons. Our dues are a mere \$7.00 a year and can be sent to our club secretary, Greg Volzke, Star Route, Box 53, Lexington, NE 68850. □

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The Ultimate Tumbler Loft

by WILLIAM C. HALL, Nevada, Iowa

Would you ever build the same house twice? Probably not. I think most of us would find this to be true with our pigeon loft also.

I've built several lofts. The first few were merely the remodeling of an existing building of some sort. Then a few years ago I built my first loft from the ground up. For a while I thought it had everything (you will find it described in the last Tumbler Special). It was the type that made maximum use of every inch of space. Not that it was a bad loft but as time went by and as I gained that good old everyday experience, I thought of several things that might be a little more convenient.

The following loft is not yet built, but I've had plans drawn on it for several years and as many times as I look at it, I can't find any more room for improvement. It is very flexible and from the same basic floor plan it can be built to several different sizes or even expanded at a later time.

You will note from the feeder section that this loft is designed mainly for tumblers or another short beaked breed requiring feeders.

The size planned here is 12x24 ft. with 4x8 ft. breeding pens and a 4 ft. aisle. However, the size can easily be changed to make 4x6 ft. breeding pens by making the building two foot narrower. Or the loft can later be

expanded by adding two more breeding pens and extended aisle space.

I suppose the aisle could be 3 or 3½ ft. wide by altering the breeding pens a little. And if you didn't care about the balanced look of the window spacing, a couple of feet could even be chopped off the width of the feeder section. In other words, with the same basic floor plan, you could come up with several different sizes for the loft to fit the amount of birds you want (or the amount you end up with several years later) and to fit the size of your pocketbook.

The water fountains are represented by the circles. You will note that only three are required for the entire loft.

The feed containers can be placed so as to make them accessible from the aisle or inside each pen, whichever you desire.

Two individual breeding pens are placed along one wall of the feeder section (or four if you double deck them). I like them at least 2x3 ft. each with wire mesh floors to make cleaning easy. They should be spaced so that you can reach any corner of them without standing on anything. Also the water containers can be centered to accommodate two pens.

The nests are all along one wall. A variety of nest styles could be used

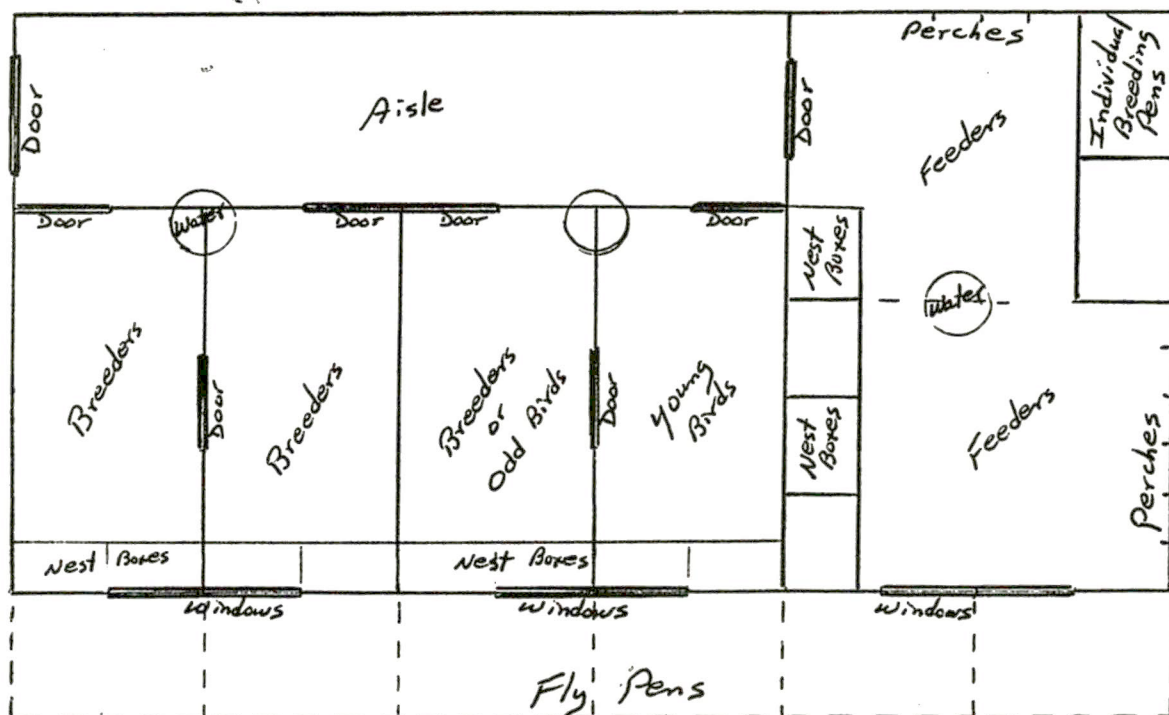
here, but I like them at least 1½x2 ft. with the capability of locking the pairs inside if and when desired. I would stack them at least 4 or 5 tiers high.

You will note by the dotted line the feeder section is divided. However, I would leave the door open. The smaller size pens allow for tamer birds. If they know they can get away from you they're going to make a run for it. Also, if desired, you can separate the hens from the cocks in the winter months.

The breeder pens are 4x8 ft. each and would easily accommodate four pair each. One of them could be used for young birds or even odd birds. If you don't get carried away with a lot of birds the back half of the feeder section could also be used for young or odd birds. However, a small fly pen should be added to the east side.

In the breeder sections the nest boxes could be placed beside or under the windows, but for tumblers they should be kept fairly low. A few perches could be placed over the nest boxes. Note the doors between the breeder pens to make them double size if desired.

The 4 ft. aisle enables you to keep feed there as well as to have a section of show coops mounted on a hinged platform so you can collapse them when not in use.



THE ULTIMATE TUMBLER LOFT

See accompanying article by William C. Hall, Nevada, Iowa.

I prefer the outside dimensions to be slightly over 7 ft. high in front and slightly over 6 ft. in the rear with a sloping roof. The wall studs should be placed 2 ft. apart. In this matter there will be no waste in using 4x8 ft. plywood for the sides and the wall studs are placed just right for the windows and pen dividers.

I prefer ¾ inch plywood for the floor to give that added support, somewhat less can be used for the roof. I would use 3/8 inch plywood for the side walls and exterior siding can be added now or later, or not at all, whichever you prefer.

Inside I like to use 2x2 inch lumber for the inside door jams and 1x2 inch lumber could be used for most everything else. Most lofts I've seen use

2x4 inch lumber throughout. Remember we're holding pigeons, not bulls. By using the smaller dimension lumber the cost can be kept down.

The loft should face south and the one piece fly pen on the front should be about 2½ to 3 ft. wide so that you can reach a bird from every corner. For this purpose even the feeder flypen is divided. For the purpose of placing bathwater in the fly pens some kind of outside doors for each pen is handy. I prefer the flypen to be constructed of 2x2 inch treated lumber. For the sidewalls of the flypen and all interior partitions I would use one inch poultry netting or welded wire.

I get excited just thinking about how nice this loft is going to be! □



CHAMPION ROLLER

This Roller was Champion Roller at the Fort Worth Stock Show, 1986. This Blue Bar Marked Old Hen, #727-85, bred and owned by Don Gilmore, Everman, Texas.

Report On "Breeding The Extremes"

by HOWARD KOGAN, Huntington Station, N.Y.

In the August 1985 APJ African Owl Special I wrote an article entitled "Breeding the Extremes." This is a report of the results of the mating discussed in that article.

As in most breeding experiments, the results were somewhat mixed. If you will recall, the original article discussed a pair of African Owls that were mated on the basis of their representing complimentary extremes. Both birds were of high quality but the cock had an outstanding head with great width that was carried down into a nice beak rollover with plenty of substance. He was weaker in his body points since he was rather narrow and long feathered. The hen had a good head but really excelled in having a typy body that was wide across the breast and very short. My goal, which would have delighted Dr. Frankenstein, was to put his head on her body. A seemingly simple idea that is simple only if one resorts to the **methods** of Dr. Frankenstein!

A total of six young were reared from this mating. Three of the young were rather narrow-headed, thin bodied, and leggy. They were closest to a reverse of what I wanted; more like the dam's head on the sire's body. Forget about these three. Of the three remaining, one was pretty good but had a split eye which would have disqualified it from the showroom. In any event it died when it was about three months old. The second one had a nice head, larger than the dam's though not as large as the sire's. It had a nice frontal

with good beak substance and rollover but it was quite large (about 9½ by 9½") overall. It was too large to be a good show bird but since it was Futurity banded it was entered in one show; the Nassau/Suffolk Pigeon Fanciers Club Futurity Show and won that show although it was against rather poor birds.

The third bird, band #CB9'85, was the best of the youngsters. He had a nice head with good frontal, more top skull than his sire but less width. He had a nice body, close to the dam's, but was taller and a bit thin necked. His beak setting, substance, and rollover were quite excellent. And while each of his parents were better than him in particular ways, he was a better **show** bird than either parent.



AFRICAN OWL

#CB9-85 African Owl was Best Pied African Owl at the Jan. 86 American Owl Club Meet. — Bred and owned by Howard Kogan, Huntington Station, N.Y.

This bird, which turned out to be a cock, was Best of Show at three local shows including the Nassau/Suffolk P.F.C. Young Bird Show against 31 Owls, the N/S P.F.C. Long Island Classic against 36 Owls, and the Faircount 85 Show against 5 Owls. Gene Pardini did the judging at each of these shows.

Its big test was against some of the best African Owls in the country at the Baltimore Pigeon Club/American Owl Club Meet on Jan. 4, 1986, in Odenton, Maryland. There were 97 African Owls shown with Phil Roof doing the judging.

The bird won Best Pied in a real tough class and then went on to win second best young cock. Given the level of competition it was a good and satisfying results.

As you know, no one breeds fancy pigeons successfully on their own. We are all indebted to those who went before us as well as to our more experienced fanciers who offer their expertise to newer breeders. This seems an appropriate time then to thank those who played a part in the accomplishment just described.

The grandsire of CB 9'85 on the sire's side was a powerful cock from John Izzo. The grand dam on the sire's side was a nice hen from Chris DiGregorio's line. The sire himself was bred in my loft in 1983. The dam was bred by Gene Pardini from a German import cock and one of Gene's own hens. This hen also had ½ Izzo bloodlines. Finally I would like to especially thank Gene Pardini for suggesting this mating to me. □

Historic Painting

by RICHARD STEVENS, Evansville, Ind.

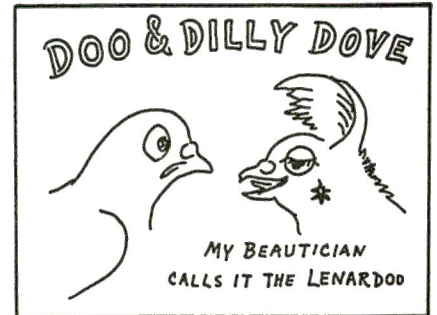
I had another little serendipity a few weeks back when I visited the Evansville Museum of Arts and Science. In a section marked "American Genre Paintings" (pronounced something like John Ray and meaning views of everyday life) was a painting by Eastman Johnson titled, **Down East Courtship** depicting a young couple courting in front of a porch with pigeons and nest-boxes above the porch.

The curator claimed it to be one of the Museum's "most important" paintings. No exact date was given, but after some research I found a book about the artist with some sketches identical in angle and some of the poses to those in **Down East Courtship**. The **Mating**, which was exhibited at the National Academy of Design in 1860. Could that painting be the first example of pigeons and a

loft (dove cote in those days) in American painting or even all American art?

It was Eastman Johnson's custom to paint large scenes with figures and groups of figures, then do smaller paintings from sections of the original. I would put the date around 1860 or very shortly thereafter.

Eastman Johnson began to follow the Union Army soon after the start of the Civil War and then turned his attention to a series of paintings of maple sugar gathering camps. He became a very successful painter in touch with the tastes of his time and we have him to thank for our earliest glimpse (as far as I can tell) of pigeon keeping in America. I'd like to suggest an alternate title for **Down East Courtship**. How about **Another One Bites The Dust**. □



"DOWN EAST COURTSHIP"

This painting by Eastman Johnson is on display at the Evansville Museum of Arts and Science. — Photo from Richard Stevens, Evansville, Ind.

Problems Of The Beginning Small Breeder

by CHARLES E. MASTERS, Struthers, Ohio

In one of Dr. Hollander's Tests that appeared in a previous APJ issue, he states that many beginners fail with pigeons because their loft is not predator proof and their flock is eventually decimated. I would like to point out some of the other problems that the beginner or small breeder faces. In this article I would like to discuss the inability of the beginner to breed equal numbers of both sexes.

My own experience illustrates how this comes about. I started raising Birmingham Rollers a year ago. The nearest breeder to me lives 50 miles away and happens to be a "fly only" breeder, while I wish to breed for color. First, neither one of us knew anything about Color Genetics at the time I purchased my six starter birds. Second, even though he owned approximately 200 pigeons, I had to take 4 immature birds, and only received one pair of mature breeders. This was not his fault. I realize that he has people coming to him constantly to buy pigeons. But this points up the problem of there being many large breeders who are not giving the beginner the right birds, and the right information about how to use them. Here is what happened to me.

I had to wait several months to find out what sex the immature birds were. All 4 turned out to be hens. At the same time, the pair I was breeding from was giving me all hens. At the end of the first year, I had 11 hens and still only one cock. This led me to feel that I had wasted my first whole year, since I still had only one pair that I could breed from for color.

I wonder how many beginners get discouraged and quit because of the needless delay caused by this problem. Try to imagine what kind of frustration a normally impatient kid would feel at having to wait so long without making any progress.

This could easily be prevented if more breeders were aware of a few simple facts of Color Genetics. All that is necessary is to make sure the beginner gets one "blue" mature cock, and one "red" mature hen to mate together. This gives him a "sex linked color mating" that makes it possible to tell the sex of the young birds in the nest.

I learned of this after I purchased a copy of "The Pigeon Breeders Notebook" by Joseph Quinn from Foy's Pigeon Supplies. Every breed-

er of pigeons should know of this book and should make it's existence known to every person to whom he sells pigeons. I won't repeat in detail what this book explains about sex linked colors, however I will just say that if you mate a blue cock to an "ash-red" hen, half of the youngsters should be red males and half of them should be blue females.

Pigeons don't have any external sex organs so, normally you can't tell what sex they are until they become five and a half months old. Some will start acting like cocks and some (the hens) won't. Then you will know their sex from their actions, but this is too long to make the beginner wait to find out if he has gotten into trouble. With the sex linked mating, he can tell the sex of the nestlings when they are two weeks old. At this age, their feather quills will be splitting open enough to reveal whether the feathers will be predominately red or blue.

Then the beginner can be warned if the pair is giving him only one sex. At this point he can correct the problem by buying other birds, splitting up the pair and remating to other birds, or if he has been

breeding for the full six months, he can backcross one of the youngsters to the parent of the opposite sex. This should save him at least a half year.

The point of all this is to make things easier for everyone concerned, beginner and seller. It makes no sense for the seller to have a large turnover of birds every year because he sells birds to many people who waste most of them in failing lofts and then have to come back complaining and asking for more birds. He may make a bit more money, but he will also be wasting time dealing with the extra visits from the same people and it will interfere with his own efforts to keep and breed more good birds for himself.

The solution is for the large breeders to get the beginners studying Color Genetics, to raise extra blue cocks and red hens for sale, to give beginners mature breeders in those colors, and to tell them how to deal with the sexing difficulties. If they do, I believe, more people can be successful in raising pigeons, things will be better for the growth of the sport, and people like me won't have to travel 50 miles to find another fellow hobbyist. Correspondence welcome. Charles Masters, 22 E. Spring St., Struthers, Ohio (near Youngstown) 44471. □

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FRIENDLY FAMILY

A friendly family of mourning doves in the backyard of Jim Baird, Columbus, Ohio, 10 feet from his loft. In April there were two eggs and later two babies. On May 1, the two were banded and on May 2, they were gone. — Photo by James N. Baird, Columbus, Ohio.

A Commentary On The Origin Of Domestic Pigeon Breeds

by MAURICE C. O'CONNOR, Springfield, Mass.

All the domesticated breeds of pigeons are descended from the wild rock-pigeon (*Columba livia*). Pigeons were domesticated back in ancient times. They were a well-known species to the Israelites, the Greeks, and the Romans. In Medieval Europe, the nobility maintained cotes of pigeons on their estates, which fed on the cultivated fields.

By 1676, there were already 17 breeds of domestic pigeons in Great Britain. Some of these early breeds still exist, while others have disappeared. No systematic way of classifying pigeon breeds has ever been devised. Most early breeds of pigeons probably developed spontaneously at the local level. Since in earlier days, there was not as much travel and communication as there is today, fanciers in each locality bred their pigeons to their own personal specifications, and distributed their stock locally. Eventually that locality would become noted for pigeons of a certain unique type. Some of these local types never achieved widespread fame, and did not progress much beyond the level of ordinary domestic pigeons, which retain an individual beauty all their own. But sometimes these local types, if they possessed outstanding attributes, such as flying-ability, squab-production, or appealing shape or color-pattern, would become recognized beyond the limits of their native locality, would be distributed far and wide, finally developing into a breed. Often, the breed name came from the name of their original locality, or sometimes it came from the characteristics associated with the pigeon. Occasionally, the same breed would be known by different names in various countries or regions, causing some confusion.

While there is no official system of classifying pigeons, there are certain standard types which are easily identifiable. We have homing-pigeons, high-fliers, tumblers, squab-producers, pouters, trumpeters, frills, toys, fantails and numerous miscellaneous breeds that do not fit into any of these classifications. Within these categories there is tremendous diversity, a great multiplicity of breeds distinguished by size, shape, color and flying-style.

Pigeon breeding has been going on simultaneously all across the world for hundreds of years. Fanciers in different towns, counties, provinces and nations were all developing their own breeds. Yet throughout the world, most of the breeds conformed to the basic categories.

As time went on, with travel and communication becoming more frequent, the most superior of these local breeds developed a national, and later international, following among hobbyists. There are now few strictly local breeds of pigeons left. In the twentieth century, with its high degree of personal mobility and relocation, fanciers correspond and ship their birds from coast to coast, and foreign importations are quite common.

With this higher degree of mobility in our society, there came a corresponding change in the pattern of breed development. The increase in scientific knowledge, of genetics and linebreeding, were also responsible

for this change. Instead of arising spontaneously in a certain locality, new pigeon breeds are now usually intentionally developed, the result of carefully planned programs by fanciers who wish to improve certain characteristics, recombine them in different ways, the result being the formation of a new breed. Sometimes these new breeds develop a wide popular appeal, others develop only a limited degree of popularity. Often hobbyists in different areas of the country, through organizations, correspondence, and exchange of breeding-stock, work simultaneously to improve a breed, and ensure its broad distribution.

Occasionally a new breed will emerge when one strain of an existing breed becomes noted for its differentiation in a particular aspect, and it is considered to be such an improvement that it is eventually recognized as a breed in its own right. Sometimes, the opinions of fanciers differ over what the appearance of a certain breed should be, they wish to make changes in it, and it ultimately differs to such a degree that it splits into a different breed. As time passes, opinions and standards change, some breeds

The Cure

by MATT KOOB, Pipestone, Minn.

I was sitting at home in the loft, when all of a sudden I got all hot and bothered with a heavy fever. I took out the thermometer and it read 102 degrees. I panicked, I didn't know what to do! I calmed down, took out a pigeon journal and began to read. Then suddenly it came to me. I saw it. It was a beautiful pigeon. I began to feel better already. The bird was absolutely astonishing. It was exactly what I was looking for. My word, it was just simply **awesome**. But I didn't feel too good yet as I didn't have any yet. So I wrote to the great man who had them. I said doctor, doctor give me a cure, in a hurry, please rush me some of this cure. So he did, I felt so much better, my fever ceased.

The cure was the #1 breed of pigeon in my book the great Giant Runt. I can't say enough about these people. In this club, the fellowship is the best you can imagine. If you have any questions, these guys answer it pronto. I have made many friends in this club, and plan to make a hundred more. If you look at the people in this club and pay attention to their activities, you will see that

they are all great friends. They all help each other and all are fierce competitors.

By the way my doctor is the good friend of mine, Charlie Brown, president of the GRCA. When a man answers the questions of a 16 year old kid from 500 miles away and offers to help in any way he can, that's fellowship. I am now a very proud member of the Giant Runt of America and always will be, unless I am physically unable. The trouble with some breeds is that they are always trying to get at each other's members, not the GRCA they help each other all the time. They help each other to secure competition and fellowship in future years.

I would like to thank the entire club, especially Charlie and Sec. Jack Osterman for putting together a great monthly bulletin. Look what the breed has to offer: a well described standard, a strong club supporting it, the friendliest of people, shows in five districts, and last, a monarch beauty of a pigeon. What more could you ask for? Hey, for a breed with a definite future, get into the Giant Runt. □

evolve into a form that bears little resemblance to their earlier appearance.

Crossbreeding is also used to develop new breeds, and is perhaps the most common method in use today. Sometimes one main breed is chosen as the base, one or more birds of other breeds are crossed in to fix certain desired characteristics, and the offspring are linebred to meet the ideal of the new breed. At such times, the new breed is usually recognized as the descendant of the older original breeds, which it is said to have developed from. It usually resembles them in some overall way.

At other times, a melange of different breeds are crossed together to create an entirely new breed, sometimes including common pigeons, with no particular breed being dominant. It takes longer to create such a breed, for it is only after many generations that the different genetic inheritances blend together, and a true-breeding type emerges. But such a breed is often an innovation, does not closely resemble any existing breed, and attracts a lot of attention.

Most breeds of pigeons which are popular in America today were developed long ago in Europe. Periodic importations from their native countries ensured a continuity and improvement in their bloodlines. Some breeds have reached such a high standard of perfection in America that they are now exported back to their native countries and elsewhere. Such an exchange of breeding-stock is extremely beneficial for it ensures an international continuity in our hobby.

There are a number of important breeds that were developed in the United States. Most of these started out as utility squabbling breeds, later developing a following for show purposes. While we do have a smattering of American-developed fancy breeds, our primary success has been in the great improvement of the older European breeds. A recent trend in the United States has been the growing interest in middle-eastern breeds, as well as those from the Balkan countries, noted for their flight-styles, which differ from those of our established breeds, and have created considerable excitement among breeders.

The pigeon as a species has exhibited its capacity for a tremendous degree of diversity and adaptability. It has enriched the lives of countless fanciers from all walks of life down

through the years. The good luck, skill, foresight, and imagination of past pigeon fanciers has accomplished the transformation of the original little rock-pigeon into the vast array of breeds that exist today, and

hopefully will inspire today's fanciers in the continuing growth and endurance of our hobby. — Maurice C. O'Connor, 717-101 Lowell St., Springfield, Mass. 01107.□



JOHN FIFE

John Fife Sr. with an Almond/Non-Almond Mosaic bird. — Photo by Arvil Stone, Sandy, Utah.

Fife Strikes Again

by ARVIL STONE, Ph.D., Sandy, Utah

John Fife Sr., is still alive and well. He has been raising pigeons longer than most fanciers have been alive, yet he is robust and young. He simply forgot to lose his hair, go grey, or wrinkle. He looks like he could handle Dempsey and Marciano, in their prime, two at a time.

However, John's fame comes not from the above, but from the magic he is able to manufacture with pigeons and doves. An earlier article dealt with his "Impossible Doves," see APJ Aug. 1980 pp. 20-21.

John is a charter member of the Utah Roller Club, and can still amaze visitors with a kit of 80 tight-kitting deep-spinning Rollers. However, he also has a way with pheasants, chickens, dogs and horses. His pigeon work includes a number of other breeds, in addition to Rollers.

John's magic lies in his ability to pick-up a number of average birds of whatever breed and almost overnight turn them into champions. That's a skill few fanciers have.

One of the studs of birds John has raised to national eminence is his flock of English Short-Faced Tumblers. At a recent meeting of the Northwest Greater Salt Lake City, English Short-Faced Tumbler Club, John's young mosaic hen was voted

the most attractive bird on the lot. This bird has two leg bands, one for the almond half and one for the non-almond half. I'm enclosing a photo of Mr. Fife holding the bird. The lighter half is an attractive creamy almond although the photographic rendition may appear whitish. So John Fife strikes again with a striking young hen.□



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Open Loft Versus Cage Breeding

by DORIS FREESE, Snohomish, Wash.

When I had a one room loft, I cagebred through necessity. Later with an addition onto the loft, I was able to fulfill my dream of sections for breeders, young birds and cock and hen pens. Now I'm not so sure I didn't have better results with cage breeding.

With the open loft, I mated up my birds in portable pens in the entrance area and released them into breeding pen, one pair at a time. Some switched mates if they met last year's one, fought over which nest-box they wanted and others just nested on the shavings covered floor where eggs and babies sometimes get scattered and made record keeping harder. Luckily ET seldom scalp young.

Cage breeding is a lot more work but parentage can be guaranteed, productivity is better and slow producers are quicker to spot.

I have two sizes of portable Keipper cages that are stacked two or three high, depending on the size. (See picture). My wooden nestboxes fit in the larger cages and the smaller cage can house my 12X16 plastic dishpans that I use as nests for the larger ET. I use 3X5 cards

held to the cages with pinching clothespins for recording parents' band numbers, dates laid and hatched and band numbers of young. Feed and waterers are one pound margarine containers and should any need medication, I'm sure they are the ones getting it.

The loft will only accommodate so many cages so I'll have to be even

The White Donkeys Came Home

by WILLIE ENGLISH, Jacksonville, Texas

A while back due to my doctors advice I closed out one of my lofts and reduced my flock of pigeons.

As one can only keep so many birds and it does not pay to keep too many breeds, I let all my White New York Flying Flights go. Over 100 of them.

But since there was a ready made vacant coop at my son's place, I placed 6 pair of these beauties in it. With water available always and token feed (on occasion they went a day without feed, but always water), they stayed very healthy and without any nests in the coop they raised

more selective of my breeders and can eliminate those not producing earlier. They can be mated up where they are to remain. Bath water will be the only problem and can be put in the center aisle and a couple pair released at a time.

At the end of the breeding season, these cages fold and can be stored, my portable out from the wall roosts installed and birds separated by sexes again. I hope to get more babies from fewer pairs this way. □

several youngsters from about Dec. to April 1st. The young, all being on the floor learned to eat at a very early age.

As mentioned water was always available but some times not changed for 2 or 3 days at a time. Water was furnished in containers where it stayed fairly clean.

Today 4-13-86, I went over there, picked out five of the six mated pair and brought them to my coop here on Burleson Street. The youngsters and one pair I boxed up for my daughter-in-law to take to her Dad who free flies his pigeons out of a old barn.

When one raises these snow white, pearl eyed, white beaked, ruby red wattle beauties it is almost impossible to part with them!

Even though I live in town I plan to free fly these White Donkeys and am in the process of building them a nice small flying coop, across the yard from my patio.

The neighbors down the street have a pen of chickens so I foresee no problem with my pigeons.

If I did not let my pigeons fly out (and I only plan to fly the few Flights) none of my neighbor's would know I have pigeons as they are housed in the back section of my double garage and our back yard is enclosed with a 6 foot solid wood fence. My fly pen and exhibition area is roofed over. Lots of shrubbery and flowers planted around the area - even a small fig tree (Alex Rawson - please take note) beside the fly pen. Nearby I have a pecan tree that gives me shade over my lawn chairs so I can sit in the shade and observe the birds taking their daily baths in the fly pen.

At age 49 (til April 28th) and semi-retired I hope to enjoy my pigeons more and more. □



CAGE BREEDING

A view of the cage breeding used by Doris Freese, Snohomish, Wash., a few years ago.

Canadian Squab Farm Uses Electronic Management

by DEAN MAPSTONE, Nanaimo, B.C., Canada

You can't replace the competent farm manager whose expertise has matured like that of a master wine taster. However, you can give the farm manager an efficient tool which allows extra freedom to pursue the more intricate aspects of squab breeding. Research with computerized data at Vancouver Island Mountain Squab (VIMS) in Lantzville, B.C., Canada, has done precisely that. The beauty of an electronic management system is that it is dictated to and controlled by the manager. The computer simply sends you to the source of problems.

Improving the management of a data-taking process is putting money in your pocket, as routine data collection is expensive and of little value without the capability to unfold information contained in the data. For example, culling decisions based on an employee's production data is at best 85% efficient, and at worst, you may cull some of your best producers without realizing it.

Research with breeding pairs at VIMS has solved the inherent problems of data-gathering, and removed the problem of false interpretation of data so that birds are culled and replaced with confidence. This is done with the aid of a computer program developed and designed expressly for squab production.

Only a computer can manipulate, store, sort and retrieve the enormous amount of product information that permits the squab farmer to make sound management decisions. Each month a computer printout pinpoints those pairs or nests that are impairing the farm's productions. Sixteen months of data at VIMS have shown the computer is yet to be wrong. That is, where the computer has pinpointed a problem, the problem was never indecipherable to people with experience.

The computer prints out all problem producers according to standards the farm manager selects. The selection of standards can range from the very simple to the highly complex depending on the type of problems that occur in your operation. The following is a list of the more common causes of lost production that electronic management quickly resolves:

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breeders in a pen.

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—Moult.

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—Presence of vermin.

Because electronic management zeroes-in on problem areas which are then resolved by employees, the system also becomes a measure of employee performance. Whereas most people cringe with fear at the thought of "Big Brother" visibly charting their performance where before there was no record, the fact is, the opposite is true. Most people thrive on recognition and are optimistic they can do better. Introduce realistic and fair goals and it will result in increased employee spirit, motivation and enthusiasm. At present we're examining ways of putting a dollar value on improved production increments so that employees may also share in the monetary rewards.

Electronic management eliminates perceived problems and directs the employee to resolve actual problems. In this way duties become highly efficient and one person is easily able to assume all the tasks involved with the management of 4,000 breeding pairs.

The use of electronics and statistics begins a learning process where concepts held originally are modified and new knowledge and insights gradually evolve. The objective on the farm is to unravel information in the routine data and stimulate the processes of conjecture. For example, learning which observations are the most valuable can only be done using statistics which in turn is only efficiently done using electronics.

At VIMS the farm's past and present performance are at the manager's fingertips so that operational changes or new additions are easily evaluated.

Since the electronic system at VIMS is still in its infancy, I welcome any comments or inquiries and would be pleased to furnish more technical details of how the system operates. Please address your letters to: Dean Mapstone, 543 Poplar St., Nanaimo, B.C., Canada V9S 2H3. □

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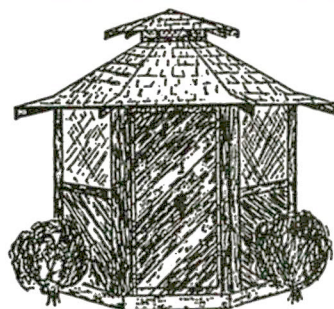
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Public Relations In Review

The Council was overwhelmed by your response to our request for Public Relations articles featuring our hobby in your local newspapers. I will list several here as there were many and varied articles sent in by you. While not all the articles were favorable to our hobby the treatment given to us by the press was most fair. This would seem to indicate a more responsive press is now viewing our hobby more objectively than say just a few short years ago.

I would also like to mention there was one that had been presented on a segment of P.M. Magazine Valentine's week entitled "A Love Affair." This was a very favorable bit of P/R dealing with our hobby.

From the Geneseo Republic, Geneseo, Ill. We have Bob Pettis coming up with a novel idea with a first grade class. The students relate how it feels to be hatched and from the looks on their faces Bob had their attention.

The Bastrop County Times, Smithville, Texas. Geoff Lumb gives us the Ultimate Truth Found in a Pigeon Coop. They have an "Activities Period", in their school one student characterized this as "the pause that refreshes". For one period a day, seventh and eighth graders in the Smithville school district can take classes which give them an opportunity to explore subject areas not offered in the regular academic curriculum. Without taking time away from required academic courses or more traditional extra-curricular activities, the innovative program has improved moral and cut down on discipline problems. He was asked to make a presentation on hobbies. His hobby is breeding show pigeons and he took a few birds to the class.

The Columbus Citizen-Journal, Columbus, Ohio. Harry Hill's pigeons land him in court was the headlines however, Hill's story and color picture of his loft land him on the front page. Hill's love for his pigeons was demonstrated by the

support he received from the community and his fellow members from the Southern Flying Club when he faced the Judge and won his case. Harry Hill gets to keep his pigeons and fair press was received by our hobby.

Columbus Dispatch, Columbus, Ohio. Pope John Paul II releases Peace Doves. After all what were these but white pigeons.

The Arizona Republic Feathered Warriors - French Military counting on pigeon army to carry the day in nuclear holocaust. From Suresnes, France, atop Mount Valerien, France's last line of military defense waits in its coops. In the hinterlands, their feathered friends are registered for the draft, ready to answer the army's call as their ancestors have done since days of yore. Despite their advanced communications technology, French Forces include 100 carrier pigeons. They form the nucleus of a last-ditch contingency plan much like the one the Council offered to our government two years ago against EMP.

The New York Times, N.Y. A visit with Joe Cirillo and his pigeons atop his home on Grand Street in Brooklyn. His breed is known as American Domestic Flights and that is a hobby where the birds are the central players in a centuries-old sport called simply, "The Pigeon Game."

Fairfield Sun, Cincinnati, Ohio. Anthony West of the Southern Ohio Pigeon Association tells the reader that "Domestic Pigeons are a Breed Apart." Tony used this lead in to announce that his club would state an exhibit at the Butler County Fairgrounds. West goes on to tell the public there is no breed so fast as a Maserati, nor so lucrative as Secretariat, but West said pigeon hobbyists have developed more than 250 distinct species and variation of pigeons. (This young teenager has put our P/R Book to good use and followed directions that have paid off for his club and our hobby).

The Oregonian, Portland, Or. With

a name like Amelia Earhart, and 7 years old, how could you miss this sweet young lady and her 50 homing pigeons and rolling pigeons. Her neighbors will if the city denies her a permit to keep her birds.

San Jose Mercury News, San Jose, Calif. Warren Brodrick Humane Society Director states that they have won a victory for pigeons in that area.

The P.J. Weekender, Jamestown, N.Y. Kathy Pace, a member of the Jamestown Racing Pigeon Association, tells the readers that pigeon racing is no longer just a hobby enjoyed by Europeans. The sport is alive and well in Jamestown, N.Y., thanks to members of the Jamestown Pigeon Club.

Radio Station WMCH, Harvard, Illinois. "Breakfast Line". The following was taken from an interview between announcer Ted Nehan and Bob Kinney, pigeon fancier. I have tried to follow the interview as closely as I could so you the reader can see that what Bob Kinney from Belvidere, Ill., has said is no different than what any of you could say to your own local radio or T.V. station.

Nehan: The subject today is going to be Pigeon Racing which is Bob Kinney's hobby and we find the racing season is starting in some parts of the country I believe you mentioned Bob.

Kinney: That's right Ted in some of the more temperate areas of the country racing has already started.

Nehan: When is it going to be opening around here? (Harvard, Ill.)

Kinney: The first weekend in May.

Nehan: How are things coming on your plans to get your pigeons ready for the season?

Kinney: Well I have been working so much that they are not quite in the condition that I would like to have them but we still have two or three weeks yet. I normally lay out the first couple of races simply because spring has always been a busy time for me and consequently it gives me a couple of extra weeks to make sure they are properly conditioned that their muscles are toned up from the long winter and so on before I demand any racing out of them.

Nehan: How do you go about doing that, getting your pigeons in the proper condition?

Kinney: Just like training a race horse. They go down the road and work out. The same as a marathon runner, they have to exercise. We

will take them down the road anywhere from five miles on up to 40 or 50 miles depending on what point we are at and depending on how much fat we got off of them from over the winter. They then will fly home and that exercise will burn it off of them and tone up the muscle.

Nehan: You don't ever have them on an off season program?

Kinney: Well we do. We control their weight and everything during the winter by using a special feed such as barley and so on, high fiber feeds, so that they don't put on as much weight as they would like. They are kinda like human beings they would love to eat all the corn they could possibly could but they would get so fat they couldn't fly off the lofts if they did that.

Nehan: You are listening to "Breakfast Line" sponsored by the Harvard Restaurant in downtown Harvard, Ill. Bob how did this sport of racing pigeons develop?

Kinney: Well it started out even in pre-Roman times as a means of communication. The Romans used them extensively as they were developed for this, not for racing. Over the years or centuries however, you want to look at it, it has become quite a sport and developed in Europe and was originally called the sport of kings and royal families were the ones who originally started with the racing. The Queen of England still has an extensive racing loft and she has loft managers and they compete over there. It's very big in many European countries and in many of those European countries the highest award that is obtainable is called the "King's Cup." In Belgium it's the national pastime which is much the same as baseball here. When you go down the street in Belgium almost every house has birds as they keep them up in the attic. The wives go up there every day and scrub them down and disinfect them and they are maintained in a very healthful condition of course they are going to be if you are going to fly 500 to 600 miles in a day non-stop. Now in Holland that is equally as big for racing there is a little different set up I suppose its because of the countryside but the towns there on Sunday morning you will find all the men get together back by the lofts in the back yard and the women and the kids get together out in the street and visit and play. Kinda like going to church here so it's very much of a social gathering over there. It's also very

big in England as they have thousands of flyers.

Nehan: You live in Belvidere and you have your lofts in your own backyard?

Kinney: Right, that's one of the really nice things about it that it's a backyard hobby or sport. We are more inclined to call it a sport. It may start out as a hobby when the people who are in to showing and with the fancy breed with them its more of a hobby. However, when you get into a more competitive level we consider it a sport.

Nehan: How many pigeons do you have Bob?

Kinney: I keep approximately 30 on a year around basis. I am considered to have one of the smaller competitive lofts but that's just about the limit I keep. I feel that I have better control when I keep a smaller number.

Nehan: I am sure you know people that have more then?

Kinney: Oh yes, many of the guys due to the nature of the racing and so on, will keep in the area of 100 to 150 birds.

Nehan: Bob, one thing I have always wondered is a racer such as yourself keeps his pigeons and his loft in his own backyard. I always thought the cities had ordinances saying you can't do that, would you explain?

Kinney: As long as you meet health codes it is no different than keeping a pet dog. At this point in time the State of Illinois has a bill that prohibits any kind of a restrictive ordinance against the racing pigeon. Of course on the other side of the coin since the sport of racing pigeons is very anti-common pigeons that are flying around. There is no relationship between the two, it's like comparing a wild mustang that ravishes the crop lands out west with a thorough racing horse that is stabled in its proper house.

Nehan: Can you explain how a bird is raced and timed?

Kinney: I'll take it all the way through for the listeners if they will bear with me. First it's important to understand that these are not the common bridge or barn pigeons most of the people see even though the coloring is very much the same. They are larger, they are banded, and they are pedigreed for many generations. The comparison would be similar to comparing the modern day thoroughbred like I said earlier to a wild horse out on the ranges. The racing pigeon is expected to race 600 air

miles and it will do it in one day. It goes up at dawn and it's back by dark. That's with normal decent weather conditions. They can fly at speeds up to 60 miles an hour and they will go non-stop all day. During adverse weather the speeds may drop down to 30 or 40 miles per hour. I think the Guinness Book of Records is something like 112 miles per hour for a racer.

Now when the babies are born in the spring and they get to be 12 weeks of age we will give them their first toss and that may be four or five miles down the road. Then on good days every day for the next month they are conditioned by taking them a little bit further and a little bit further. It's just like building muscle on any other athlete. This is direct correlation how an athlete or race horses train. It's just basic conditioning as they already know by instinct how to come home. We aren't really teaching them anything there, it's just conditioning. Starting in September the young birds start to race and the first race is 100 miles, then 200 miles, then 300 miles. This is about as far as the young birds that were born that spring are raced.

Then the following year as yearling, which is what is coming up now, they start their racing and they will go on starting at 100 miles and they will very quickly move on out where they are flying 400 miles one weekend and 400 miles the next weekend, then 600 miles the next weekend. Now on how they are timed and clocked. We have local clubs scattered throughout the area and we all go down to our local clubs and take our entries for that particular weekend and we take a pigeon clock with us. These clocks are set against a master timer and then they are sealed. The birds get a rubber band with a number on it put on their leg and then they are put into the trailer. The compartments on the trailer are then sealed and when the hauler gets to the race point and the word comes that the weather is good and everything is ok, the word is given to let them go. The hauler flips a lever and all the birds go up at once. The race is then on. When they get back home they trap into their respective lofts wherever the flyers may live. The numbered rubber band is taken off the leg, it is then put into a hole in the top of the clock and the handle on the clock is turned and that seals that rubber band and at the same

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time it also stamps, the time to the nearest ten thousandths of a second that the bird was clocked. Then all the clocks are taken back to the club and we have what is called a knock-off against the master timer again so we can check and see if any of them are a second or two slow. Adjustments then can be made and then the speed is computed. Now since everyone flies in their own backyard why obviously say from North Platt, Nebraska, which is the 600 mile station, everybody is going to have a little bit different mileage. Each bird will have to travel a little bit further or a little bit shorter, whatever. So consequently, the distance traveled is computed into yards per minute. The bird with the fastest speed is the bird that wins.

Nehan: What are some other usages of the racing pigeon, Bob?

Kinney: Over the years there has been a tremendous amount of different usages. Of course everybody is familiar with them with military use during World War I and World War II. What they may not be familiar with is they were used in Vietnam. They were used basically to spot booby traps and camouflaged ambush type situations. The racing pigeon scientifically, I guess, is considered one of the most visually intelligent animals that there is. The Coast Guard has used them to spot life preservers on downed individuals out in the ocean. They are placed below a helicopter with a button to tap whenever they spot a certain color such as orange or yellow. They cover a great amount of area because the bird's vision is so great. Also something that may be very appropriate at this time that Kadafy's antics is that pigeons are used at ports of entry to set in front of TV monitors and watch for undesirable people entering the country. They cannot be fooled, they have human monitors of course but they also use racing pigeons and each port of entry in the U.S. has got them. A guy coming in who should not be here say may put a mustache on or a fake nose or glasses, change his hair color, etc., and all of this would not fool the pigeon as he would still recognize him. They run tests on them all the time to make sure that they are sharp and stay alert so that's kind of a neat little thing they are doing with them. Kayce Cover at the Smithsonian National Zoo in Washington, D.C., is training them to be seeing eye birds for the blind instead of using dogs. They are much easier to train and much less

expensive to maintain. Of course most people know of the famous B.B. Skinner of Harvard University is the one who taught them to play ping pong several years ago. The military did some experiments years ago using them with guidance devices in missiles for which they were never employed because they could only be used once. In England and on our East coast many of the hospitals are now using them to carry samples across town because they can do it in minutes in heavy traffic. This same route would take couriers an hour or so to get across town plus birds are much cheaper. I saw in People Magazine not too long ago Donsko Corp., was suing them to send minning samples miles over treacherous roads and they figured it was saving the Corp., \$30,000 annually. Then the most famous of all was probably G.I. Joe who saved many lives of our English Allies by carrying a message to our troops during World War II that we were about to shell a location that they had moved into and G.I. Joe received the Dekons Medal which is the highest medal any animal can receive from the English government. That gives you an idea, however, there are many more but that gives you an idea of some an extent of their capabilities.

Nehan: Bob, in talking to you I have gotten the impression that you have enjoyed a great deal of success in pigeon racing over the years, that is the years that you have been involved. How do you think that you have been able to do it?

Kinney: I have a very strong competitive nature I guess and that's probably why I enjoy it. I marvel at the birds and it never ceases to surprise me to see them return from say even a 100 miles as I get lost when I go out on the country roads. I took a short cut getting here this morning and it took me ten minutes longer getting here than normal so I marvel at their capabilities to return from any distance and yet to do it at their speed and their strength and stamina are just incredible to me.

Nehan: You generated interest in this sport when you were very small I believe.

Kinney: Yes, I started when I was 12. My grandfather started me out racing. I suppose that it's something that once it's in your blood type of thing.

Nehan: Didn't he give you some of your first pigeons?

Kinney: Yes, he did, he gave me my first pair.

Nehan: How old were you at the time?

Kinney: Twelve years old. Now that wasn't that many years ago, now be careful.

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Nehan: Do some people even start out younger?

Kinney: Certainly, as it's a great family hobby. We have Junior organizations within each club. We will help the kids and we have a program going on in the country now, the Junior Race Program and a juvenile rehabilitation program. Almost every club has a junior program within its organization and it includes the mothers, wives, as women are extremely competitive racing pigeon people. I think if people will stop to think for a minute that some of the very best dog trainers, horse race people and so on all through history have been women as they seem to have a natural affinity for the animals. I suppose it's their gentleness or calmness or something.

Nehan: You publish a very interesting newsletter called Drop Flight. That's a North Valley Combine Newsletter and I understand that you write for it.

Kinney: I am the editor of it. I write for four national magazines in the sport and currently working on a book and I do the North Valley Combines Newsletter "Drop Flight" which is the quarterly newsletter and then I do two or three other small newsletters and/or article type things for other small publications and clubs.

Nehan: How is your book coming?

Kinney: It's coming and it will be entitled "100 of the Best". The profiles are coming in and I am in no particular rush and it takes a long time to get the information together. It should be ready by this fall.

Nehan: Now in closing Bob who can people contact if they would like to participate in this sport of pigeon racing?

Kinney: Right here in Harvard, the Grotz family is very active, the boys are particularly active in it and their mom and dad support them and help them with the training and maintenance and this and that. Up in the Wallworth area anybody could get a hold of Vampamois. In the Woodstock area they could get a hold of the Fritz family. Over in the Rockford and Boone county area they could get a hold of Rudy Erickson. Or you could call the radio station WMCW if you need any of those numbers repeated.

Nehan: Thank you very much Bob for your time - this was very enjoyable and very interesting sport.

Kinney: You got that right it is a sport.

Nehan: Pigeon Racing.

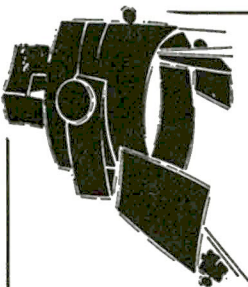
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Spotlight On Youth



by JAN PARROTT-HOLDEN,
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A News Story -- From "Rags" to Riches

Newspapers, like pigeons, seem to receive more than their share of bad publicity. Always have -- always will. Of course we pigeon people can understand WHY the press has its black eye. But who could malign a bird? Who? The press, that's who.

Now before you cancel your subscription to the local rag, let me tell you a "good news" news story:

This is a tale about a young reporter named Geoff Lumb of Smithville, Texas. I got to know Geoff shortly after receiving his submission to the writers' contest sponsored by the APFC. The story he sent particularly intrigued me since it was clipped from a newspaper, **The Bastrop County Times**. This wasn't a piece concerning new schemes for ridding the town of pigeon pests, nor was it a rehash of a city council meeting involving noise, stench, or building permits. It was a feature entitled "The Year Of The Dove." And it was a great read!

One entire page was devoted to Geoff's love for pigeons, a love he discovered almost reluctantly as a boy. The words, in conjunction with a variety of photos, seemed to depict a loving, caring tribute to one of the greatest of all "Living" hobbies. There was just enough editorializing to prove that Geoff wanted others to discover the miracle of pigeons. It was a sales pitch, but a good one!

Had Geoff's feature appeared in a

bird magazine, I wouldn't have been so intently curious. After all, you come to expect bird publications to promote avian specimens. But here in the midst of school bond issues, economic news, and crime, was an oasis -- a wonderful way to unscramble the brain and recharge the batteries.

Some months later, the **Bastrop County Times** featured another of Geoff's plugs for pigeons. This one involved the young reporter's pigeon presentation at a local school. This was too good to be true! I was ready to move to Bastrop County.

Reading Geoff's articles and seeing the fair play that one small-town newspaper gave pigeons made me feel good inside. It also made me determined to whip out my poison pen in admonishment of editors who dole out bad pigeon PR. Most of all, it stirred me to say "thanks" to Geoff and the entire news staff in Smithville, Texas.

Of course newspapers are pretty much all alike. They all need their advertisers. They all delight in finding that "hot scoop." They all make occasional reporting errors. But the "rag" that gives our hobby a boost merits our most enthusiastic applause.

Note: Pigeon Club Secretaries, if you have a special young member that we should recognize, drop me a line. — Jan Parrott-Holden, 2617 S.E. 138th Loop, Vancouver, Wash. 98684. □

Pigeon Science Corner

by WILLARD F. HOLLANDER

Ames, Iowa

The Bottom Line

"Dear Dr. H. (writes an erudite correspondent): While I appreciate that most of your APJ readers are only amateurs, I still feel that you are giving them a misleading impression about the driving forces in science these days. True, amateurs have contributed a modicum to pigeon science, but you must admit that the bulk of research has been and still is carried on in Universities and other research institutions, by professionals. They are not doing it just for fun. They get paid! Shouldn't you give more recognition to the well-springs?"

Ahhh....ummm.... well, friends, the man has hit a jumpy nerve. As I look back over the couple of dozen corner articles so far, I realize that economic aspects have been largely ignored. Maybe the title of our column should have been **Pigeon Science Hobby Corner**? Anyway, this time I'll try to balance the account a bit, and discuss who pays the bills.

Perhaps my own status and history will serve as an illuminating (though extreme) example. I got started in pigeon study when I was a kid in junior high school. My parents paid my expenses until I became too unreasonable (too many birds); then I supplemented the income by selling squabs. Buying feed in the depression years was a weekly struggle -- credit was unthinkable. Lab equipment was out of the question too, except at school and college (again I depended on my parents). But little by little I was learning.

Then in 1933 Prof. Leon J. Cole of the University of Wisconsin said they needed a graduate student who would do half-time work as a teaching and research assistant, for money! I jumped at the opportunity. The research was mainly working with the big colony of pigeons and doves which Dr. Cole kept. The money to support it all (three graduate students, two handymen-laborers, feed, and incidentals) came partly from the state University and partly from funding by the U.S. National Research Council.

So I became a professional. But after achieving the sheepskin (Ph.D.) in 1937 I couldn't find a job, and I

was back to scrimping to keep my own flock of weird pigeons going. I sold squabs again, and I did some odd work for Wendell Levi, who was in the middle of preparing his big book, **The Pigeon**. Finally in 1940 I got full-time work with him and Palmetto Pigeon Plant, and moved to South Carolina with my birds and bride. Research could go on!

After **The Pigeon** was finished, Wendell Levi suggested to Dr. Oscar Riddle of the Carnegie Institution that he needed somebody like me (in other words, me) to help him wind up his research before retirement. The result was that birds, bag and baggage had to move to Long Island (New York) in the middle of winter. My birds could not be integrated with the Carnegie colony, so I had 80 pigeons in the basement of the house we rented. But I was getting a big salary and pigeon research in a big way. That's how I spent WWII.

Well, Dr. Riddle's retirement and the end of the war coincided, so I had to get another job. A junior college in New Haven (Connecticut) took me on to teach courses in Biology, and I also got into cancer research work in Yale Medical School. Our new home had a big back yard, so the pigeons were expanded there -- including a lot which had been given to me by Dr. Riddle. Ray Gilbert became the new president of NPA and persuaded me to become chairman of its research committee. He even got me some feed money from the NPA treasury for a little while.

By 1951 this delightful set-up came to an end, and I looked West. Fortunately I was offered a job at Iowa State College (teaching and research

in Genetics), so we moved everything again (in winter). My father-in-law was so kind as to hold and care for the pigeons for several months until we got a house, and he didn't ask me for any compensation. I couldn't get such generous aid anywhere today. John Sandin also was generous with aid.

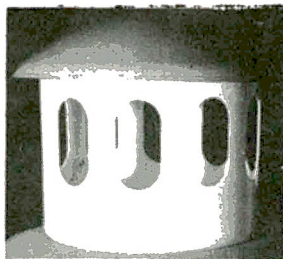
When Dr. Wilmer Miller joined our staff at the college (later called University) we finally succeeded in prying some research money from pigeons and doves out of the Agricultural Experiment Station. That took care of feed and labor and a graduate-student assistant (Gerald Dooley), for several years. But it didn't generate any great discoveries, so the administration decided to put its support into more profitable fields. Back to the back yard! It was just hobby again. And now that I'm retired has-been, money can be a problem.

Well, I'm not a typical example of a pigeon scientist. The more intelligent ones keep the birds only so long until they can get research funds, usually from a federal grant. There is an enormous amount of pigeon research getting government money especially for psychology and medically-related study. What do the money pay for? Not just feed and fancy cages (stainless steel!), or even labor. The birds are bought, mainly from Palmetto. There are well-paid technicians, the latest state-of-the-art electronic wizardry, special drugs and other chemicals, and microscopes oh yes, and "Overhead"!

What about industrial and other private laboratories? Some of them use pigeons, for example to test the toxicity of new insecticides. Purdue has a lot of money in pigeon research. The big difference in such cases from the University-type research is secrecy: research is considered so valuable that the results may never be published.

Here's the bottom line. But pigeon science isn't just spectator sport!

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American Racing Pigeon Unions News

by EDNA SCIFRES, Pub. Dir., Greenville, S. Car.

AU HQS - Buffalo Hilton, N.Y. Annual Convention October 29-Nov. 2, 1986.

Hosted by the Buffalo Center members and ladies, truly this AU convention will be the biggest and best of the year, and you are invited. AU Director and Convention Chairman Sam Giarrantano advises that everything is moving along toward success, with the YBs coming in for the race, and hotel bookings plentiful. Remember that every registered guest (Registration fee for the Convention is \$60.00) could be the lucky winner of the car which is to be given away - no other tickets sold! The program has been published, and there will be more as time goes by. Make your plans NOW to be in Buffalo with us!

Compliments on the AU Update - Spring issue! Chuck Weaver, Editor, has done his usual fine job bringing the current news and activities of the Union. He will welcome opinions on it, write him your approval - or other.

President Jerry McIntosh covers the business of his office, and we note the excellent progress on all the programs to date. Laurie McConnell brings some great news on the Postal Program with the hope that **trial shipments in the specially constructed container** will be a favorable step toward our goal. Note his comment that while it is important to keep the membership informed on progress, there is also the fear that some inconsiderate person will attempt to ship pigeons before Postal approval is given. This will not only result in a possible \$500 fine, but could destroy the enormous efforts of money and work which has brought our goal within sight. Patience and cooperation will pay off for us all in time.

Elwin Anderson, AU Race Chm., answers some inquiries on the AU Race Rules, and as Elwin says - "I am pleased to hear from you because it shows that you fanciers are interested in the hobby, racing

and uniform guideline for the AU Rules."

A Race for Lady Liberty - July 5! Laurie McConnell writes in part - "With the blessing of AU President Jerry McIntosh, we have been working with the program committee to organize this event ..." All the details are in the Update, and letters to 160 clubs in the East, from Maine to Virginia have brought invitations to participate in this series of races. What a terrific boost for our birds when they are released during the re-opening ceremonies for the Statue of Liberty! Everyone in a radius between 100m and 300m of N.Y. City is encouraged to participate, and surely this could be the most important event that these birds will ever be involved in. Please contact your Club or Combine President or Sec., and let them know you, and hopefully your fellow members will share in this "Salute of Wings" for the Lady.

Hall of Fame "A" Chm. Bernard Ellis was able to locate the list of winners for the 1985 HOF Awards, and while this list has been published in the Update, we would like to congratulate them, and the exceptional birds which brought the highest honors given to their lofts.

HOF-Old Birds:

5-14 Lofts: Nick Corini, Morgan Hill, CA and "Nicole" 419. Hon. Mention: Ronald Williams, Wenatchee, WA and "Worken Blue" 3046.

15-35 Lofts: Rick Mardis, Oklahoma City, OK and "Miss Oklahoma" 551. Hon. Mention: Francis Weber, Glen Burnie, MD and "Chief Great Sun" 3804.

36-75 Lofts: A and Bee Loft (G. Adriani and M. Beecraft) Suitland, MD and "Jackpot" 3207. Hon. Mention: Rusty Hemsath, Northridge, CA and "Noel" 041.

75 and Over Lofts: Doug Johnson, Seattle, WA and "Strawberry C - 201". Hon. Mention: Rupert Carter, Peabody, Mass. and "HUB 423".

Young Birds

5-14 Lofts: Charlie Schultz, Algonquin, Ill., and "Silver Beauty" WKF 041. Hon. Mention: Frank X. Smith, Altadena, CA and "Four Aces" 422.

13-35 Lofts: Jeff D. Jones, Norman, Okla., and "Won More Time" 84288.

There were no more awards given for Young Birds for 1985.

The old saying - "From the best comes the best" is certainly true when it comes to the AU Hall of Fame Award recipients, for it takes exceptional flyers with exceptional birds to share in Hall of Fame honors. We note that two birds from thousands of miles apart were both banded with numbers 041! And our AU 1st Vice Pres. Rick Mardis shared the honors.

Congrats to all and submit your applications to the AU Hall of Fame Chairman - Bernard Ellis, 18205 Shurmer Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136 for the 1986 HOF Committee to evaluate.

News From Around

From Bay City, MI, Gerald Walkowiak wrote a good letter on results of the 1985 AU Convention race in Clearwater, Fla. In an article in the Winter Update, while recognizing the handlers of the winning birds, since the information given me was incomplete, I was unable to identify the breeder of the 10th place and recorded it as "unknown". Mr. Walkowiak writes - "...Being in the top ten of the convention race was my second high-point of the 1985 racing season. My first was winning the Michigan State 500m race - with 1st, 3rd, and 7th place birds, the winning speed was 1475.78 and distance 538 miles..." Thanks, and congrats on your wins in Clearwater and Bay City!

International Breeders Directory!

When my three copies of the International Pigeon Breeders Directory arrived - two of them as gift items - my reaction was the same as - I feel sure, that of all recipients. Just **Delighted!** And grateful to Dean and Charlotte Thrasher for the tremendous amount of work and planning which went into this quality book. While it is impossible to list everything, briefly, there are club listings for pigeon clubs in 36 foreign countries and states, and all 50 states in the USA. There is a special section for racing pigeon fanciers, listed by states, with name, address and zip for each fancier. In the International Club listings there are names and addresses for every fancier and his

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particular breed, as well as the club Secretary of the individual clubs. If you are visiting in Australia - Italy - South Africa - Switzerland and all points in between - you have a list of fanciers on record. The American Racing Pigeon Union was recognized with a full page listing - thanks to Dean Thrasher and his associates, and will be seen around the world as this 'first and only one of a kind' Pigeon Directory travels to all nations to fulfill the needs of the sport.

A happy call from Dean, in response to a note of appreciation and congratulations, advised that it was a long and vast undertaking, but one which he wanted to do in gratitude for the many years of pleasure he had found in the world of pigeons. Among the credits, he listed his wonderful wife, Charlotte, the late Charles Herin of the ARP Union, Mrs. Marie Rotondo of the IF, James Lairmore of the National Pigeon Assn., Mrs. June Trone and Sue Boehlke, Nick Baker of Australia, Stuart Patterson of S. Africa, Dr. Wener of Luthgen of W. Germany, Mrs. Wendy King of Canada, Scott Sharp of Scotland, and Mike Worley of the American Pigeon Journal ... and many, many more for their assistance and interest.

While this Directory will bring fanciers together from all over the world, it would also be good to know that a fellow two blocks away had pigeons - especially for support in ordinance problems, social activities or membership drives. And for this writer, with unlimited correspondence on liberators, re-locating - and all of the above, I see it as a great step forward for our universal interest in the pigeon sport.

I hope many of our readers took advantage of the coupon in the Winter Update to order the excellent video tape as advertised, "Racing Pigeons ... Sport of Kings." A good story and terrific photography of unbelievable beauty as the birds soar across the country - the haunting strains of "Chariots of Fire" enhance the grace and strength of the birds in flight, and the dramatic scenes of the hovering hawks and eagles add excitement to the end of the race. Certainly a credit to the producers and the members of the Northern Catskills Club, and well worth adding to any pigeon fancier's collection.

From Dallas Texas, Warren Glover (Convention Chm.) invites all members and friends of the Texas Center to come one and all to the Texas Center Convention in Dallas at the

Sheraton LBJ - Northeast, July 17-20th. As the P.O. failed to get the information in time to be included in the Texas Newsletter, make your reservations by calling toll free 1-800-325-3535, or 214-341-5400 - and more information will follow in the July newsletter. Best wishes to all the fine Texas workers - have fun!

Milt Haffner, former AU Director and HOF "B" Chm., in Fort Wayne, Ind., sends more information on the 101 yr. Fort Wayne RPC of which he is President, and we need to remind the clubs to send in their AU charter dates so that the oldest clubs may be recognized by the ARP Union.

Elwin Anderson, recovering from a broken wrist following a fall in the bowling alley, writes - "We really need that National HQS - after what happened to Charley Herin really proves it - if it needed proof. My work with the AU Club Rules should be in a 'headquarters' in a permanent file Yes, Chuck Weaver and Wayne are doing an excellent job on the Update for us all."

Colorado Springs, CO, Stu Stuller writes - "Over a year ago, I wrote for help and information for an article about pigeon racing, and you graciously assisted me. Although efforts to find an interested magazine at the time, Atlantic magazine has expressed interest in such an article. As most interviews will be by phone, can you send me the owners names, etc., of the top birds in the country -- in the Rocky Mt. region - where your national convention will be held this year..." Gladly - national publicity on a favorable note is gold!

Tallahassee Plantation in Dawson, GA., Jimmy Bangs writes - "On Sat., May 3, my son Ken was trout

fishing in the Gulf of Mexico near the Keeton Beach area, about 5 miles out near Rock Is. He found a homing pigeon flapping in the water unable to get airborne. The maximum water depths on this flats is probably no more than 5 feet and there are numerous bars that are exposed by the tide. How long this little hen had been in the water is not known, but it was delighted to be picked up. The band was either - AU-85-SRPA-784 or GNA - 784, counter mark Green/white 518. The little red hen stayed with the boat until it returned to shore, then flew up in a tree. There had been a strong N/NE wind that day -- I wonder if it ever made it home?" Happy ending - we'd like to know also, as it helps to know where our birds go.

Waldo Hotchkiss, in Ca., wrote of the worst smash race - 400m - he had ever entered. Seems the birds went up at 8:15 a.m. in bad weather which resulted in terrible losses for most flyers. Waldo wrote - "I sent 10 beautiful widowers, and got one bird back at 9:45 p.m. (day) and at that time there were only two other birds home in the club. One flyer sent 50 birds and got a total of 7 birds back the next day - which was about the average returns. We sure need better communications on releases. Now I have 4 widowers left to fly 475-200-500-350-550 and 600 miles. How can I?" Well, knowing the quality of Waldo's fine birds, they will no doubt give it their best shot. Keep 'em flying my friend.

Charleston, S.C., Louis Hoppmann and Bob Fennell of Savannah advised that they had sent some of those good SRPA birds that coo with a southern



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drawl to the AU Convention race in Buffalo, N.Y.! Gary Meisner, formerly of Denver, Colo., arrived in Greenville, S.C., with his portable loft on wheels - a long 4000m trip; how many fanciers have eggs laid in Colorado and hatched in S.C.! Welcome - we can use a good pigeon man, judge and worker here. Lot's more from many kind folk - thanks

for letters and calls.

We'll look forward to seeing many fanciers in St. Louis, Mo., at the APFC convention and AU Meeting, and for sure in Buffalo, N.Y., for the AU Convention! Stay cool and have a wonderful summer, AU Sec. Fred Ames, P.O. Box 95, Maineville, OH 45039, will welcome your application for a five-loft AU charter. Best wishes to all. □

International Federation Of American Homing Pigeon Fanciers, Inc.

by DARREL RUTTER, Altoona, Pa.

Money is not my game. I'm not very good at it either. I spend more than I make and then get penalized with interest. Speaking of not having enough money, Dr. Charles Walcott of Cornell sent me a beautiful form letter asking for support for the Cornell Homing Pigeon Project. In the letter he asks five questions. As executive director of the Penn State Lofts Ornithological Navigation Research Center I will do my best to answer his questions based on my research.

1. Do magnetic storms really affect race speeds? YES

2. Do pigeons fly over lakes and high hills or do they detour around these topographic features? They detour most of the time.

3. Is the location of your loft important to racing success? YES.

4. Are race liberation points equally competitive to all the lofts in your club? NO.

5. Do pigeons use odors to find their way home? I don't believe so.

How did I do professor?

But seriously readers, these are just five of many questions to which Cornell has or soon will have answers for. They already have fine facilities, experienced and dedicated leadership, a team of visiting scientists, and 1000 pigeons.

Most of the base funding for their operations comes from several sources. However, in these days of budget cutting, the National Science Foundation, their principle supporter, could not give adequate funding to carry on adequate research, so we need to help in this endeavor. If each one of us gave a dollar, it would be enough to help pay for semi-volunteer student help this summer and a permanent loft manager.

Recently the NSF grant proposal received outstanding reviews ranking it as "most promising on a worldwide basis" and recognizing that since the sixties, Cornell has made

major contributions to the understanding of bird navigation, thus maintaining "the pre-eminent position of the United States" in this field. The reviewers were enthusiastic about the collaborative and international nature of the Cornell project which hosts foreign scientists every year. This collaboration not only maximizes the use of the Cornell facilities but also stimulates the exchange of ideas from which scientists and pigeon racers alike can and do benefit. Some of you have already gained from this available information accumulated at Cornell.

At any rate, without our help, the scope of research will be narrowed down. Let's not let this happen. There are 15,000 flyers in the U.S. Let's each one give just one dollar and we'll reach our goal. Make checks payable to: Cornell Pigeon Project. The address is Pigeon Project, Laboratory of Ornithology, Cor-

nell University, Sapsucker Woods, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850-1999. Thanks.

More Research

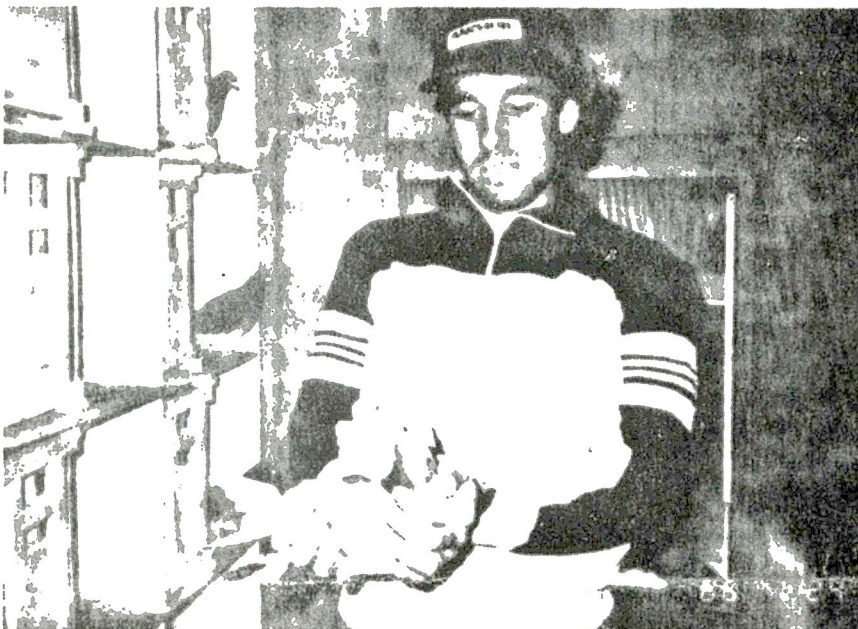
St. Francis University is currently involved with pigeon research also ... articles are forthcoming on this in the future. Dr. Steve Gilmore is director of studies. Penn State Lofts has involved itself with this project and solicits any funds you may wish to contribute. Send funds to St. Francis Pigeon Research, c/o Darrel Rutter, 116 E. 2nd Ave., Altoona, PA 16602. These contributions are also tax deductible.

I.F. Hall of Fame

1985 Young Birds

- 1st - IF85 QCM 1877 BCH - Tom Fahmie.
- 2nd - IF85 NJM 1516 BDD - Tom Fahmie.
- 3rd - IF85 BAC 7047 BBH - Randall Berky.
- 4th - IF85 JRF 636 BCC - Sam Pagano.
- 5th - IF85 PAT 1408 BCC - Tony Grumba.
- 6th - IF85 BBF 7577 BCH - Syndicate Loft.
- 7th - IF85 CCC 984 BBH - Joe Pearce.
- 8th - AU85 ELM 317 BCH - Blue Bar Loft.
- 9th - IF85 GPF 1865 BBC - Nick Lebresco Jr.
- 10th - IF85 WCM 4308 BCH - Vernon Young.
- 11th - IF85 YUK 376 DCC - John Bianco.
- 12th - AU85 I 11570 RCC - Darrell

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IF MAN OF THE MONTH
IF Man of the Month Dave Demko of Reading, Pa.

Rutter.

13th - IF85 LMC 8543 BBWFH - Hill Top Loft.

14th - AU85 SCR 1790 BCH - Tony Lemoncelli.

15th - IF85 W&J 0064 DCC - John Bianco.

16th - IF85 NEW 1313 Smoke WFH - Leary Loft.

17th - IF85 LLM 1949 BBH - Tom Fahmie.

18th - IF85 W&J 869 BCH - Tom San Antonio.

19th - IF85 JRF 1207 BBC - Nick Lebresco Jr.

20th - IF85 MH 534 SCC - Roy Ritter.

Well there you have it, the top 20 birds in the IF Hall of Fame contest. Did you enter this year???? Let's get behind this award and support it. Send your 1986 Old Bird Champs to Nick Shaw, Tollgate Road, Point Pleasant, PA 18950.

Along these same lines I'd like pictures and stories to go with the 1985 YBS Hall of Fame. This is official notice to the owners. The sooner I get the material the sooner we can read about your marvelous champ.

AU Newsletter

Recently I was asked to write an article for the A.U. Newsletter. This is a generous step in the right direction. It's one small step for the AU and IF, and a giant step for the sport here in America. Let's keep the lines open.

IF Man of the Month DAVE DEMKO

This month the IF would like to recognize Dave Demko of Reading, Pa. Dave is not only a young and up-and-coming star, but a creative

and inventive engineer.

He is serving the sport in many ways, but his new single toss machine just may be the single most innovative gadget to come along since the racing clock.

Dave likens himself to Henry Ford. He wants to find new ways to better old ideas and improve the sport. He believes progress will not stand still in this sport and he's doing his part to insure that.

A gifted athlete himself, Dave has won Penna. State Champion for Alpine Skiing so he knows a little about what it takes to be a winner.

The IF is proud and honored to have men such as Dave Demko representing our organization and the sport of Pigeon Racing.

IF Bird of the Month

The honors keep piling up for Elwood Martin's, AU83 CBC 206 BCC. His top notch racing record has earned him the IF Bird of the Month Award. Last year, he won club Bird of the Year and Club Hall of Fame.

In giving 206 this inaugural award for excellence, the I.F. is recognizing this bird's achievements.

1st, 300m. 2nd, 500. 2nd, 400. 3rd, 400. 4th, 312. 4th, 140. 10th, 500.

Again, for this Award to take hold we need lots of entries of good birds submitted to me. Send the bird's record and a good photograph to Darrel Rutter, 116 E. 2nd Ave., Altoona, PA 16602.

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American Trenton Breeders

by OTTO MEYER

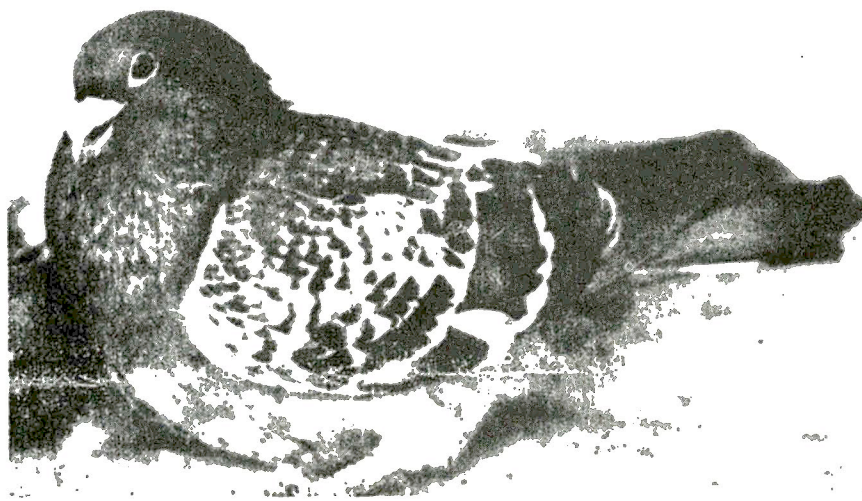
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We extend the open hand of fellowship to all fanciers regardless of affiliation, to come and enjoy the 1986 ATB Convention at the downtown Quality Inn on Calhoun and Meeting Streets, Charleston, S.C. 29403 on July 17-18 and 19th. This Convention is especially for the ladies. Rooms are \$33.00 Single, \$35.00 Double. You can make your hotel room reservations on this toll free number, 803-722-3391. The total cost to attend the ATB Convention is usually less than one third the normal cost of other national conventions and your time is not wasted. There are several historical tours and visits which are extremely interesting and educational. Try to arrive at the Quality Inn before 4 p.m. Thursday so you will not miss any of the planned events. This will give you an opportunity to visit with old friends and meet new ones. Many of the finest racing pigeon fanciers of this country will be attending the convention activities.

Please do not forget the big Fish Fry on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the beautiful home of Lorene and Henry Albers, P.O. Box 684, at Point Pleasant, S.C. 29464, phone 813-884-4459. It is for the ladies and men. The Albers' home overlooks the Charleston Harbor. Drinks will be served, compliments of the well known Wade Shriville. Henry is the ATB President and he is also the Chairman of the ATB Annual Conventions. He has an active, well experienced convention committee and you will be given plenty of that good old southern hospitality.

There will be a special 100 Mile Convention Race early Saturday a.m. July 19th - weather permitting. These birds will be caged on Friday between 4 and 5 p.m. Happy Hour 5 to 6 p.m. Pooling and Auction of race birds will be at 6 p.m. Do not confuse the 100 mile convention race with the 200 mile Mahr Futurity Race of October 18th. The Futurity youngsters should be shipped to Ernest E. Black, Futurity Race Secretary, Route 2, Box 700, Monks Corner, S.C. 29461, phone 803-761-3633, but notify him when your shipment will arrive. The shipment should be marked **Hold At Charles-**

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IF BIRD OF THE MONTH

IF Bird of the Month #AU 83 CBC 206 BCC.

ton Airport for Pick-up. There are 5 major airlines that have daily flights in and out of Charleston: Delta, Eastern, Piedmont, United and American.

Please let Henry Albers know that you will be attending the Convention so he can make sure that Banquet Reservations are made for you. Charleston is presently quite crowded with visitors, it is a beautiful city with a lot of history back of it and many tourists are going there since foreign travel is being minimized because of the terrorists.

An old friend, Lawrence Emerson phoned from his home in Yoakum, Texas. I have not seen him for over 25 years. When we first met, I was on the Staff and Faculty of the Officers Department of the U.S. Army Signal School at Fort Monmouth, N.J. Larry was an officer attending a course at the Officers Dept. No matter what ever class I was teaching, I always tried to familiarize the students with the importance of pigeons as a means of military communications especially during combat. Larry had a natural interest in homing pigeons. I therefore took him to my loft in Little Silver, N.J., and gave him some of my Meyer-Trentons. There were no pigeon fanciers in his home town of Yoakum, so Larry made it his business to interest some of his friends, and he got them started in this hobby. He shared his Meyer-Trentons with his friends and started an active club. Now every member has Meyer-Trentons in the bloodlines of his loft. The club has been very successful in racing their birds and they are flying 500 miles day of toss. Larry and his wife will be attending the ATB Convention in Charleston, S.C., at the downtown Quality Inn. We expect to see a few celebrities from foreign countries who have joined the ATB.

I shipped a young pair of Meyer-Trenton nest mates to a friend in Texas in 1980. He is a member of the ATB and he has made some fabulous records. The nest mate pair was not mated together. They were mated to other birds not closely related to them. Within several years each of the two original nest mates produced 9 - 1st diploma winners, making a total of 18 - 1st diploma winners bred from the two original birds and this included 1st winners at 400-500 and 600 miles as well. The above information is reported merely to show that "Super Foundation Birds" can be identified accurately even though the prospective speci-

mens are only 5 to 7 weeks of age. This nest-mate pair of Super Foundation Birds was shipped when 7 weeks of age. The following notes were taken from my 1980 Breeding Book: Both birds have nice body conformation, Violet Eyes, Dark Silver Eye-Sign (circle of correlation), good at all speeds even in foul weather, the circle of correlation is well set like a jewel in the Eye with depth and width. The Inner Circle (Sphincter) is heavy and well beaded. Both birds have the Heart Shape Design on the Tail and this is watched very carefully by many of the leading fanciers. I have never commercialized on our hobby and I have no birds for sale, but have helped many fanciers get started right.

The ATB is coming up with a new modern group of judges who are exceptionally well trained and well schooled individuals who are real specialists on Eye-Qualities. They will be judging all classes of the shows at the ATB Convention including the Eye-Sign Classes and they will use the Eye-Boxes. Trophies will be awarded as follows: Best Bird of Show, Best Eye-Sign, Best Trenton, YH, Best Trenton YC, Best Trenton OH, Best Trenton OC;

Best non Trenton YH, Best non Trenton YC, Best non Trenton OH, Best non Trenton OC: Best Eye-Sign. Entry fee per bird is \$2.00.

The resigtration fee is \$18.00 per person. This will cover a sit down (three meats, veg., salad, etc.) buffet banquet. It will be a quality affair. Tickets will be issued upon registration. You must have your ticket to get in.

The Exectuvie Meeting is Friday 10-1 p.m.

The Seminars are on Friday 2-5 p.m.

ATB Show and Business Meeting Saturday 11-3 p.m.

Clocking of Convention Race Birds Saturday a.m. (Early).

(Ladies walking tour - Historical Market Place. Sat. 1-3 p.m.).

Auction of donated birds Saturday 4 p.m.

Announcement of Race Winners Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Banquet Saturday 8 p.m. until ? Have a safe trip home.

Flash: Otto Meyer's Red Checker Trenton Hen won the 400 mile ATB Yearling Futurity Race May 20, 1986. The Handler of the bird was Gary Bumm of LaCrosse, Wisc.□

Tom Smith's Sports Talk From Around The Racing Pigeon World

by TOM SMITH, Yaphank, N.Y.

One of the most competitive areas of racing in Belgium is in the Antwerpen Province where there are over 10,000 lofts. And in that province is the largest club in the world, the 1500 member Antwerp Union, known as the "high school of pigeon flying."

The "Union" Antwerpen has a long, star-studded history. Here once flew the world famous Huyskens-Van Riel of Ekeren, the unbeatable Marissen Brothers and such other notables as Horemans, Vermeyen, Duchene, DeScheemaecker Brothers, Hermans, DeKepper, etc., etc. Some became world famous while others equally as great were known only in Belgium. One such case is the Marissen Gebr. of Oelegem.

While visiting Aime Dewit - Van Bunderen of Stekene, one of the present day "union" champions, we talked about the old-time champions and he produced an article and racing results from 1949. The almost unbeatable champions of the union were the Marissen Brothers. They sold few birds and never exported

any, thus they were not known world wide. But just look at their results in the Union for 1949:

UITSLAGEN SPORTJAAR 1949

Cormeilles, 1 Mei, 1027 duiven. — u — le duif 12.56.38 laatste, .58. Marissen Gebr. Oelegem, 15.630; Marissen Gebr., Oelegem, 7.870; Marissen Gebr., Oelegem, 7.380; Ducheyne Aug., Deurne, 4.210; Fierens Fr., Deurne, 2.550; Marissen Gebr., Oelegem, 3.360; Marissen Gebr., Oelegem, 285; Marissen Gebr., Oelegem, 5.110;

Cormeilles, 8 Mei, 990 duiven — 7.30 u. — le duif 11.43.22. ste duif 12.12.27. Marissen Gebr., Oelegem, 8.125; Marissen Gebr., Oelegem, 14.328; Marissen Gebr., Oelegem, 6.267; DeKepper J., Deurne, 4.360; Marissen Gebr., Oelegem, 2.270; Huyskens V. Riel., Ekeren, 2.050; Minsart R., Ekeren, 2.750; Vermeyen L. Mariaburg, 2.295; Horemans C., Schoten, 3.460; Marissen Gebr., Oelegem, 465.

Chartres, 15 Mei, 709 Duiven. —

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Los 10.30 u. — le duif 15.45.17 —
Laatste duif 16.59.00. 1. Defosse L.,
Deurene; 2. DeSmedt Y., St. Job.
330; 3. Defosse L., Deurne, 2.070; 4.
Claessens H., Antwerpen, 3.050; 5.
Peeters Rene, Capellen, 1.570; 6.
DeScheemaeker Gebr. Sch., 45; 7.
Marissen Gebr., Oelegem, 11.400; 8.
Bogaerts A., Deurne, 1.505; 9.
Lenaerts Gebr., Wynegem, 405; 10.
Vermeyen L. Mariaburg, 363.

Los 7.10 u. — le duif 11.16.30. —
Corneilles 22 Mei, 4631 duiven. —
1. Marissen Gebr., Oelegem, 11.870;
2. Nauwelaerts Gebr., Deurne; 3.
Huyskens-V. Riel., Ekeren, 5.440; 4.
Marissen Gebr., Oelegem, 8.340; 5.
Marissen Gebr., Oelegem, 7.410; 6.
Huyskens-V. Riel, Ekeren, 3.540; 7.
Marissen Gebr., Oelegem, 6.410; 8.
Janssens Jos, Deurne, 5.010; 9.
Marissen Gebr., Oelegem, 9.385; 10.
Huyskens-V. Riel, Ekeren, 360.

Orleans, 30 Mei, 1039 duiven. —
Los 8 u. — le duif 13.18.12 u. —
Laatste duif 14.03.08 u. 1. Ducheyne
Aug., Deurne, 4.060; 2. Weyn Fr.,
St. Niklaas, 150; 3. V.d. Troost Fr.,
Antwerpen, 760; 4. Huyskens-V.
Riel, Ekeren, 5.555; 5. Huyskens-V.
Riel, Ekeren, 8.010; 6. Huyskens-V.
Riel, Ekeren, 6.410; 7. Eggers-Cools,
Wommelgem, 1.920; 8. Vermeyen L.,
Mariaburg, 1.070; 9. Kerremans H.,
Boom, 465; 10. Cool Gebr.,
Merksem, 365.

Corneilles, 12 Juni, 554 duiven. —
Los 8 u. — le duif 12.27.01 u. —
Laatste duif 12.47.35. 1. Marissen
Gebr., Oelegem, 5.610; 2. Vuylsteke
M. Wommelgem, 3.120; 3. Marissen
Gebr., Oelegem, 4.260; 4. Horemans
C. Schoten, 3.710; 5. Stevens L.,
Antwerpen, 315; 6. Marissen Gebr.,
Oelegem, 585; 7. DeKepper Jos.,
Deurne, 896; 8. DeScheemaeker
Gebr., Sch. 75; 9. V. Puyenbroeck,
Antwerpen, 890; 10. Fierens Fr.,
Deurne, 1.700.

Chateauroux, 19 Juni, 455 duiven
— le duif 14.52.00 — Laatste
15.36.27. 1. Vermeyen Ls., Maria-
burg, 1.440; 2. Cuypers Ls., Sta-
broek, 4.608; 3. Marissen Gebr.,
Oelegem, 2.849; 4. Vuylsteke M.,
Wommelgem, 5.318; 5. Marissen
Gebr., Oelegem, 3.378; 6. Huyskens-
V. Riel, Ekeren; 7. Kerremans H.,
Boom, 1.700; 8. Huyskens-V. Riel,
Ekeren, 4.520; 9. Hermans Jos.,
Luythage, 4.256; 10. Ducheyne,
Aug., Deurne, 585.

Corneilles, 19 Juni, 739 duiven. —
Los 7.20 u. — le duif 11.51.25 u. —
Laatste duif 12.16.33 u. 1. Marissen
Gebr., Oelegem, 7.788; 2. Marissen
Gebr., Oelegem, 4.439; 3. Marissen
Gebr., Oelegem, 4.483; 4. Marissen
Gebr., Oelegem, 3.470; 5. Fierens
Guill. Borsbeek, 1.120; 6. Fierens
Fr., Deurne, 1.610; 7. Horemans C.,
Schoeten, 490; 8. Stynen Rene,

Vriesdonk, 1.270; 9. Defosse Ls.,
Deurne, 965; 10. Dockx J., Borger-
hout, 1.665.

Corneilles, 26 Juni, 452 duiven. —
Los 9.10 u. — le duif 13.14.00 u. —
Laatste duif 13.48.00 u. 1. Cool
Gebr., Merksem, 1.310; 2. Cool
Gebr., Merksem, 1.310; 3. Horemans
C., Schoten, 795; 4. Verswyvel L.,
Deurne, 225; 5. Cool Gebr., Merk-
sem, 1.320; 6. Huyskens-V. Riel,
Ekeren, 7.370; 7. DeKepper Jos.,
Deurne, 3.954; 8. Huybrechts J.,
Schoten, 2.540; 9. DeKepper J.,
Deurne, 1.430; 10. Ducheyen Aug.,
Deurne, 3.400.

Today the Antwerp Union has
many new champions. The most well
known of them all is William Geerts
of Schilde, but there are others such
as Dewit-Van Bunderen of Stekene,
Antoine Jacops of Vorselaar, Andre
Roodhooft of Brecht, DeScheemaek-
er Brothers of Schoten, Lou Wouters
of Gravenwezel, etc. It has been my
fortune to visit all of those mentioned
and when the 1985 results of the
Union Antwerpen were published I

knew I had visited and interviewed
the BEST. You'll be reading about
them in length in future feature
articles but for now just a few com-
ments. The province of Antwerp has
well over 10,000 lofts!

1985 UNION ANTWERPEN

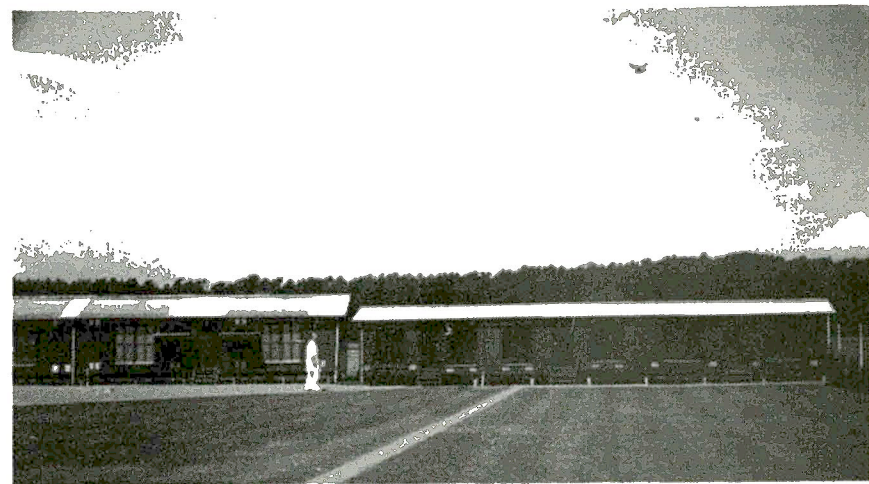
Algemeen kampioen oude duiven:
Jacops Antoine. 1. Jacops Antoine,
Vorselaar. 2. Denisse Constant Ron,
Kapellen. 3. Van Laer Gebr., Pulle.
4. Roodhooft Andre, Brecht. 5. Hok
Vercammen, Vremde. 6. Van Hove-
Uytterhoeve, Putte. 7. Geerts
William, Schilde. 8. Scheltjens Con-
stant. Grobbendonk. 9. Delen
Michel, Herenthout. 10. Vleugels en
Zoon, Herentals. 11. Luyckx Jan,
Beerse. 12. Ceulemans Louis, Nijlen.
13. Ducheyne-Scheirs, Vorselaar.

Algemeen kampioen jaarlingen:
Geerts William. 1. Geerts William,
Schild. 2. Jacops Antoine, Vorse-
laar. 3. Bartholomeeusen Jan, Loen-
hout. 4. Roodhooft Andre, Brecht. 5.
Wouters Louis, 's-Gravenwezel. 6.
Ceulemans Louis, Mijlen. 7.
Vermeiren Jos, Rijkvorsel. 8. Van



ROODHOFT RACING LOFT

*The racing lofts of Andre Roodhooft at the natural breeding station in Belgium.
— Photo by Tom Smith, Yaphank, N. Y.*



WILLIAM GEERTS AND HIS RACING LOFTS

*William Geerts in front of his racing lofts clocking birds. In Schilde, Belgium, he
is a professional pigeon flier and has over 300 feet of professionally built lofts. —
Photo by Tom Smith, Yaphank, N. Y.*

Roey Frans, Rijkevorsel. 9. Schrauwen Eduard, Essen.

Algemeen kampioen duivinnen: Roodhooft Andre. 1. Roodhooft Andre, Brecht. 2. Verdonck Rene, Deurne. 3. Wouters Louis, 's-Gravenwezel. 4. Van den Brandt Leon, Zandhoven. 5. Vermeiren Jos, Rijkevorsel. 6. Bartholomeus Jos, Zoersel. 7. Janssens Rene-Moons L., Grobbendonk. 8. Cnaepkens Louis, Beerse. 9. Ceulemans Louis, Nijlen. 10. Van den Plas Alois, Rijkevorsel. 11. De Mey Remy, Booischot.

Algemeen kampioen jonge duiven: Nicolai Constant. 1. Nicolai Constant, Rijkevorsel. 2. Van Wijnserghe Felix, St.-Lenaarts. 3. Jacobs Antoine, Vorselaar. 4. Van Hekken Willy, Schilde. 5. Wilms Jozef, Rijkevorsel. 6. Boenders Henri, Rijkevorsel. 7. Goris Alfons, Oostmalle. 8. Van Giel Jos., Zoersel. 9. Van Deuren Frans, Schilde. 10. Van Berendonck Willy, Schilde. 11. Van Camp Albert, Bevel. 12. Vercammen Frank, Nijlen. 13. Van Elsacker-Jespen, Schilde. 14. Voet Juul, Hoogstraten. 15. Boenders-Lenders, Rijkevorsel.

Algemeen kampioen oude en jonge: Jacobs Antoine. 1. Jacobs Antoine, Vorselaar. 2. Denisse Constant Ron, Kapellen. 3. Van Laer Gebr., Pulle. 4. Hok Vercammen, Vremde. 5. Geerts William, Schilde. 6. Van Hove-Uytterhoeven, Putte. 7. Van Elsacker-Jespen, Schilde. 8. Luyckx Jan, Beerse. 9. Vleugels en Zoon, Herentals. 10. Roodhooft Andre, Brecht.

Algemeen kampioen fond: Dewit-Van Bunderen. 1. Dewit-Van Bunderen, Stekene. 2. Van Oirschot Francois, Kapellen. 3. De Scheemaecker Gebr., Schoten. 4. Van Pelt Gaston, Brecht. 5. Imbert Jos., Stabroek. 6. Van den Plas Alois, Rijkevorsel. 7. Goris Albert, Ekeren. 8. Geerts William, Schilde. 9. Van de Vijver Eduard, Beveren. 10. Roodhooft Andre, Brecht. 11. Michielsens-Cox, Brasschaat. 12. Houben Jozef en Zoon, Itegem. 13. Bogaert Omer, Meerdonk.

Koning 1985 Union: Jacobs Antoine. 1. Jacobs Antoine, Vorselaar. 2. Hok Vercammen, Vremde. 3. Geerts William, Schilde. 4. Roodhooft Andre, Brecht. 5. Wouters Louis, 's-Gravenwezel. 6. Denisse Constant Ron, Kapellen. 7. Bartholomeeusen Jan, Loenhout. 8. Van Laer Gebr., Pulle. 9. Van Hove-Uytterhoeven, Putte. 10. Ducheyne-Scheirs, Vorselaar.

Algemeen kampioen grote fond: Huygen karel. 1. Huygen Karel, Antwerpen-Zvl. 2. De Kegel Rudolf, Lokeren. 3. Desbuquois Michel, Bornem. 4. Caron Jan, Ekeren. 5. Van de Sande Eduard, Antwerpen-Zvl. 6. Van Gulck Roger, Melsele. 7.

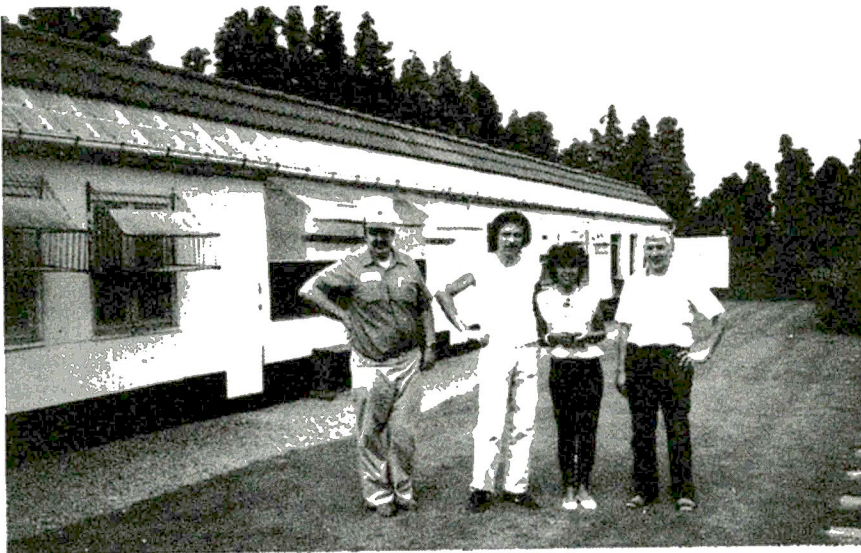
Antheunis-Van Goethem, De Klinge. 8. Cornelis en Zoon, Melsele. 9. Martens Gustaaf, Melsele.

Antoine Jacobs is a diamond cutter by profession. He and his lovely wife live in a beautiful house in the suburbs. Their small backyard is beautifully manicured and surrounded by lofts. To the left is 60 foot long racing loft yet it houses only 60 odd birds and to the right at the rear of the yard is a small yet immaculate breeding loft housing about a dozen pairs.

The Jacobs pigeons are all descended from an old, yet once magnificent, blue white flight cock, known as "Dude Witte". He was a great racer yet even a greater pro-

ducer. Many of his sons and daughters and grandchildren are in the stock loft. One pigeon that really intrigued Eric Arnold and myself was a magnificent bodied white hen, the only white pigeon in the loft. But there were many white flight pigeons. Antoine said he was surprised when she hatched out and developed all white; and was even more surprised when she became a top producer.

Antoine Jacobs has had many good seasons but 1985 was the best winning "King" of the Union; Overall Champion Old Birds; Overall Champion Young and Old Birds Combined; 1st, 10th, 13th and 19th ACE Pigeon Old Birds; 7th and 12th



VISITING IN BELGIUM

Tom and Gie Smith (center), Eric Arnold, all of the U.S.A. with Antoine Jacobs in front of his loft in Antwerp, Belgium. — Photo from Tom Smith, Yaphank, N.Y.



WOUTERS RACING LOFT

The lofts of Lou Wouters in Antwerp, Belgium. Lou once lost his house betting. — Photo by Tom Smith, Yaphank N.Y.

ACE Yearling; 2nd Super Star Union and 2nd six day's young birds in the Union. Also 1st Champion Gazet Van Antwerpen, 1st Cup Dr. Rossi of Italy; 1st Cup Minister Culture; 3rd Top Six Young Birds; 1st Champion OBs Kempen; 1st Champion Young Birds Kempen; 1st General Champion Old and Young Birds Kempen; 1st General Champion Old Birds Halve Fond Club Herentels; 1st Champion Yearlings, Herentels; 1st Champion Young Birds Herentels; 1st and 2nd ACE Pigeon OBs; 1st and 2nd ACE Pigeon Yearlings; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd ACE Pigeon Young Birds, Herentels!!

Aime Dewit-Van Bunderen owns a clothing factory and above it is located his tremendous range of lofts. His son Jimmy helps with the birds and his wife Annie is moral support, but the driving force is Aime.

The Dewit-Van Bunderen pigeons are a blending of several strains, among them the old Marissens, Horemans, Desmet-Matthys, Van Tuyn, Schelfaut and Cattrysse. They win out of turn at the middle and long distances. And they have been very successful in the Olympiades.

Aime is out of the radius of the Antwerp Union (20 mile radius of the Antwerp Station) for middle distance flying but he is allowed to compete there in the FOND (long-distance) races. In 1985 he was 1st Overall Champion FOND in the Union; 1st and 2nd ACE Pigeon FOND Union; 1st Champion First Marked Pigeon FOND Union; 1st Champion First Two Marked, First Three Marked, and First Four Marked. In the tough specialist "Antwerpse FOND Club," the Dewit-Van Bunderens were 1st Champion FOND; 1st and 3rd ACE Pigeon FOND. This is nothing out of the ordinary for Aime. He is one of those perpetual champions.

The Dewit-Van Bunderen pigeons excel from 300 to 500 miles on the day of toss. They are well bodied and feathered, strong yet streamlined. I was very impressed with them, so much so I hope to fly the first Dewit Van Bunderen in the USA in 1986!

Lou Wouters was 5th Champion of the Yearlings in the Union Antwerp 1985 but his real forte is betting. Lou flies only a few birds, but superior specimens all. And he bets to the limit. Over the years he has probably won more money per bird than any other flier in the Antwerp Union.

Lou has been a champion since WWII and showed us diplomas from as far back as the late 40's.

Lou flies about 20 old birds and 12 young birds. He keeps the best and culls the rest. Great bodies and eyes. They are Wouters strain and have

been for 40 years.

We were taken to Lou Wouters' home by my friend Alfons Vandreis-sche. He said, "Tom I have flown many years and tried many strains, but the best are Lou Wouters. Four youngsters from him can put you on the map!" So we went to see the old champion. Lou and his wife are two of the most hospitable fanciers it has been my pleasure to meet. Unfortunately Lou doesn't care about publicity, so has no photos or prize lists. But the visit, talking to the champion, asking him questions and handling his birds was a great experience.

One little trick I noticed is that Lou mates his young birds and flies them to the nest with great results.

When I returned to Alfons' loft and looked over his Wouters I said, "Alfons I have to take a few of these back home." A few days later I was on my way with a half dozen eggs...

Andre Roodhooft has been a champion in Antwerp for years. In 1985 he was 1st Champion Hens Union Antwerp. He flies them to the nest and is very successful.

Andre is the manager of the DeScheemaecker Bros. Natural Breeding Station. He is 100% pigeon! When you see how many pigeons there are at the Natural Breeding Station (14,000 stock birds) you know he has to be!

Andre's loft is located at the breeding station in Brecht.

Andre Roodhooft, who is in charge of the daily management at the Natural Breeding Stations, is a leading champion, not a theorizer but a man of practice and who has an eye for pigeons. These are the championships he has won at Union Antwerp in the last few years. Union Antwerp is the largest middle-distance pigeon racing society in Belgium.

1979 — 2nd Overall championship, 5th General championship young and old, 7th Championship yearlings, 3rd Championship hens.

1980 — 2nd Overall championship, 3rd General championship young and old, 6th Championship old, 4th Championship young, 7th Championship hens.

1981 — 5th Overall Championship, 11th General championship young and old, 4th Championship yearlings, 5th Championship hens.

1982 — 3rd Overall championship, 5th General championship young and old, 4th Championship yearlings, 7th Championship hens, 12th Championship Union long distance.

1983 — 1st Overall championship, 2nd Championship young and old, 5th Championship old, 6th Championship yearlings, 9th Champion-

ship Union long distance.

Last but certainly not least is William Geerts of Schilde, the perpetual "King" of the Union Antwerpen. He has won every championship there is to win in the Union. At 200 and 300 miles he is devastating and the Union is primarily a middle-distance club.

William flies pigeons professionally. That is how he makes his living. And it is a family effort. His two sons Nick and Sergia are full time partners and his wife Betty helps on race day.

The Geerts lofts are beautiful, professionally built, garden lofts, over 100 feet long and nicely landscaped. They are as "clean as a whistle."

The Geerts pigeons are mainly dark checkers, blue checkers, and blue bars; medium sized and well muscled; excellent feather and eyes. They have a great racing record as well as a great Olympiade record.

The Geerts pigeons are basically 80% Horemans and 20% Van Den Bossche x Janssen. These are the middle distance pigeons Geerts is so well known for. Over the past few seasons he has become more and more interested in long distance racing so has begun a second family based on the birds of Noel Pieren and DeKonick-Van Hoock of Nieuwpoort, purely long distance. So we may be seeing Geerts' name in the national results in years to come.

In the 1985 Union Championships William was 1st Champion Yearlings; 3rd King; 7th Champion Old Birds; 5th Champion Old and Young; 8th Champion FOND; 2nd, 3rd, and 4th ACE Pigeon Yearlings; and 3rd and 10th ACE Pigeon Young Birds. It was a good year but not a great year for him. In 1984, he was 1st King of the Union; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th ACE Pigeon OB Half FOND; 1st, 3rd, 4th ACE Pigeon Yearlings Half FOND; 3rd ACE Pigeon OB Long Distance Union; 2nd National ACE Pigeon Belgium Half FOND; 3rd Provincial ACE Pigeon OB Half FOND; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, and 9th ACE Old Bird De Belgische Duiven-sport; 1st, 6th, 9th ACE Yearling DBD; 1st Champion National Half FOND OBs "De Reisduif"; 2nd General Champion "De Reisduif"; and in the Bosmolen Championships 1st Champion Half FOND OBs, 1st Champion Half FOND Yearlings, and 1st ACE Pigeon Half FOND OBs! To add to this the Geerts pigeons were 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sport Class Half FOND Olympiade Porto!!

So there you have some of the top lofts in Antwerp, Belgium. Visiting them was a rewarding experience. □

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NETC Supports NPA Grand National

by LARRY ROSE, Pres. NETC, Houston, Texas

Well January has breezed by and so has another National Pigeon Show. As in the past the National English Trumpeter Club was the host club and for that matter the only English Trumpeter Club in attendance. The weather was down right beautiful as were the crowds that chose to attend. The weather was sunny and for the most part remained in the 70's. Considering it was the end of January it was fabulous to have the weatherman on our side. The tallies vary, but let's say the total entries for the show were in the neighborhood of 4,475! The other numbers were 330 exhibitors showing 90 plus breeds. All 50 states including Hawaii plus a nice Canadian entry made for a beautiful four days.

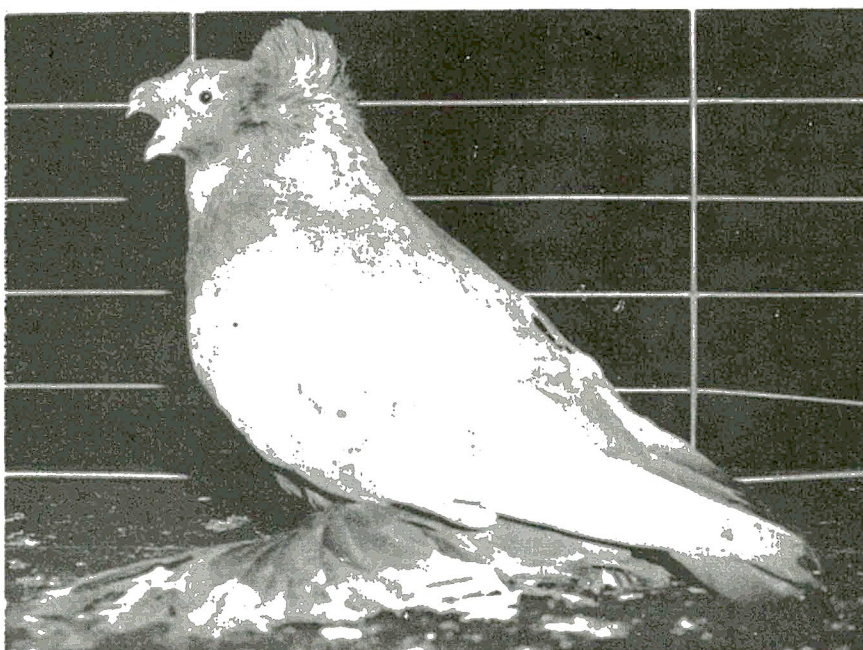
The judge for this year's show was Virgil Hinesly from Oklahoma. Virgil has been breeding trumpeters for longer than he cares to admit and did a swell job in spreading the awards amongst the exhibitors. Champion English Trumpeter went to Bill Baker from Marysville, Ohio, with a big powerful red old cock band number 3108. Reserve Champion and Best Opposite Sex went to a nice yellow old hen band number 2797 shown by Larry Rose of Houston, Texas. Best Junior entry went to Jamie Baker from Marysville, Ohio, with a mealy old cock band number 0439. It was sure nice to see Jamie again. Here is one junior exhibitor that is off to a good start both in showing and attending the shows in person. He is learning at an early age that just getting the birds ready for the show is a small part of being a supporter of his chosen breed. The tougher part is breaking the local show barrier and traveling to the shows. My side kick Charlie Smith of Vidor, Texas, says that getting there is half the fun, and I agree with him! Now Jamie could have very easily taken the easy road and let his parents take his birds to

the show, but no, he took two weeks worth of homework with him and made the back seat of the car his home for the trip to Texas. With determination like this it will not be long before we will have a fierce competitor on our hands. I also wish to thank Wes and Cheryl Shores for their support. Wes and Cheryl got off work Friday evening and drove all night long just to be with us at this Grand National. How about Mickey Jackson from New Mexico. For those of you that do not know Mickey he is a relatively new breeder coming on strong. Mickey showed a beautiful young black cock band number 0875 which went on to be the **only** young bird in the parade of champions and finished fourth place overall! I have known Mickey for several years relating back to Oriental Frills and Old Dutch Capuchines, and must say I have seen a steady improvement in his stud of English Trumpeters and

must say he is a real asset to the NETC!

Let me be the first to remind all of you that the next big NETC Show will be the Louisville National Young Bird Show in October. Our current plans are for Eddie Lujan to be this year's judge. With Eddie as the judge it will give us a new light on our birds, and give someone other than Eddie a chance to win the black splash class, ha! ha! So until later keep track of all those eggs and good luck in the breeding pens.

There has been a lot of talk about the club changing the judging standard we currently use. Virgil Hinesly wrote me a very nice write-up on his views and suggestions on one approach that might be taken. Since the letter was six pages long I have not included it in this article and out of respect for Virgil I will not try to paraphrase his article. What I will say on the subject is there are some valid ways **in my mind** that the judging time could be shortened. What I would like is for any of you that have any ideas or suggestions on this subject, or any other for that matter please drop me a line and let's see if we can get a majority approval on these items. After all this club is a club, for and by the breeders of the beautiful English Trumpeter. Good luck in this the latter part of the breeding season, and I hope to get a chance to see y'all at the shows later this year! □



CHAMPION ENGLISH TRUMPETER

NPA Champion English Trumpeter, Red OC #3108, shown by Bill Baker, Marysville, Ohio. — Photo by Larry Rose, Houston, Texas.



Central Fantail Club News

by JOHN MOPPIN, Kansas City, Kansas

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In the past, I've been known for writing on some different subjects that pertain to Fantails. Well friends, here comes another one. I'm the type of person who wants an answer for every question. This might be the result of my engineering background, but for whatever reason still need those answers. In the next few paragraphs I'm going to ask that you keep an open mind and think about what's been said.

I've spent the last three years investigating the answer to this question. "If you have two Fantails that possess the same length of tail feathers, why will one have an inch or more top tail than the other?" The question is simple, but the answer took some time to research.

Some might say it's where the tail base is in relation to the body. I can't really say that this may not be the case, but come on, this is just a theory and we'd be hard pressed to prove it. If you look up the word theory in Webster's Dictionary it says: **theory**, 1. statement of a possible truth. 2. untried assumption.

I've done some research and the following is what I've come up with.

The past couple of years I've been keeping track of which Fantails have more top tail than others. I've given this a lot of thought and I believe the answer is in the base of the tail, or rump, as it's been called. The tail base is what gives our Fantails the desired top tail we're after. I've been keeping track of the birds that have more than others and the answer is in the configuration of the tail base. I've found that there are two types of bases, one being the Type "A," and the other being the Type "B". (See drawing for example).

Now depending on which base you have will probably tell if you'll have "gobs of top tail" like Bill Diemer calls the abundance of tail above the body. As you can see in my drawings, the Type "A" tail base goes to a point much like a pencil, where Type "B" is more shaped like a circle. It's my believe that you're going to get the gobs of top tail from Type "A". Picture in your mind both tail bases with 32 - 6" long tail feathers. Now it only stands to rea-

son that Type "A" will have a higher center feather than Type "B", doesn't it? This means that Type "A" tail will be more egg shaped and Type "B" will be round. But when the two are mounted on a Fantail, the Type "B" tail will give you the illusion of not having any top tail (those feathers above the body), where as in the case of Type "A", being its shaped more egg like, it will give you the illusion of having the gobs of top tail we're after.

It's at this time that I should elaborate on length of feather. Imagine if you will what you'd have if you had the Type "A" tail base with a long length of feather. This Fantail would have the top tail that we dream about. We've all seen those Fantails that had unbelievable long tail feathers. The only problem with this is, many times these same birds will have extremely long flights, the type of flights that actually lay on the floor. So whereas the long feather is good, we also can see some drawbacks. I believe if you had the Type "A" base with an above average length of feather, you could have the top tail and the short flights on the same bird. It's kind of like having your cake and eating it too!

Now that I've got your mind working on Type "A", Type "B", short feathers, long feathers, top tail and so on, how do we know if our stock birds have the Type "A" or Type "B" tail base? The easiest method is to keep track of this before the tail has feathers on it. So this pretty much leaves our adult birds out of the picture. I've found if you check

your young Fantails at two days old you can determine which base they possess. Then in your records, keep this information for future use. This will come in handy when you mate your breeders for a future breeding season. If you had this information on all your Fantails, then you could mate two Type "A" together and pretty much know you'll have a Type "A" youngster. Also, if you had a Type "B" Fantail that matched up with a Type "A", then the percentages of producing a Type "A" youngster would be around 50-50. I must admit some of this is theory, only because I don't have enough hard facts to substantiate my claims.

Last year I mated a pair of Fantails together that I knew both possessed the Type "A" tail base. Granted I didn't mate them together with just this in mind. We all know when matching two Fantails, that many things go into choosing a mate for our birds. But I was able to put two birds together that did have Type "A" tails. This pair produced six youngsters, all of which did have Type "A" tail bases. I culled three of these six Fantails for other undesirable traits. The three birds I kept were #231 (cock), #232 (cock) and #244 (hen). Each of these birds had a lot of top tail, but of the three, #231 had the "gobs" we were after. The other two birds had at least three to four inches of tail above their bodies, but #231 had close to seven inches of tail above the body.



TYPE "A"



TYPE "B"

Drawing showing the two types of tail bases. Check babies at two days old to determine which type it is.



ARNOLD SCHROEDER'S FANTAIL LOFTS

The Fantail lofts of Arnold Schroeder in Easton, Minn. From left to right, Loft No. 1 - Breeding loft houses 24 pair. Loft No. 2 - Heated breeding loft houses 12 pair. Loft No. 3 - Has three young bird pens, training and show room.

Now that's what I call "gobs" of top tail.

This year I'm recording every bird's type, and I plan to keep this in my records from here on. I believe if this pans out, I could breed the type of Fantails I want with the "gobs" of top tail we all want.

We all know that every day of our breeding season, we're fighting old mother nature for our perfect Fantail. Mother nature is trying to put the Type "B" tail base on all our birds because that's the way all pigeons started out.

Give all this some thought, or better yet, check it out for yourself. Who knows, maybe you'll find it of some help to your breeding program. I'd like to hear from you if you have any thoughts on this subject and maybe you've been aware of this anyway. If you've done some work on this, please let me know. My address will be at the end of this article.

We Lost A Friend

On March 15, 1986, Earl R. Manns of Excelsior Springs, Mo., passed away. Earl was 67 years old. He had missed our last CFC Meet, because of a heart attack he had in November of 1985. Earl seemed to be recovering from his illness and had planned to attend a number of Fantail Shows in 1986. We'll all miss Earl and if you didn't get a chance to meet Earl, you truly missed the opportunity to know a fine gentleman.

Earl is survived by his wife, Louise, his three sons, Bobby, Earl, Jimmy, his two daughters Earline and Joyce, 16 grandchildren and

three great grandchildren.

Earl's wife, Louise, plans to keep some of his Fantails and I'll take a show team for Louise, in Earl's name to some of the major Fantail meets in 1986. Although Earl can't be with us in body he'll be with us in spirit.

If you'd like to send the family your sympathy, you can do so by contacting: Louise Manns, Rt. 3, Box 86, Excelsior Springs, Mo. 64024.

Breeder of the Month

This month's "Breeder of the Month" is Arnold "Arnie" Schroeder of Easton, Minnesota, where he has bred one of the finest studs of White Fantails for years. Arnie has been a leader in the development of the refined Fantail and has supplied a number of top breeders with that one or two birds needed to move a stud forward. The following is an interview I gave Arnie, and I'm sure you'll enjoy it as much as I did giving it to him.

Moppin: List the offices you've held with the CFC or any other Clubs.

Schroeder: I haven't held an office with a club as of yet. I do intend to pursue one in the near future.

Moppin: List the Grand Champions and Reserve Champions you've had at CFC Meets. When and Where?

Schroeder: In 1976 I had my first Grand Champion win at the Central in Lincoln, Nebraska, with a white hen #277 (a bird I purchased from Bob Given). In 1979 I sold a hen, #34, to Milo Mendenhall prior to the Mason City, Iowa, Central Show, which went on to become the Champion of the Show.

At the 4th District Central Shows (all of which were held at Mason City, Iowa) I had Grand Champion in 1979, Reserve Champion in 1981 and both Champion and Reserve Champion in 1982.

Moppin: List the Grand Champions and Reserve Champions you've had at other Fantail Meets. When and Where?

Schroeder: I had the Grand Champion at the Mid-America Annual Meet in LaCrosse, Wisc., in 1976. In 1977 I had the Grand Champion at the Mid-America in Mason City, Iowa. In 1980, I had Grand Champion at the Mid-America in Rockford, Ill. In 1982 I had Grand Champion at the Badger Fantail Club in Viola, Wisc., and also in 1982 I had Reserve Champion at the Mid-America in Mason City, Iowa. In 1983, Reserve Champion at the Mid-America at Austin, Minn.

At the MAFC Young Bird show in 1977 I had Champion of the show

and also in 1983 Grand Champion and Reserve Champion.

I've also had Grand Champion and Reserve Champions at some of our local meets. I have not shown in 1984 and 1985. Since 1976 I've won 100 classes, 34 color classes, 16 Reserve color classes, 5 Reserve Champions of show and 10 Grand Champions of show.

Moppin: List the awards you've received from the CFC.

Schroeder: In 1980, I was awarded the "Outstanding Breeder Award" from the Central. I'm very proud of the award.

Moppin: List the awards other clubs have given you.

Schroeder: In 1983 I was awarded the "Member of the Year" by the Mid-America Fantail Club.

Moppin: Arnie, can you tell us when you started in Fantails and through the years who has helped you most with good birds and useful information?

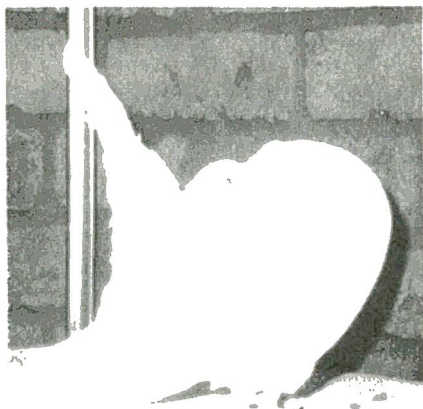
Schroeder: I've had Fantails even as a young boy. They have always been special above other breeds to me. I purchased my first show quality Fantails from Bob Given.

Bob Given and Joe Schabert were especially helpful in giving me good basic information about proper Fantail breeding and showing.

Moppin: Over the years of showing some of the best Fantails in the U.S., what is your favorite Fantail?

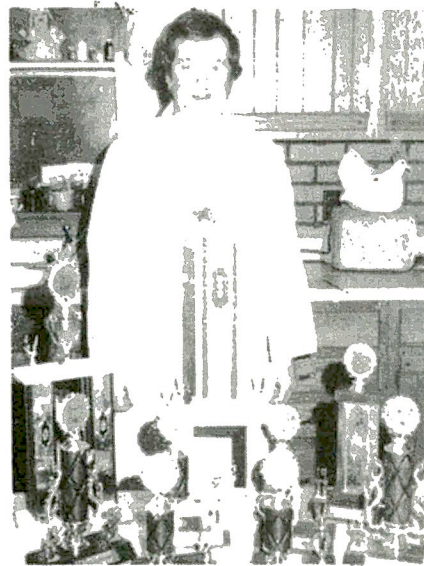
Schroeder: This is a difficult ques-

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RESERVE CHAMPION FANTAIL

#526-1982 White Fantail Cock was Best White and Reserve Champion at the Central Fantail Club 4th District Meet in 1982. Bred by Arnold Schroeder. — Photo from John Moppin, Kansas City, Kans.



ARNOLD SCHROEDER

Arnie Schroeder shows his winnings after the Central Fantail Club's 4th District meet held in Mason City, Iowa. — Photo from John Moppin, Kansas City, Kansas.

tion. Throughout my years of breeding Fantails, I have been very fortunate to have bred several Fantails who have given me much pleasure. I guess the one which stands out amongst the rest would have to be #277. Although this white hen has caused much controversy and much heartache, I feel and many other people felt, she was one of the best walking Fantails the fancy ever saw. She was one Fantail, I feel had it all.

Moppin: What colors are you presently working with this breeding season?

Schroeder: I'm now breeding from eight pair of whites, six pair of blacks and one pair of reds.

Moppin: Last year you were toying with the idea of selling completely out of Fantails. I know you've changed your mind and have since culled out some colors. What changed your mind and what changes have been made in your program?

Schroeder: The last few years, I did lose some of my enthusiasm in raising Fantails. I attribute this, in part, to the change in the atmosphere of showing Fantails. I have always attended the shows because of the pure enjoyment of seeing my birds compete and to visit with the people who share the hobby that I enjoy. Over the past few years, there have been a select few who have taken the enjoyment out of the hobby for me. There are other reasons that I'd rather not get into.

I thought long and hard about breeding and showing Fantails and what they meant to me. I decided there was too much to lose by going out of the fancy entirely. I have had

too many years of enjoyment to quit now. The many good friends I have acquired through the fancy and the feeling of accomplishment I get by raising Fantails is the reason I'm back.

I decided to cut down on some of my breeding stock in my whites. I also sold my entire stud of Tailmarks which was sold to Jim McMahon, who I'm pleased to say showed some of my young Tailmarks at the NYBS and one of which was a young cock that was Best Tailmark. Also this same bird was Best Young Tailmark and Reserve Tailmark at the Central.

My entire stud of Powdered Blues and Blues went to Joe Schabert, who showed a young hen I raised at the Central which was Best Young and Reserve Powdered Blue. Even though I didn't show these birds, I felt I had accomplished a good breeding season. Best of luck to those who have my birds in the future breeding seasons.

Moppin: Arnie, there was a good number of us who were quite relieved to learn that you didn't quit the fancy. Even though you didn't really sell out altogether, we did miss you at the shows the past two years.

My next question is, what type of Fantail have you found works best in your breeding program?

Schroeder: Of course, I look for a basic foundation of a Fantail. The most important characteristics that I look for in my breeders is round full bodies out beyond the wing line, with narrow tight wings. I also look for a well balanced tail with enough shoeing.

Moppin: What faults have you found just didn't work in the breeding pen and may hurt a stud of Fantails?

Schroeder: One thing I find fault with in Fantails as a whole is thick winged birds. I try to keep this bred out of my birds. Legs are another concern of mine. Birds with legs too short have a tendency to break their secondary flights and are posers instead of walkers.

Moppin: Are you planning to campaign a show team of Fantails for the 1986 show season and what shows are you tentatively planning to attend?

Schroeder: At this point I'm very anxiously awaiting the 1986 show season. I'm tentatively planning to show at the MAFC young bird show, the Central 4th District, the MAFC Annual Meet and the Central's Annual Meet. I'm also going to try my best to make the Canadian Fantasia.

I'm very excited about the show.

Moppin: What part of the Fantail fancy do you enjoy most?

Schroeder: I especially enjoy the profits of the breeding season. When I can go out and lace my youngsters and really see if I've accomplished anything for the year.

The time I spend in my loft has always been a way to relax and enjoy my hobby. This is where we all look and hope for that one special bird.

Moppin: If you could step into the Fantail fancy and have the ability to change one thing that would better the fancy, what would that be?

Schroeder: I hope some of these changes have already occurred as I have not shown for a few years, I hope that some people have started getting along and they have become better aware of the feelings of their fellow fanciers, **before** they say the wrong thing and not after.

Moppin: What advice would you give the newcomer in the Fantail fancy?

Schroeder: My advice to the new fanciers would be to talk, listen and read all you can. They should talk to several fanciers on what a good Fantail looks like. Listen to these fanciers about how they find a show bird in their lofts. Lastly, to read about the Fantail, the standard, and the many articles written on raising the Fantail.

When you are ready to purchase your breeding stock, do not go by the name of the fancier alone. Pick and choose your foundation carefully. Remember these birds have to have the qualities that will bring you close to the ideal show bird. The breeders name is not what gives you show quality Fantails, it is the birds them-



RESERVE CHAMPION FANTAIL
#424-1980 White Fantail Hen was Reserve White and Reserve Champion at the Mid-America Fantail Club 1982 Annual Meet. Bred by Arnold Schroeder. — Photo from John Moppin, Kansas City, Kans.



GRAND CHAMPION FANTAIL
#29-1980 White Fantail Hen was Best White and Grand Champion at the Mid-America Fantail Club 1980 Annual Meet. Bred by Arnold Schroeder. — Photo from John Moppin, Kansas City, Kans.

selves. If a new fancier starting out is in question about birds he may want to purchase, he/she should feel free to ask another fancier for their opinion.

Moppin: Arnie, do you have any closing comments you'd like to bring to light?

Schroeder: Raising Fantails has broadened my horizons. Through them I have met many interesting and dedicated people. Through these fanciers' efforts we have seen many fine Fantails produced throughout the years. It's a hobby everyone can achieve and accomplish much satisfaction. I know I have!

Moppin: I'd like to thank Arnie for taking time to answer my questions. We are very fortunate to have the type of breeders who have the ability to match the right birds together which will produce Fantails near the Standard of Perfection. Arnie is one such Breeder with the "eye" for seeing beyond the so-so stock bird. He has shown us for years in the show pen what the true breeder is after. Thank goodness we didn't lose Arnie to another breed and we all look forward to the next show season to see what Arnie brings, in the way of a show team.

The breeding season for 1986 is coming to a close. It's time when we're all thinking about the shows we plan to attend. There are some top shows being planned and the

Central is shaping up to be another outstanding meet. There seems to be three or four shows where the top breeders always converge. These shows seem to have entries around 400 each year. It's at these meets that the novice and the top breeders can get to know each other. This is also a perfect place to buy that much needed stock bird that one needs to better his/her own stud. Make plans to attend the Central this year and see what the Fantail fancy is all about.

If you'd like to be a member of the Central Fantail Club, you can do so by

sending your check or money, payable to the Central Fantail Club, in the amount of \$10.00 for senior, \$15.00 for husband and wife, and \$3.00 for juniors (under 18 years of age). Send your dues to: Central Fantail Club, c/o Bill and Marge O'Dell, 138 S. Webster, Ottumwa, Iowa 52501.

This will do it for this month's CFC News article. If you have any questions about Fantails or Fantail Breeders in your area or just would like to say "Hi", feel free to call or write anytime. My address is: John Moppin, 7907 Ella, Kansas City, Ks. 6112. (913) 788-3273. □

Great Lakes Fantail Club News

by BOB McKEE, Vanderbilt, Pa.

Here it is Summer and I am off to a slow start and a late one at best. Most everybody is silent lately, but we received a nice article from Jim Armstrong; which will appear after this brief introduction.

Our saddles are mostly infertile to date. We are hoping that the second round will be improved fertility. I suspect the 90% young stock is the reason. If they don't respond by the second round, I will have to place them in an open pen or remate my old cocks to the top young hens. I prefer the former option to the latter. Simply because, I would like to see

the better young cocks to these grandstand hens. Well, I guess after a banner year in 85 - 86 is all down hill!

I just read in the April CFC Bulletin that Bill Diemer was in a head-on car accident. I hear he is doing fine under the circumstances. Bill has had at least three traumatic experiences in the past several years. I am hoping and praying that he has a change to the more positive things in life. God Bless our Fancier friend.

In the CFC Bulletin I see that Bronson is trying to stir some reactions to his own conclusions on the Fantail Standard. Bob DeAdder will send Gary a copy of the EFC Standard so he can visualize the trend of beetle green sheen on the bars. This reporter still believes the Frosting on the PB's can only come with a precursor of beetle green sheen - never with **purple!** The purple really mucks up the smooth transition of color in the neck hackle to body. Both Hatcher and Joe Schaeber expressed to me this same idea. However, it is not so easy to rid the bars of it. The better families of PB are more or less free of it. Still the blues are just loaded with it!

Jimmy Armstrong mentions to Tim Burke to listen up on the **orange** coloration, which is pale ash-red. T-pattern and checker the best expressions in this order. It so happens that Tim judged and visited with the National Fantail Club at Barrie, Ontario, several years ago. I suspect that while observing some very finely typed and spangle colored Dominant Opals of Paul McColeman's; that Paul mentioned his Orange project

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Eastern African Owl Club News

by TONY LOMUTO, Pub. Dir., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Everyone should be thinking about ending the breeding season before it gets too hot. Let us not forget when it's too hot we get hit with mosquitos which means pox. I think we all have enough to worry about because of the paramyxovirus in the air or wherever it is. Let's not ask for more trouble. Has any lofts throughout the U.S. been hit with the paramyxovirus? I hope not but if so please vaccinate right away because the results are losing valuable birds and plenty of them.

Haven't heard from any clubs so I do not have any news. I did hear from the E.A.O.C. Sec.-Treas., Howard Kogan and he tells me he is having a good year raising Africans. Also Wayne Diviney tells me he has had a slow start but knowing Wayne he should come up with a few show stoppers. I have had a very slow start and probably will only raise around 10 because of no pumpers

and moving. Well there is always next year, and I tell myself all you really need to do is raise just one, the one that can do it all at the show so I don't give up too easy.

The E.A.O.C. is still welcoming anyone to join up so why not stop what you're doing and send \$5.00 to Howard Kogan, 17 Anchor Court, Huntington, New York 11746. The competition is excellent. Any information concerning Africans or joining the E.A.O.C. can be obtained by dropping me a line at 1095 Sheepshead Bay Road, Brooklyn, New York 11229 or feel free to call me at (718) 332-6955.

It is amazing that no other club has any news to pass on so I could pass it on to the world through the A.P.J. which is the best pigeon magazine in the world. I guess everyone is pen shy. Well enough begging for news. Until next month, good luck to all. □

from blue archangels. We may be seeing some **orange** Fantails from the McColeman lofts shortly.

Paul McColeman does have quite a few Reduced Fantails. A color that I have tried desperately to produce for six years. I still have an old breed hen with a 79 band. I lost three last year at a day old. Well, this year I finally have one in the nest at 8 days old. I have to mention some more of McColeman's projects: Firstly, we must introduce this very athletic school teacher by his nickname - the **Renegade**. He listens to no one without full consent of his birds. Like myself, he feels that they alone hold all the secrets to success! Paul has interests in the Oyster whites and other Indigo, reduced, Dom. Opal combinations. For instance, he wants the laced effects from Indigo and reduced; he knows that indigo will enhance any form of bronze. And we have seen this combo in the Modena. Paul raised a Platinum Dom Opal (?) last year and was very excited. Paul McColeman has an insatiable lust for the new pastels. Yep, Armstrong - Mr. McColeman is working at these andalusian/reduced combos!

I don't recall ever publicly mentioning that it was Doc. Lynch who not only developed the Qualmonds, but gave them to any interested party. I, along with Tim Kvidera, got ours two years ago at the NYBS. This mutant has the forever **ceramic feathering**. I have a bar Q hen. Last year only Q and Reduced projects left me without a bird. I raised 9 from this Q hen on a very Kite cock - all were hens! This year, with renewed zeal, I have selected a flour coloured PB cock. I am thinking of a beautiful icy grizzly phenotype?

We have a Dominant opal hen bred from a velvet saddle that is mated to a red saddle cock. We are hoping here for maybe a spangle saddle mark. I would also like to see a laced opal saddle, but alas, saddles are all checkers and you would need T-pattern for this lace. She is nearly a self, but has the speckle head, wf, and some white in the tail. There are two saddles in the first nest that are undermarked on both sides. About the opposite of what one would expect here; especially since she and the grandfather were self splashes and bred from selfs! It is very easy to go down to white, much harder to get more color unless you have it there in front of you.

I have said, would try to make Recessive red saddles (Saddle fans are **Ash-Red**), realizing that rec. red

Baldheads are impossible to make due to possibly a linkage between the Ash and the pied-bald marking. I still think it can be done? So we have several pairs with the little "e" on saddle birds. Anybody know if it is possible?

Jim's final paragraph is a strong point in our Fancy today. But, Jimmy, I am not so sure how many really understand that upgrades can be superior to the old Red or Yellow Families of Fantails. i.e. Golds are reds. Using the better blacks (although Blue Base) to pale Roller crosses will produce a superior genome than the so-called **pure** Red/Yellow Fantails. I won't go into detailed proof at this time! Too many are interested solely in what is today that they can breed for several years and be the Show winners.

Recently we had some visitors here that project this exact image to this writer-fancier. On the one hand, you have a Fancier who is interested in the best birds you have for sale, so that he can take them home, mate them, and produce some very competitive Fantails for the Shows. Then, his partner - every time we would turn around, this guy was lost! We would find him pop-eyed in front of the Modena bronze Fantail pen. His buddy would scold him as if he were a child in the cookie jar as many times as he slipped away to look at them bronzes! "No, No," his partner scolded. "You don't have room for those. Get some of these developed reds and some of these saddles" I'd say we have another Paul McColeman in the making here. Pretty soon we will be seeing a color freak for every **sixer**! I like that! Right Rosey?

The Canadian Fantail Club's 86 Fantasia is the **biggy** for the year! I hope all the enthusiasm now will be maintained through December. They **deserve our support!!!**

I must publically concede to Paul McColeman that the checker hens

that I said were pale factor are just dilutes, as he said two years ago. Without a meat and feather proof of pale factor to date, I do hereby concede!!! I still disagree that you can tell pales from dilutes by the feather lacing effect; as I see this on good coloured yellows as well. McColeman will never produce a showable **orange** before I do a **gold**, and he has a three year start on me! The best of luck Renegade.....

All is quiet on the Fantail Fancy front, and beg your pardon for all this personal stuff but we are out of ideas. Denny Stapp will take it from here Have a good 86 season and don't bother to vaccinate - just save your money to replace all them dead Fantails - if the PMV finds your loft! Take it away Jimmy...

COLORS OF THE FUTURE

by Jim Armstrong

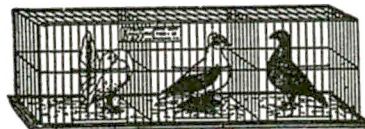
The Fantail fancy is blessed with knowledgeable men and women who are willing to share their expertise with those of us who rank as novices. John Moppin has done an excellent job with the interview format in his CFC column. These interviews have brought us insight of the breeding and showing philosophies of many greats. R.T. McKee is never at a loss for words and his Great Lakes columns guarantee a thought provoking session. However, having had the task of writing a monthly column myself I know how difficult it is to consistently come up with something new issue after issue. In the April 86 APJ McKee expressed his contempt for those of us who had promised articles but failed to deliver. Being one of those who make such a promise I felt that it was in the best interest of our friendship to take pen in hand and write.

Topics such as carriage and motion, leg setting, breeding philosophies, etc., are best left to those breeders with years of experience. Since I don't have years of exper-

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ience with Fantails, a subject of less controversy is in order. Color genetics has always held a certain fascination to me and I always hit the aisles of the tumbler, giant homer, and modena shows to see what genetic goodies lie in store. In no way do I mean to slight the many Fantail breeders who dabble with the genetic paint brush but these breeds have a jump on us overall. And besides never leaving the Fantail section results in "tunnel vision" and stagnation. The efforts of the Fantail breeders who work with new colors will no doubt be rewarded as these colors become standardized and take their rightful places in champions row.

Some of the colors that I have seen in Fantails and/or other breeds that are very attractive are dominant opal, gold reduced black, reduced andalusian and qualmond. Many of these colors are already in existence in Canadian and American Fantail lofts.

When in conjunction with blue check the dominant opal factor produces a beautiful coloration with a washed out tail bar and a spangled appearance on the wingshield. I have seen this expression in show racers and know that it is the lethal factor which comes into play when two dominant opal genes pair up. However, this can be easily circumvented by mating dominant opal to blue. Breeders of blues and whites (masking blue check) could enter this gene into their lofts with little effort due to its dominant nature.

Gold or recessive red with pale factor is the latest project of McKee. I have observed pale factor in frillbacks, archangels, Modenas, and Rollers and all had beautiful pastel expressions. Listen up Tim Burke - "orange" Frillbacks were produced by Gary Young by pairing ash red and pale.

Describing colors in an article is difficult at best but here goes. Reduced black is a glazed-over slate gray color that is a real eye-catcher. I observed a reduced black in Diemer's loft and I know some of the Canadians have it. The quality of blacks available should make reduced black a competitive color before long.

Without a doubt, the prettiest color I have seen in pigeons was reduced andalusian. Bob Pettis exhibited a reduced andalusian modena at the 1985 NYBS. Believe me this is a color well worth the efforts. I'm not sure if it exist in Fantails or not but we have reduced and we have andalusian so why not.

Last but certainly not least is qualmond. Qualmond Fantails are a result of the efforts of Dr. Lynch. His benevolence has spread them over the U.S., Canada and Scotland. There are at least 8 breeders in North America working on various expressions of the color and quality is not far off.

Don't get me wrong, I am not saying that these "odd ball" colors will replace all the whites, blues and blacks in the winner's circle. However, I do feel that if we put color

prejudices aside and judge fantails on carriage and motion, type, etc., it won't be long till some of these colors hang around the walking pen a while. Test your skeptics - have trouble envisioning classes for gold or whatever, let me remind you that it was just a few short years ago that andalusian come on the scene.

Let me close with a plug for Fantasia. The Canadians were super at the Altpeter Classic and they deserve our support. Make plans to be there. □

National Birmingham Roller Club News



Dedicated to the preservation and further development of the Birmingham Roller in the air.

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The NBRC video is coming along fine and by the time this is in print, some may already have a copy for their fun and learning. The NBRC is the leader in the performance roller fancy today and we are speaking loud and clear with the video cassette for the fancy as a whole. Ole George is still putting out that great bulletin and doing a super job as club Sec. and Treas. The question and answer part of this newsletter is getting better and better, the rest is for your enjoyment and if you want the maximum pleasure in the fancy just send \$7.00 to George Valiska, 7985 Cross Creek Dr., Glen Burnie, MD 21061.

Besides the performance in the air, what other qualities do you look for in rollers?

Herb Sparks ... If the performance is ideal I look no further. Terry Rhodes ... On the ground temperament is paramount, the bird should be calm, easy to handle (no wall bangers), intelligent, easy to train, quick to learn and not a bully. In my opinion, the traits that produce quality performance also insure the breed for the right body type. Note correct performance produces correct body type-not correct body type insure correct performance, there's a big difference. Paul Bradford ... The roller should be small, fiesty, (investigative) and like a beautiful girl. It should get your attention now.

Larry Hubbard ... Good loft habits, good flying habits. I don't want my birds to fly loft high nor do I want them to over fly. In between is just about right. Good slick feather a

must for good tight spinning. A good wedged body and tight tail. Joe Stayer ... They have to have good homing ability. Roger Baker ... Besides performance in the air, I also like a nice looking bird. As far as type goes, if you will look at the type described in the URCA Standard of the 1960's. Such as the picture of 1455, the old Bob Evans bird whose picture used to be in the PRC ad in the APJ. Now don't get me wrong, I do not know if or how that bird rolled, for I never saw it in the air. For never take a fanciers word for how good birds are until you see them yourself in the air. I also like a nice colored bird, yes I do breed for color. But don't ever try it unless you already have the performance, it just won't work.

Tony Dasaro ... Inner strength, the desire to be on the top perch, first through the trap, good homing ability, willingness to take to the air in all weather and have the physical and mental strength to handle the weather. Docile, the will to protect their nest, but not so aggressive that they disrupt community living. Rick Schoening ... I like a pleasant, calm expression in the hens and a more forceful temperament in the cocks. Ability to maintain kit formation while rolling is very important. I like a bright clean eye. The majority of my birds have a lot of "eye sign"! Body type is also stressed. I like a three finger length on the keel with a one to two finger gap between the keel and vent bones. They need a

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good roundness to keel to! Leo Armstrong ... I pick my birds the very same way I picked my wife, pretty good body structure and last but very important a good performer. I think temperament is very important and also eye coloration and many more too numerous to mention here.

Tim Payne ... Temperament, alertness, size and good muscle. Don Simpson ... An excellent bird should have body and balance, an apple body is the first and last thing for me. Ron Kumro ... Besides good quality performance I look for good disposition, good homing instinct and medium height flying, don't want them up like tipplers. Tony Roberts ... Size and vigor. John Castro ... I would look for the type of bird I like in the hand. Small rather than big all the way around but medium size preferred. It must have strong muscles and not too narrow in the head. Everything should match in size so the bird would not look awkward and have plenty of balance. I like a bird with good back cover although birds with much less back cover show a hole much easier. I want it to be able to snap out of a spin with good uplift. Birds with long necks and tails also show a hole easier but not what I like in a bird. Now my personal opinion on eye sign is, that if a bird looks sleepy eyed, I don't want it. If the bird looks wide awake and alert as if ready to go, I like it. I don't mean wild eyed either. Carl Hardesty ... When I see that exceptional spinner in my kit I at this time consider if it is a breeding candidate. Size is first, is it too large or too small, the bird must be well muscled, the vent and keel running right together with a very short total length and the keel having a nice round running shape back to the vent. Short tails a must and a one feather width in tail set shape, slick feathering a must as well. The temperament says leave me alone but if you pick me up I am not going to freak out. Only if the bird excels past a present breeder is one replaced, for I believe type and other related items has a great deal to do with the quality of our spinners a generation or two down the road. If the bird performs well in the air and is not the perfect type or not even close it still has a place in my kit, the performance in the kit is one thing and performance in the breed loft another, we need to have direction in our breed loft.

June News

For the last few issues I have-filled

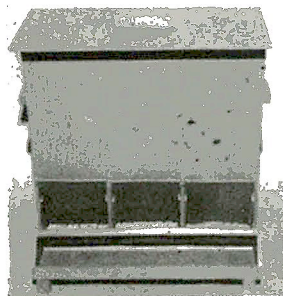
this column with the question and answer article I had worked up but I think for this month I will give you a run down on my recent trip to see some good friends in Ohio. Myself, Jerry Boehmann and Jody Carden left on a Friday morning and headed for the Canton, Ohio, area to the home of my good friend Wally Fort. We spent time with Wally, Frank Dallas, Jim Sherwood, Walter Harter, Harold Beal and Joe Quinn. The fellows in Ohio have an almost unbelievable problem with hawks and hadn't really started flying their birds yet, but still put up some very rusty kits that had been up for most of the winter. We really didn't expect to see great kits under the present condition but still there were a few birds that did a good job as if to say, "we may not be at our best but can still ripe a few good ones."

Frank Dallas along with his performing birds has been working with some very interesting colors, he and Joe Quinn seem to be able to produce about anything. Walter Harter who had just returned from his home in Florida as we understand it has some very interesting birds as they have come from different lofts across the country according to Walter. My heart goes out to Walter, what an awful life he has, spending his summers in Ohio and winters in Florida, ha! ha!

Joe Quinn is one of the most interesting fanciers I have ever had the pleasure of talking with. At Joe's home we had a very nice conversation on feather quality, soft and hard and so forth. I think for the first time I understand why some feathering has the appearance of being soft and others hard. According to the information I received from Joe, it has nothing to do with color, but rather a small part of the feather that is called friction barbules. The friction

barbule is something like a small fuzzy hair like part of the feather that glues the feathers together to give them the look of being smooth and tight, if the friction barbules are not long enough they will not have a very good attachment to the feather that is laid on top of the bottom feather. One feather attached to another much like the stick together straps on shoes (velcro material). Joe was telling me that the racing homer people are very interested in this. Joe was also telling me that a thief had almost taken all his pigeons while he was away, leaving him very few to continue his work. What a sad world when one who has done so much for the hobby is the victim of those he helps.

If there are any two finer gentlemen than Wally Fort and Frank Dallas then I would like to be their friend also, because these two fellows are very special people in my mind. Having been with the great fanciers of our time and spending time with the new fanciers of the present time, telling those old stories that have been told so many times. When traveling fanciers such as Jerry, Jody and myself stay up half the night enjoying the small talk and only sleep stopping the conversation, you have the feeling the many miles of travel are worth it. Another fellow that has left the Canton area is Roger Baker, what has been Ohio's loss has been the gain of Ark. Well I really enjoyed my trip and hope you have enjoyed me telling you a little about it. If you wish to belong to a National Roller Club which I believe is hands down the best around, then you should join the National Birmingham Roller Club, just send \$7.00 to George Valiska, 7985 Cross Creek Dr., Glen Burnie, MD 21061. □



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National Modena Club News We Celebrate Our 50th Year

by RON DEISHER, JR., Pub. Dir., West Union, Ill.

The National Modena Club is alive and well. This being the mid-point of the year many are reporting promising youngsters coming on, in hopes of having that champ in our 50th year. For a switch of things -- Tucker reports on good white schietti while Richert reports on a good black gazzi (?). "We'll just have to wait and see", as a good buddy, Lyle Kinder, might say.

The month of May and June will be very busy for me. In May, Richard Stevens and I are planning a visit to Bob Pettit's place. Then Bob Burns, George Woodburn and myself are planning a three day extravaganza to Manfred and Cherie Ecker's, Brad Wilcox's, Ron Zittitsch's, and the Springer's over Memorial Day Weekend. On June 12, 18, and 26, I will be speaking at the University of Southern Indiana to groups of Cup Scouts at their day camp on the hobby of pigeons. I hope this provides some future outstanding Modena breeders. We as a club need to do more public speaking to your groups. The young people of America is where the future of our club lies. If we are to maintain the #1 fancy club for the next 50 years, we need to invest some time and effort into today's kids.

In next month's issue look for the placings of the district and regional meets. These shows will be the finale of the 50th year. Plan to attend one and see what the Modena pigeon is all about. Also in forthcoming issues of this column there will be articles on Master Breeders of Modenas. We as a club owe these individuals an immense amount of gratitude as they are the ones who have shaped our bird of curves.

Our 1985-86 yearbook is out. The yearbook is a valuable reference to all who raise Modenas. It contains all 1985 show reports, messages from officers, committees and judges. Also included is the Modena Standard of Perfection, the Constitution and by-Laws and the most up-to-date membership list.

If anyone would like an additional copy, they are available from club secretary-treasurer, Dan Tucker, Rt. 1, Box 238B, Opelousas, LA 70570, at a cost of \$10 per copy. Anyone not a club member may also obtain a copy just by dropping Dan a line. While you're at it why not send \$12 for dues and receive the yearbook

absolutely free. Remember with that membership you also receive 10 bulletins with informative articles, photos and the most recent news about our club.

If you have late breaking Modena news and would like to see it in a pigeon publication such as the APJ, and don't feel you are capable of

Mid-State All Breed Pigeon Club News

by CARROLL EVANS, Wichita, Kans.

This month to start I have to get myself out of hot water. My husband is Steve Evans, he belongs to a performance roller club in Wichita known as: Wichita Flying Roller Club. He does pretty good as his first fly of year he won the fly with 246 points.

Our club is going strong, since the article in the APJ, I have received phone calls and several letters. We also have more new members.

Our Swap is all set to go and we plan on great results. I'm off visiting several lofts and hope to be able to interview the members of our club. This month I chose Denny West. Denny has raised pigeons for several years. Denny also has judged at a 4-H show in Hutchinson, Kansas, of 100 birds.

Carroll: How did you get started raising and breeding pigeons?

Denny: As a kid of 12 years, I worked in a poultry house as a picker. One day a man brought these birds with bands on them. I asked about them and my boss sold them to me for 15 cents each. They were a red and a blue roller. They really did perform well and I kept them for 3 to 3½ years.

Carroll: What breeds have you raised?

Denny: Rollers, Fantails - 10-12 years, I took a trip to Oklahoma and Texas and bought some Kings and raised them 30 years. I then got out of pigeons for eight months. A friend passed away who owed me some pigeons. I was back into raising Runts and Parlor Rollers. I now belong to a local club, Mid-States All Breed Pigeon Club. It's a no muss, no fuss club with a lot of good people and pretty birds in the club.

Carroll: What type of feed do you use?

writing it up, I'm always here to help. Scratch your ideas down on a piece of paper and send them to me, at Rt. 2, Box 92, West Union, Ill. 62477, and I will edit it and send it on to the proper publications. I would like to see more articles in pigeon publications dealing with Modena breeding, loft construction and special problems encountered with Modenas, so I'll be expecting to hear from some of you. Keep in touch, your friend in the hobby, Ron. □

Denny: I mix my own of wheat, milo, whole corn, and 15% Australian peas if they are available.

Carroll: How many shows have you shown in?

Denny: Close to 40, anywhere from Highland, Ill., to Dallas, Texas.

Carroll: What awards have you earned?

Denny: Best Roller, Best King - 1969 at Old Great Plains from a young Brown Bar Hen.

Carroll: What offices have you held?

Denny: President of Kansas Pigeon Association, President of Kansas King Club, Sec.-Treas. of Great Plains and Kansas King Club.

Carroll: What colors have you worked with?

Denny: All colors, but my favorite is white.

Carroll: How do you prepare your birds for shows?

Denny: The day before I go into the loft and choose 4 birds, apply vaseline to the legs and that is about all.

Carroll: When judging a bird, what do you look for first?

Denny: Confirmation of what the bird stands for, then I start by picking them up to judge for points.

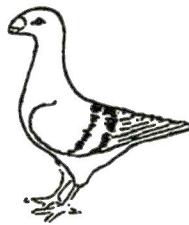
Carroll: What advice would you give to a new breeder?

Denny: First to have faith in the breeder selling you the bird, look, read, and decide on several birds and to look at the birds pedigree and where it came from.

Carroll: I want to say thanks to Denny West and if any further questions need be asked to write to: Carroll Evans, Sec.-Treas., of Mid-States All Breed Pigeon Club, 615 Doolittle, Wichita, Kansas 67230, phone 316-733-2744. □

American German Beauty Homer Club News

by KAY McELROY, Publicity Director
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This is my favorite time of year. The first few babies are banded and on the floor and I spend far too much time watching them grow and change so quickly. The first couple of very early rounds were disappointing. Too many eggs and babies lost that might have been saved if I'd been more careful or experienced or **something!** It sure makes you appreciate the ones that make it. Still, I know that some of the fun and challenge would be missing if I'd chosen an easier breed.

How do you explain to non-pigeon people (who already think you're a half-bubble off because you actually propagate the dirty beasties), the fascination in trying to pick out the young cocks and hens, or in guessing which youngsters have show potential and which will be just so-so? Or the thrill of discovering (if you're lucky) that special youngster that looks as if he might be the one you've been waiting for. Or the fun of babies that flap and peep hopefully when they see you because they were hand-raised in a box by the woodstove when their parents gave up the frustration of trying to feed their broad-headed offspring.

I spoke with Shirley Seaboldt in mid-April and she had already hand-raised at least ten youngsters! If you've been dabbling in German Beauty Homers for any time at all, you will have met or heard of Jack and Shirley Seaboldt of Hopewell Junction, New York. They have been seriously involved with Beauties for 25 years and their interest has never wavered despite the drop in popularity of the breed in recent years. Jack has been an engineer with IBM for 34 years and Shirley is a part-time merchandiser for A&P grocery stores. The couple has four grown children.

Jack raised pigeons as a boy, but Shirley's first experience with them came a few years after they were married and were able to move to a place in the country. Jack's love of pigeons proved contagious and has blossomed into a unique partnership, with Shirley caring for their 30 to 40

pair of German Beauty Homers during the week and Jack handling chores on the weekends.

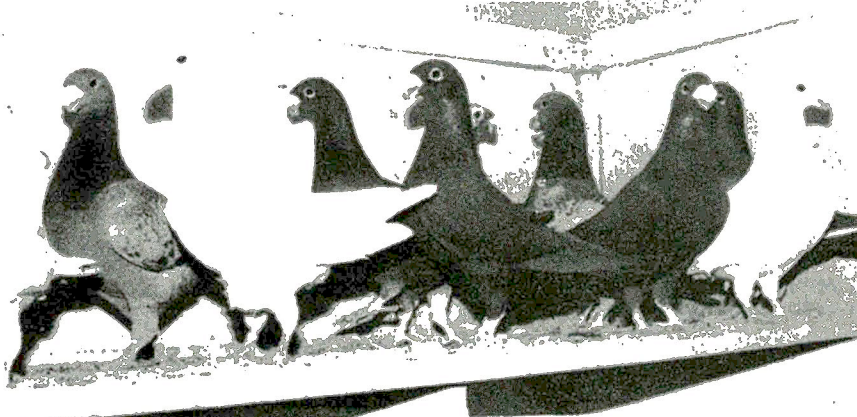
Shirley says that she enjoys taking care of the babies and never hesitates bringing a youngster inside when she feels its parents aren't being attentive enough. She and Jack feel that hand-raised birds are as healthy as those that are reared naturally, so they don't find it necessary to keep another breed as feeders. After much experimenting, Shirley has found that the hand-fed babies thrive best on medicated turkey pellets. She and Jack feel that the extra work is worthwhile because it's often the most promising



JACK & SHIRLEY SEABOLDT
Jack and Shirley Seaboldt, outstanding breeders of German Beauty Homers.

youngsters that need help.

While Shirley cares for the babies, she credits Jack with having the experience needed to handle the breed-



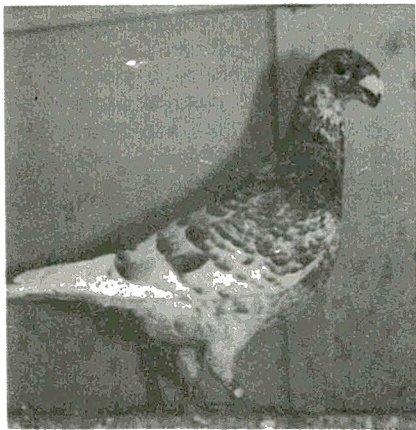
GERMAN BEAUTY HOMERS

A fine group of German Beauty Homer breeders owned by Jack and Shirley Seaboldt. — Photo from Kay McElroy, Berlin Heights, Ohio.



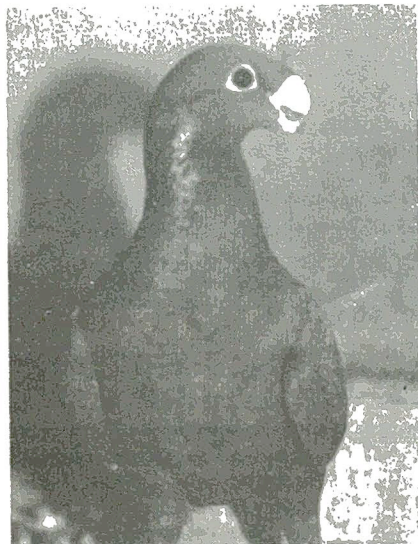
THE LOFT OF JACK AND SHIRLEY SEABOLDT

The Seaboldts, 12'x40' loft for German Beauty Homers, Hopewell Junction, New York. — Photo from Kay McElroy, Berlin Heights, Ohio.



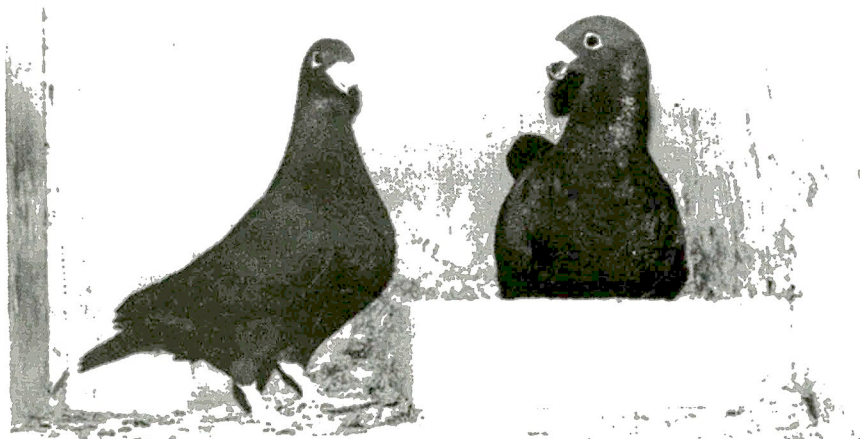
GERMAN BEAUTY HOMER

An old German Beauty Homer hen exhibited the power that the Seaboldts put to such good use in their breeding program. — Photo from Kay McElroy, Berlin Heights, Ohio.



GERMAN BEAUTY HOMER

Another fine old hen owned by Jack and Shirley Seaboldt. — Photo from Kay McElroy, Berlin Heights, Ohio.



GERMAN BEAUTY HOMER PAIR

A breeding pair of German Beauty Homers owned by Jack and Shirley Seaboldt. — Photo from Kay McElroy, Berlin Heights, Ohio.

ing. He has that rare knack for knowing which matings will produce the best results - a statement that isn't likely to raise an argument from anyone who has seen his birds! Jack says that a good hen is probably the single most important factor in raising quality German Beauty Homers.

The Seaboldts breed Beauty Homers in all colors but Shirley says that the whites are her favorites. It was one of these favorites, white hen #116 that won Champion Beauty Homer at the last National Young Bird Show in Louisville; a feat that the Seaboldts have pulled off several times in the past! Over the years,

Jack and Shirley have also attended four Grand National competitions and have two Champion and three Reserve Champion wins to their credit.

Shirley says that there are few pigeon breeders in their immediate area, so it's necessary to travel extensively to show their birds. (All part of the fun, of course!) She spoke fondly of the years when shows drew large numbers of Beauty Homer fanciers - like the time in Canada when she helped Jack judge well over 200 birds!

The Seaboldts breed Lahores and Modenas too, but Shirley put it best when she said, "German Beauty Homers will always be our Main Breed!" □

United Roller Club News

by DENNIS KAVEN, Des Moines, Iowa

This issue's article will be a little bit of this and a little bit of that. By now the breeding season has drawn to a close. A few of those special pairs are still working or maybe you are now concentrating on the breeders for a special color project. Anyway you look at it all the perches are full and now is the time to be extra critical when it comes to culling. I have seen so many breeders hurt by overcrowding and the stress that keeping too many birds can have on the quality of your better birds. Look them over carefully and get them thinned down. There is hardly a bird raised that doesn't have one fault but a bird that has multiple faults or one serious one can really hurt your program. The temptation to keep and then later breed from a bird of this type can be a problem for years to come. This is the voice of experience talking so do what I say instead of doing like I have already

done.

To Puff or Not To Puff?

No this is not a question about smoking, although this issue has raised some smoke in the past few years. What we are really talking about is the puff in the feathers of today's Show Rollers. You can have rollers that blow up like balloons and seem to be nothing but a big ball of feathers or you can raise rollers so tight feathered that you could slide them through a drain pipe. As in most cases the extremes are not the answer. A little bit of puff can really add to that full round body look that is the standard of the Show Roller. This issue is really a matter of balance. Everything from body type to expression can be influenced by the way the feather lay on the birds' body. What I have heard several breeders describe is keeping this balance by keeping certain types of birds in their program that can loosen or tighten the feathers through selective breeding.

Barry Jennings a breeder from the Iowa City area talks about working with birds he says have a rough neck hackel. If the birds possess this type of neck you can be pretty sure they will help increase the puff in the head and neck where today's standard awards 25 points. One thing is for sure in breeding for a little puff in your rollers and that is mating two tight feathered birds together seldom if ever produces any puff at all. Now you may not want them to puff up and float off the judging stands but a little puff can add some style to your birds. Well enough for now. See you at the shows. □

Flying Tippler Association Times

by OMER OGREN, Dike, Texas

Unfinished business from last month, namely the results of last year's stock fly and aggregate totals. Let me preface these results by pointing out that in our first 9 flies each year you may fly a minimum of three birds to a maximum of 7. In the stock fly you must have a kit of at least 8 birds.

Winning our 1985 stock fly on the Official System was Dan Kinnear of Guelph, Ont., Canada, with a kit of 10 cocks going 11:25 to set the FTA record for the stock fly. Louis Witreich of Euclid, Ohio, had 8 young birds turn in a fine time of 10:21 to place second in the contest and number 6 on the Honor Roll for this fly. On the Honor System Michael Franz of Howard Beach, N.Y., won with a time of 9:03.

The 1985 aggregate results for the Official System are: 1) Gord Chater, 99 hrs. 14 min. 2) Dan Kinnear, 71 hrs. 40 min. 3) William Kahlert, 64 hrs. 56 min. 4) John Mead, 46 hrs. 17 min. 5) Oskar Zovich, 43 hrs. 13 min. 6) Richard Seabridge, 42 hrs. 24 min. Overall we had 16 members compete on the Official System last year, a nice turnout but I think we will be able to improve on that figure in 1986. Michael Franz won the Honor System Aggregate with a total of 44 hrs. 35 min. I failed to mention last month that in our 1985 Long Day competition (open to birds of any age) when Dan Kinnear came in second with a time of 15:14 he did so with a kit of young birds and this bettered the FTA and North America Young Bird record. Then in the following competition along came Gord Chater flying 5 young birds 16:02 to set what is now the FTA and North America Young Bird Record.

Unfinished business from last year. In the article I wrote in 1985 I was recapping the 1984 fly season and had reported how in our Spring III Fly Al Luke of Cleveland set the FTA Old Bird record with a time of 16:10 and then had a (to be continued). However for reasons totally within my control I never did continue but I want to now because there were some achievements that deserve attention, even at this late date. In the 1984 Long Day fly Oskar Zovich of Toronto, Canada, exceeded Al's recent record performance of flying an old bird kit 16:31 to set what is today's FTA Official System Old Bird Record. In this same fly John Mead of East Keansburg, New Jersey, flew a young bird kit of 4 to third place with a time of 13:59 to set the United States Young Bird

Record. In the following competition Gord Chater of Mississauga, Ont., Canada, flew a kit to a FTA Official System Young Bird Record time of 14:38. A remarkable performance was turned in by John Mead during the 1984 Fall Series. With 3 of his U.S. record kit he won all 3 Fall competitions with times of 12:59, 12:34 and 11:57. I have read a fair amount of information available about Tipplers and John's accomplishment brings to mind 2 things. First, a kit of Tipplers can go stale easily without proper management. Second, I have read many articles on how to get a kit ready for 1 fly but don't recall ever reading one on how to manage a kit between competitions. That's what's amazing about this achievement, having a record fly in late June and then starting in mid-September winning 3 flies in a row with 2 weeks between each fly. Congratulations to everyone mentioned for these fine performances.

There has been another significant

Ribbons, Trophies & Rosettes, The Central Shortface Tumbler Club Sets Show Dates

by ROBERT HARPER, Sec., Scottsville, Ky.

Again this year, the Central Shortface Tumbler Club will hold its young bird show with the National Young Bird Show October 25th in Louisville, Ky. Our members and friends who showed with us last year had a great time and everyone I hear from is already making plans to be there this year.

Our judges will be Oscar Laube of Chicago, Ill., and Rudy Ottenhoff of Amsterdam, Holland. Rudy will be in this country visiting Jutec Kasamon and will come to the NYBS -- he has agreed to do some of our judging. We are very happy to have these two knowledgeable and experienced shortface breeders pass judgment on our birds.

Nearly everyone comes to the show on Friday as the show hall is set up then and ready for entries. Too, Friday is a good day to socialize, look over more than 5,000 young pigeons on display and buy or sell birds -- it's a more relaxed day than Saturday when the judging begins.

All shortface tumbler breeders will enjoy this show as the fellowship is good and the competition is keen. Last October our exhibitors showed Ancients, Berliners, Budapest Stork, Buda Blue, Buda Grizzle, English

development in the last few years in the FTA and that is the creation and growth of FTA affiliated local clubs which now number 5. If you live in their area and are interested in getting started with Tipplers or are even just toying with the idea here are the people to contact:

Central Jersey Flying Tippler Club, Richard Seabridge, 703 President Ave., Lawrenceville, N.J. 08865.

Ontario Tippler Union, Dan Kinnear, 96 Huron St., Guelph, Ontario, Canada N1E 5L6

California Flying Tippler Club, Rex Leon, 17826 Edna Pl., Covina, Calif. 91722.

Cleveland Tippler Union, Wayne Tomsic, 990 E. Boston Rd., Broadview Heights, Ohio 44147

Bayshore Flying Tippler Club, Stanley Ogozalek, 23 Orchard St., Keyport, N.J. 07735.

If you don't live near one of these areas of concentrated Tippler activity don't worry, neither do I but you can still enjoy the sport. See our classified ad about contacting our Secretary/Treasurer, William Kahlert.

Good times to all. □

S.F., Hungarian Shortbeakers, Reingen and Viennas. And this year we know of two other breeds that will be shown -- maybe three others. So the C.S.T.C. invites all shortface fanciers to come show with us at the "Big Show" in Louisville. For a premium book, write Rita Courtney, Show Sec., P.O. Box 21, Milton, KY 40045.

Then about a month after the NYBS, the Central Shortface Tumbler Club will hold its All-Age Show with the Indiana Pigeon Club in Hartford City, Indiana. The date for this show is November 29, the Thanksgiving weekend. Here again, the show hall will be open to receive entries on Friday evening. The show is located in the Hartford City Armory Building which is near motels and restaurants. Shortface awards will be plentiful and you can get a premium list by dropping a note to the Show Secretary, Ray Hoover, Route 3, New Castle, IN 47362.

For any additional information about the C.S.T.C. or our shows, write me -- Robert Harper, Sec., 608 East Poplar Street, Scottsville, KY 42164. We'll be glad to hear from you. □

New Marchenero Cropper Club Formed

by JIM MULLAN, Ipswich, England

A new club has been formed in the U.K. for Marchenero Croppers and Valenciana's. So far we have 14 members with our stock coming from Holland and Germany. As with any new breed we are a little short on English text on these breeds. Could we therefore ask through your great magazine the APJ for any details of the breeds in question. As I have had the APJ sent to me over two years I have seen some items but we

would like more, more, more!!

I have enclosed our standard for information to your readers and look forward to hearing from any fancier with Marcheneros and Valencianas with information or just to say hello for now. Please write. Jim Mullan, 41 Coopers Road, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich IP5 7SJ, tel: (0473) 624526.

THE MARCHENERO CROPPER



STEPHEN RIPPER & MICHAEL LERP

Stephen Ripper (left) and Michael Lerp (right) viewing Ice Pigeons at the young bird show at Reading, Pa. — Photo contributed by H.P. Brewer, Stroudsburg, Pa.

Rare Breeds At Reading, Pa.

by H. BREWER, Stroudsburg, Pa.

This is history, but maybe someone will see something here they missed at the show. It was abbreviated no doubt due to the residue of PMV1 that has everyone concerned on the East Coast. However, there was an alluring display of quite rare breeds shown by the movers and shakers, Stephen Ripper and Michael Lerp. Stephen is the founder of the United Toy and Color Pigeon Union and Mike is the man at the helm of the Rare Breeds Pigeon Club.

Mr. Ripper's display included various Ice, Saxon Monks, a beautiful white-barred Starling, Zitterhals, Damascenes, a rich red Saxon Trumpeter, and the darlings of German Toy world: Schmalkaldener Mohrenkopfs. Mr. Lerp had some of the best Ice in the East on review. Jutek Kasamon of Pittsburgh treated us to a close-up view of the elegant Srebnriaks, the Ice colored magpie flyers of Poland.

Judgements were passed by the "fleissig", Muard M.M. Naugle. It's always a treat to see Mr. Naugle

perform and he rendered his views in good humor this time because he didn't run out of cigarettes!

This is only a brief sketch at what is available at the Reading Pigeon Association's shows for young birds and old birds alike, but if you wanted to see all the birds in full bloom, you should have come to the Abraham Lincoln Motor Inn in Reading, Pa., January 3, 4, 5, 1986, for the Winter Show.

As for all the Toy and Rare Breed fanciers, this is an invitation to join the UT & CPU and the Rare Breeds Pigeon Club, as well. Stephen Ripper will accept memberships for the UT & CPU at Box 197, RR 4, Quakertown, PA., 18951 and Greg Volzke will accept for the RBPC at Box 53, RR 1, Lexington, Kentucky 68850. In order to keep organized and current everyone should be associated with one or both clubs so that we will assure the continuance of the Rare and Exotic breeds we admire so much. □

STANDARD

Translation From The Original Dutch Standard

Country of Origin: Spain.

General Appearance: Medium size, compact with a very good temperament, responsive with a rather higher than horizontal carriage. When landing from flight the tail will be spread and pushed forward to a fan under the body like a lobster. Immediately after landing the tail will be closed again. A pigeon with personality.

Breed Particulars

Head: Small, fine narrow and rounded with a little frontal on forehead.

Eyes: Lively eye, iris ranging from orange to ruby red. In whiteselfs dark bulleyed.

Eyecere: Fine of structure, colour in agreement with the plumage.

Neck: Short to medium.

Breast: Broad with short breastbone.

Crop: Round and full blown, clearly protruding from the breast without a clear waistline.

Back: Broad in the shoulders and becoming smaller when reaching the tail, wedge shaped, round, roach backed with feathers showing clearly standing out.

Tail: Short, arched downwards and carried slightly open. The tailfeathers covering each other like roof tiles. The tail rests on the ground but forward of the flight ends.

Flights: Short and strong, resting on the tail without crossing over the back.

Legs: Medium, clean legged and red.

Feathering: Loose. Giving the impression of a much larger pigeon.

Colours and Markings

Colours, white, black, blue, red, yellow, brown and silver. Markings in self, bar, grizzle, tortoiseshell, chequer and tigermarked. All colours should be intense with a glossy sheen.

Serious Faults

Straight tail, hanging crop, dropped or low carried flights, straight back, long in body and tail, eye colour not close enough to standards.

Judging

Next to the general appearance the breed particulars are listed in order of importance:

- type and stance
- tail
- blowing
- eye colour.

Ring Size

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White Rose Summer Show

by J.D. Houseman, Pub. Dir., Altoona, Pa.

Come Sunday, July 20, the White Rose Pigeon Association will hold their annual Summer Show at the York Fairgrounds, York, Pennsylvania. The fairground is located in the city proper, however is very accessible from all directions. Numerous signs are displayed for your convenience. Once you are in the fairgrounds check for the building where the most cars are parked and that is the show location, usually.

This show will be for both young and old birds and of course is an "All Variety" show. Specialty clubs are invited to show and should contact the show secretary, Marvin Angle, FM-A1 Miller Road, New Freedom, Pa. 17349.

We hope to have a fine raffle with numerous prizes being awarded. Also many suitable trophies for the various winners in the judging ring. Entry fee will be \$1.50 per bird. Yes, there will be For Sale cages, \$2.00 per cage, limited to four birds. The lunch counter will consist of sandwiches, desserts and beverages. To those who travel a good distance, you will find numerous motels and good restaurants nearby. All birds should be cooped by 10:00 a.m. and the judging will begin shortly thereafter.

The election of officers was held in January and all officers were re-elected to another term by unanimous consent of those present. Their picture will be found, hopefully, close to this news report. We are fortunate to have people who are willing to serve and who do an outstanding job in holding this club together. We have a total of 57 members as reported in the 1985 membership list. Yes, the officers try their best to operate a democratic club and will continue to do so. They would enjoy seeing more members attend their monthly meetings so that more input would be heard when making various decisions. Speaking of decisions, I just hung up from calling Clair Wright and he advised me that the ban on having shows in Pennsylvania has been lifted effective May 17th. So it looks like not only the White Rose Shows for this year will be given a green light but the National as well which is scheduled to go to Downingtown, Pennsylvania.

The President of our club is Clair Wright, well known for his Carriers, Dragoons and Barbs. Vice-President

is Harry Granger, who is also well known for Carriers. Gary Cable is the capable secretary who not only breeds Chinese Owls but lately has added to his collection some Helms. Marvin Angle is the treasurer as well as show secretary and he plays with Modenas as well as a few Hungarians. George Scantling is strictly a Roller fancier whereas Carl Mundy and Benny Stambaugh cater to Modenas. Bill Meyers has been noted for his long-face Tumblers as well as Oriental Frills and Owls. Lately, I have seen him toying around with some Modenas. Elmer Leister who hails from Sparks, Maryland, breeds good birds but what variety, the writer isn't positive, so I will not make a guess. Will try and learn at our upcoming show and

report it in the next write-up. So you see --- our officers are all enthusiastic breeders and represent at least 12 different varieties.

Sorry to report at this time Mrs. Thomas Humphrey passed away May 20. She, of course, was Tom's wife as well as Johnnie's mother. The club offers their sympathy to these two devoted members as well as to the remaining children, Donna, Gary, Winnie and Rosann. She will be sorely missed by this household as well as by her many friends. Her motherly attributes as well as being a devoted wife will long be remembered by those left behind. May her soul rest in peace!

We would like to see all at our upcoming show, July 20. Come join in a grand day of fellowship, talking and reminiscing with old and new fanciers alike. Until then -- Good Breeding! Sincerely, Jack. □

Fantails In Florida

by HARRY L. LITTLE, JUPITER, Fla.

It was a beautiful Florida day. The temperature was in the mid-seventies and the sky was as blue as the ocean off the Jupiter Inlet. But something was wrong - we couldn't possibly be going to a pigeon show in this kind of weather! But, yes, strange as it seemed, Betty and I were headed for Ocala, where I was to judge the first annual winter show of the Florida Fantail Club. While driving up the turnpike so many memories of other shows came to mind, memories of ice and snow packed roads, freezing temperatures and cold showhalls. This was, indeed, to be a different experience.

On arriving at Ocala we checked into the Ramada Inn where reservations had been made for us and where the show was to be held. The showhall was a good one with more than adequate space for a show of this size. There was also a large lobby adjacent to the showroom where refreshments were served and where the exhibitors could socialize. There were 120 Fantails entered, not bad for a specialty club's first annual show. There were old and young classes in white, black, blue, silver, red, dun, grizzle, mealy, checker and AOC. The winners were as follows: Whites - Old cock 548, Winkles; Blacks - Old cock 405, Bradford; Blues - Young hen 842, Roberts; Powdered Blues - Old hen 240, Roberts; Silvers - Old cock 287, Roberts; Reds - Old hen 287, Bradford; Duns - Old hen 4901, Wachtler; Grizzles - Young cock 684, Wachtler; Mealies - Young cock 459, Roberts;

Checkers - Young hen 927, Hogg.

Overall, the quality was good in most of the classes. The whites were exceptional with Grand Champion (Old cock 548, Roy Winkles), Reserve Champion (Old hen 445, Clark), and Best Young Fantail (Young hen 452, Sandy and David Smith) coming from the white classes.

The Champion Black, an old cock shown by Jeff Bradford, was a good one of good type and action and, importantly, good leg setting. The latter was lacking in the lower half of the black classes.

The blues were typical of most fantails in the blue classes in shows throughout the country in the fact that there were some good ones at the top of the classes but some of the lower placed birds were short in back with, consequently, improper head setting.

This report would not be complete without some recognition of those who worked to get this show on the road and to get this club moving in the right direction - Bob Roberts for his talents as an organizer, Earl Clark for his ability to keep the show moving and Roland Racey who, with no previous experience as a show secretary, cared enough to take on the job and do it in such a professional manner. We recognize, too, the dedication of those who drove for many miles from as far away as Georgia and Alabama to show their fantails with the Florida Fantail Club.

Betty and I were so impressed with the Ocala area that we stayed

on for another three days. The beauty of the horse farms, with their rail fences and pastures so green that it almost hurt the eyes to look at them, was really a sight to see. Magnificent oak trees, many of them hundreds of years old, are scattered throughout the area. And, of course, one of the principal Florida attractions, Silver Springs, is just outside the Ocala city limits.

Then, too, we just couldn't leave without taking the opportunity to visit with Bob and Diane Roberts and Earl and Jill Clark. I was amazed at

how well the Roberts and Clark lofts were suited to the type of weather we have here in Florida. It was great to be able to visit the Clark family in their new home and to look over that beautiful stud of fantails. An added bonus for our trip to Ocala country was the opportunity to look through the Gerry Champ memorabilia that is still an important part of the Clark household. It is certain that the Clarks will be missed in California. It is just as certain that they will make a welcome addition to the Florida fantail scene. □

ance. Cull any bird that refuses to kit for more than a week (unless it's a very young bird or a top spinner that's simply not getting enough food in the mad scramble after the fly). That means kill it. I know that sounds harsh. But you have decided to breed livestock. That means you select the good ones and cull the birds that don't meet your standards. That doesn't mean giving them away or selling them to someone else.

Bad actors harm kit flying and group performance. In this group are the non-kitters; birds that come down early; and too-frequent performers that hang to the inside of the kit, always turning the others in one direction; and the birds that roll down and injure or kill themselves.

If you want to give bad actors one last chance, rest them for one week, perhaps building up the feed at this time. And give them a good worming. Then get them back into the kit. Better yet, if time and space allow, fly them with other problem birds. If they still don't mend their old ways, cull them. With rest, birds which have rolled down because of some "accident" or molting problem will sometimes become solid kit birds again. It doesn't hurt to experiment, but if the experiment fails, cull the bad actors, regardless of their breeding. You can always breed good ones to take their place. And once the poor birds are gone, you will have more time to devote to the good ones.

Fanciers have been counseled in the past to let the bird that flies above the kit stay up there. But as the years go by, I am less inclined to tolerate the bird that only comes down to the main kit at the end of the fly. You will find such birds to be extremely strong fliers, usually because they have big, long wings. And once they join the kit, their influence will tend to keep the others up higher and longer than they would fly without that influence. Still others which fly above the kit have some rolling problem. Nearness to the kit makes them perform; they can't handle it; so they go up high to avoid the stimulus of their kitmates.

Joining the IRA is still one of the wisest investments in your Roller hobby. The bulletins are filled with the experiences of flying fanciers who have all taken the time to share what they know with others across the country and the world. Send your \$10 annual dues to the Sec./Treas., Larry Bremmer, P.O. Box 6517, Burbank, CA 91505. □



International Roller Association News

by DAVID KOWALSKI, Publicity Director
Duluth, Minnesota

Training flying birds is a matter of discipline and repetition. I prefer to fly my birds in the mornings, especially in hot weather. That means you've got to get up when the alarm rings ... early enough to avoid the winds of mid-morning ... and early enough to get the birds back in before you go to work. If you decide to fly in the evening, you have to get the birds out in plenty of time to beat darkness. Because the Roller sport takes so much personal observation by the fancier, I don't think any working person can do justice to more than two kits, or possibly three if you've got an understanding spouse and no family responsibilities.

Young Rollers should be flown every day, unless it's foggy, rainy, or snowing. While you don't want to fly the very young birds in wind, you must exercise your birds hard to build condition. So some days they will eventually have to fight winds up to about 15 miles per hour.

If Rollers are forced to fight strong winds during their first month of training, they will get into the habit of flying in low, tight circles, whipping around and around until a tree or building causes them to break formation. Or they might just keep it up until they get miles from home. Some won't make it back.

This is a frustrating habit, but it can and should be cured as soon as it starts. First of all, stop flying in wind. Secondly, release the kit birds in small groups of five to ten. Let them get some altitude, then release the next small group and so on. Each of these groups will quickly join

the main kit and settle down to steady flying, turning in one direction, then the other. The result should be a figure-eight pattern over the loft.

Each time the kit changes direction, you should get a good deal of tumbling, tail riding, and general commotion. As the birds get older, more will join in this display. The tail rides will become tumbles and the tumbles will turn into short rolls.

At eight weeks, you will get some birds tumbling two or three times in succession. At ten weeks, if your family is prone to such instability, you could get rolldowns. At three months, a number of birds should be doing short 5 or 10 foot rolls. And still others will not turn over until they are 6, 8, or 12 months old.

You can develop a stable family that starts rolling deep at 3 months, or you can choose breeders to give you 20-30 foot rolls at 6 months. Age of development doesn't appear to have any direct link to ultimate stability. You can breed rolldowns which don't do a thing until their first, and last, roll at one year.

Once a crop of youngsters is on the wing, there isn't much magic you can work to hasten their development, beyond regular flying. If they have been bred to roll early, regular flying will give them the chance to show their breeding. If they have been genetically programmed to start at six months, no amount of coaxing, feeding, or sleight of hand will make them turn over at three months.

However, mismanagement will harm kit flying and group perform-

American Dove Assn. News

by GEORGE SCHUTT, Madison, Tenn.

This month I would like to have help, from all Dove and Pigeon Breeders.

Dr. Peter Cragg is compiling all the information he can get on drugs for Doves and Pigeons.

We would like your help in any way you can give for this project. It will be published, in our article, at a later date.

Enclosed is the letter from Dr. Cragg, on what he needs.

You can send your information to him or mail to me at Box 482, Madison, Tenn. 37116.

Drug Doses In Pigeons and Doves

I would like to start a project compiling experiences with various medications in Doves and Pigeons. I am interested in any product used.

A. Product trade, generic, and chemical name (some products contain carriers that are toxic to birds).

B. Dosage used - mg/weight injectable, mc/weight oral, ml/oz in drinking water, frequency.

C. How long used.

D. Source or reference for this use.

E. Used to treat for what?

F. Did it work?

G. Did it have any side effects -- kill any birds. *******This is very important******* To document what does not work so the dosage can be refined to a safe level.

H. Name and phone number (area code) of person submitting information (so I can follow up on any questions).

I am interested in any form of medication used on Doves and Pigeons.

Vitamins, protein supplements, antibiotics, antifungals (includes yeast), anti protozoal compounds, hormones, medications for digestive tract (diarrhea and vomiting), insecticides, anti toxins and antidotes, worm medicines - several new safe products are available now, any others.

Results will be compiled and published in future issues of the Doves of Texas Newsletter, and may be reprinted from there by other Dove and Pigeon clubs.

Thank you for your help.

Yours Sincerely, Pete Cragg,
Peter C. Cragg DVM
(713) 367-7553

Avian Medicine and Surgery
Woodlands Pet Clinic
35206 Grogans Mill Road
The Woodlands, Tex. 77380.

June News

Last month I was talking about the different mutations of Ringneck Doves.

This month with the help of John Pire and John Croce we will list the colors.

I want to thank these two fine friends, with Doves of Texas, for their input.

RINGNECK DOVES-- COLOR MUTATIONS

by John Croce & John Pire

Fawn - Buff in color; with darker primary flight feathers.

White - Pure white with slight color on the underside at the base of the tail; slight resemblance of ring on neck.

Albino - Similar to white; but with red eyes; clear of slight color on the underside of tail feathers. No ring appears on neck.

Bull-Eye White - Actually a pied; white on white; but eyes are black. No ring on neck.

Ivory - Pearly white in color; usually ring on neck is charcoal in color.

Peach - Peach in color; outer primary flight feathers tipped in white, black ring around neck bordered in white on both sides.

Rosy - Dark yellow, near orange with amethyst tint over head, neck and spreading to breast. The outer primary flight feathers are dark.

Wild Type - Dark brown over body with amethyst tint over head, neck and spreading to the breast. Primary flight black.

Cream - Cream in color with outer

primary flight feathers white. Ring is charcoal-gray in color.

Orange - Orange in color, outer primary flight feathers and ring around neck are white.

Tangerine - Rusty orange in color; amethyst tint over head, neck and spreading to the breast. Primary flight feathers and ring around neck are white.

Pearls

Orange-Pearl - Orange in color with orange and white coloring in the same feathers, starting around the back and shoulders and going down to the end of the tail. White ring and primary feathers are white.

Tangerine-Pearl - Rusty orange in color. Same color with white on same feathers, starting around the back and shoulders and going down to the tip of the tail. Primary flight feathers and ring around neck are white. Amethyst tint over head, neck and spreading to the breast.

Pieds

Wild Type Pied - Dark brown almost black with white feathers equally distributed over entire body, wings and tail. Eyes are black.

Fawn-Pied - Buff color, with white feathers same as above.

Peach-Pied - Peach ground color, with white feathers same as above.

Rosy-Pied - Dark yellow, with white feathers same as above.

Cream-Pied - Cream, with white feathers same as above.

Ivory-Pied - Pearly white, with white feathers same as above.

Silkies

Silky Texture - A feather texture that does not web. Maybe present in solid colored, pied or pearl mutations. □

U.O.R.A. Club News

by JIM GREEN, Sec., Salt Lake City, Utah

The club has three copies of the International Pigeon Breeders Directory. (Collector's Edition). They sell for \$25.00 each and if you are interested contact Jim Green at 64 W 3400 So., Salt Lake City, Utah 84115 or phone 801-485-1749. We are also going to raffle one at the Young Bird Show and two at the Teddy Hull Memorial. Tickets will be \$1.00 each and you don't have to be present to win.

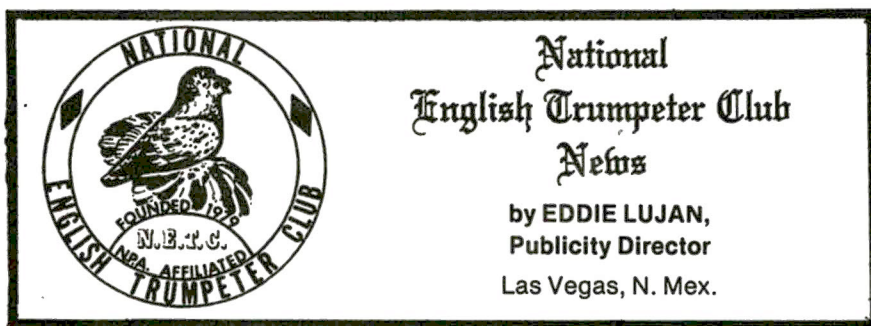
The yearling show went very well with 74 Oriental Rollers and 12 exhibitors. The quality of birds were very good and I would like to congratulate all the winners.

At our May 14 meeting a motion was made and seconded to keep the

three win Premier trophies in the possession of the club and have other trophies for the winners to take home, this will keep the three win trophies in good condition for a long time. Motion passed. We also discussed our color classes and are going to get tough on the right colors in each class, like Ash is Ash and not A.O.C. and T-Pattern are T-Pattern and not Duns and Almond is Almond and not A.O.C. This will only improve our breed if we stay with our color classes.

Again we would like to invite you all to the Teddy Hull Memorial Dec. 5-7. It will be the largest showing of Oriental Rollers ever with 300 plus birds. I hope to see you there. □

American Pigeon Journal



Here it is mid-summer and everyone seems to be busy doing summer things as news is slow to filter in. I have talked with Freddy Moore of Amarillo, TX, and his breeding season seems to have shaped up to be one of his best. He added several birds to his breeding program this year, so this new blood should inject that something extra that he lacked. Freddy is very enthused with the results he was getting. Hopefully he will be able to show at more shows than what he has been doing. Freddy has a good stud of birds in black, red splash, black splash, and a new color he just added, white.

Had a telephone conversation with our Secy./Treas., Wes Shores of Clinton, Ok. He informs me that our membership dues are slowly coming in this year. If you haven't paid your dues, do so now. Dues are still only \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for juniors. Mail them to Wes Shores in care of N.E.T.C., 414 Wise St., Clinton, OK. 73601. Wes will be more than glad to set you up with the works.

Wes also informs me that the club will be shifting from a monthly bulletin to a quarterly bulletin. This move has come about due to the rising costs of postage, printing, and other factors that have come into play related to producing our monthly bulletin. As a past bulletin editor I know it is difficult to write and maintain interest in a subject that has been discussed over and over again. There is just so much you can write about a breed until you run out of topics to cover. I for one feel a monthly bulletin is beneficial to the fancy in that it keeps the interest going from month to month. But when you have to wait for each quarter period to arrive to get a bulletin, it is like looking and reading through yesterday's newspaper. Well, far be it for me to decide alone what is good for the general membership. If you feel that a monthly bulletin is better than a quarterly bulletin, let's hear from you via the N.E.T.C. bulletin. Write to Wes

Shores at 414 Wise St., Clinton, OK 73601, and air your views on this subject that will affect you through the duration of your membership in the N.E.T.C. Now is the time to stand up on that soap box and be heard! Remember it's your five dollars being invested in your hobby. Let's hear from you today!

Louisville will soon be here. Start looking over those promising young birds and begin conditioning them for this great gathering of the young and the young at heart in Louisville, KY. This show has got to be the best in the country. Over 5,000 young pigeons are cooped up each year around the third weekend of each October. Don't miss out on this one. Plan to attend the best pigeon show in the world at Louisville, KY, this coming October. Wes Shores will be mailing out entry blanks for the English Trumpeters sometime in August. Last year Gene Kornacki won champion young E.T. with a red cock. Stop by the E.T. section and see if Gene can repeat this win again this year. The N.E.T.C. is hoping for at least a 350 English Trumpeter entry. Do not miss this show! Once you have witnessed this unbelievable gathering of pigeons and hobbyists from around the U.S. and Canada, I know you will return year after year. Mark this show on your calendar for October. Kentucky is beautiful this time of year and the hospitality is just great. Hopefully Wes Shores will consent to judge this meet. I'll see you there!

Now that the hot summer months are here why don't you give a friend a call, you know interest in our E.T.'s seem to get better when you talk to someone about them. Or better yet, one of these weekends just hop into your car and go visit someone who breeds E.T. I've always enjoyed the excursions with Wes Shores when we go visit the lofts of Virgil Hinesley, Bobby Watson, Glen Lewis, and Randy Carter. I enjoy visiting these people at is heightens my interest in the breed when the long summer days

are here. Hopefully I will be able to visit these people this summer again. This will make a good topic to cover at some later article, loft visiting in Oklahoma. Randy Carter has to be Mr. E.T. of the Midwest, if you are ever in the vicinity close to Salina, OK, stop by and visit this gentleman. He has hundreds of quality E.T. in most all colors. His lofts are large and roomy and he maintains a quality stud of English that can rival the lofts from California. I hope to visit the folks from up in Denver and Pueblo also this summer as the E.T.'s are catching fire in Colorado too.

So this summer don't just sit at home and wonder what's going on in other lofts, get out there and do some visiting with your fellow hobbyists.

June News

Summer is here and with it comes the anticipation of fine show specimens from those newly acquired youngsters. The test of the metal is at hand, whether a young English Trumpeter is kept until the early fall shows, or whether that youngster is tossed into the bone can. Don't be too quick to cull, wait until you are sure that the bird will be worthless before you discard it. English Trumpeters take at least two years to fully mature and exhibit their true qualities.

Now is a good time to renew your club membership in your favorite E.T. club. Here in the U.S. you have a choice of three clubs to join. I feel this is good, it keeps all three clubs healthy as they try to draw your membership. (Wouldn't it be nice if you could pay just one set fee and be a member of all three clubs!)

All three clubs, in my estimation, are excellent clubs. They all serve the promotion of the beautiful English Trumpeter. So whichever club you choose, I'm sure you will find it beneficial to your intellectual growth regarding the English Trumpeter.

The people and address you may contact regarding membership to the specific clubs are as follows: To join the Western American Trumpeter Club send \$7.50 to Phill Doddridge, 9448 Telkaif St., Lakeside, CA 92040-5831. To join the English Trumpeter Club of America send \$7.50 to Orin DuChien, 325 E. 4th St., Monticello, MN 55362. To join the National English Trumpeter Club send \$5.00 to Wes Shores, 414 Wise St.,

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Clinton, OK 73601.

Any one of these fine people will be more than happy to set you up with all the benefits you can derive from a specialty club. Each club has something special to offer you. All you have to do is write to them. Join one, join two, or better yet join all three and stay in tune as to what is happening within the entire English Trumpeter fancy. A re-birth is happening as more and more people are turning to the beautiful English Trumpeter to derive satisfaction and gratification from the bird with it all, the beautiful E.T.

Now is the time to grab for the brass ring, remember you only go around once in life and now is the time to grab for it all and start taking it to the limit as far as it can go. Go for it!

On a parting note: now that we have warm weather upon us, please give your birds fresh water at least twice a day and please make sure you clean your waterers diligently each day. □

Come Along With Us

by
**ROBERT L.
FRAGOMAN,**
Weedsport, N.Y.



John Kerscher, the man that many of us think of as the Father of the Modern Muffed Tumbler, passed away on May 19. John had been suffering from cancer for the past couple of years. He made some recovery last year and began writing letters again and had some thoughts of keeping a few pairs of Muffs again.

John had kept most of the popular colors of Muffs through the years, but his favorite was the Black Muff. I think that most of the modern Muffed Tumblers in the world, have at least a little of John Kerscher blood in them.

Over the years, John could be found at most of the major Tumbler Shows, looking at the Muffs with several dedicated fanciers, but John always had the time for someone new to the fancy.

John disposed of his Muffs when he first became sick. Bobby Kirchner, who was like a son to John, took over the task of keeping the Kerscher strain of Black Muffed Tumblers going.

The Tumbler Fancy has lost

another mainstay and great promoter of our hobby. Those of us who knew and loved John Kerscher will miss him. He made a big impact on the Muffed Tumbler Fancy and the memory of John, along with his contributions will not be forgotten.

I am honored to have been counted as one of John's friends and I want to thank his wife Mary for making me feel at home in Kaukauna and his Granddaughter for keeping me posted on John's well being while he was ill. It was his Granddaughter, Konny, who called to inform me of John's passing.

Good-bye John, I will try to pass along the things that I learned from you to the next generation of Muffed Tumbler Fanciers and keep your memory alive. □

The World of Jacobins

by **LEROY A. TRAUB,**
South Elgin, Ill.

Let's discuss judging of the Jacobin pigeon.

I will discuss what criteria I use in addition to the standard when judging.

Incidentally, as most of you know, I have been judging for at least 15 years and have judged several times at least all Jacobin club annual meets plus many grand national meets.

After birds are placed in judging pens by owners or carriers, I first look to see which birds are showing naturally and make a mental note to award these birds three extra points if they should continue to stay in judging arena.

I then rattle cage with my hand or judging stick and make another mental note as to what birds are now showing. Most of the time it will only be few additional birds.

We must all remember one thing - a Jacobin is a show bird, and if it doesn't show freely, it cannot ever be considered for a win.

I then handle each bird looking for, among other things, eyes, pulled feathers, trimming, hood spikes, general condition, colds, etc.

I then start comparing bird against bird for hood fit, chain and mane whip, rose, color, markings, etc., in this phase of judging. One can use the points of the standard exclusively with no guess work or individual preference involved.

Along the way, and especially while judging birds in the upper half

of each class, I try to explain to general audience why I am picking one bird over another. As I progress through the class the well balanced, smooth and long feathered free showing bird should win every time.

I learned to judge under the father of Jacobins "Roy Boug" and I can remember his first words to me, "Bud," he called me, "the first thing you look for when coming to the cage to judge is look for birds that are showing naturally. The second most important item to look for is smoothness of feather on hood, chain and main and the widest part of hood should be at the eye line of the bird."

I am not stating I am the best or even near the best Jacobin judge, but I will give each and every bird that comes before me a fair chance to strut and show to its best ability.

Judging is not a science or an art, it is only one person's opinion of the birds on display on the given day in question and all fanciers must understand this.

Try to breed only from natural showing birds with the longest smooth feather.

God willing look for this column next month. □

Tumbler Tails & Tales

by **DENNIS ROBERTS**
Geneseo, Ill.



Received a phone call from Bob Fragoman the other day and Bob has proposed that the Louisville show in October be dedicated to two fine gentlemen of the Tumbler Fancy. Namely the late Al Grace and Russ Schoen. I can't tell you fellow fanciers how great this sounds. Al as most of you know was a Muffed breeder and Russ having the CL's as his favorite would mean the Louisville show would have added importance for 1986. A suitable award in these two respective divisions would highlight the final winners. JoAnn Twyman has agreed that this would be most fitting and as the host club the Western holds the reins.

Great idea folks - let's continue forward on it!!!
New Club?

Tumbler fanciers in the State of Illinois will soon have the chance to

join a club in their state for the promoting of the LF CL and Muffed Tumbler. That is if the boys from "Double D Tumbler Loft" can get the ball rolling. Dave Paddick Sr. and Jr. have sent out letters to test the interest and the possibility is there. Along with the note of interest is a list of mailing for the inquiry which has 15 names thereon and I'm sure that there will be more in Illinois that have Tumblers? How about it fellows out there in Tumbler land. If you have an interest in forming a Club in the State of Illinois just jot down an address of yours and send to Dave Paddick Jr., or Sr., at P.O. Box 25, Fisher, Illinois 61843 and let the boys know you're interested. Have you an interest in being an officer, let them know that also. Who knows perhaps Illinois Tumbler interests can be activated for more breeders. Many states have been very successful at this.

American Pigeon Fanciers Council

I know that most fanciers who plan to attend the Council and its informative presentation for 1986 have long ago made arrangements to attend. Now what about the fellow who just found out that, the weeked of July 25, 26, 27 is open? Well, you can register at the door for a \$20.00 fee and join the rest of the group at Ramada Airport Inn, 9636 Natural Bridge Rd., St. Louis, Missouri and enjoy. Spouse and children are \$10.00 at the door also or if you can register ahead and cut those costs in half by contacting Dave Rinehart, Treasurer, at 559 Alandale Dr., Tallmadge, Ohio 44278.

The council's work is for you and your birds - first and foremost. □



Rare Breeds Pigeon Club

by MIKE LERP,
Manchester, Md.

I'd like to thank the fanciers who either wrote or called to express their concern because this column hasn't appeared as regularly as it used to. The column is now over five years old and over this period, I've duplicated only a little bit of information. Coming up with fresh material isn't as easy as it used to be and recently, much of my spare time has been devoted to gathering information for

the column and the rare breeds standard book. Starting with this issue of the APJ, the column will appear regularly.

This October, we're planning on a young bird meet in conjunction with the Reading, PA, Pigeon Assn.'s Annual Young Bird Show. For those of us who live in the area, this show is a preview of our meet at the NYBS. The show is usually the Sunday before the NYBS and the RBPC generally attracts a hundred or so rare youngsters to its meet at Reading. Please watch for the Reading Club's show ad in the near future, if you'd like to attend.

I received a membership directory from the Greater Atlanta Pigeon and Dove Assn., and I was pleased to discover that at least one half of their members are listed as raising rare ones. This trivial fact could very well indicate a great RBPC meet at the '86 Classic. If this year's South-eastern Meet doesn't pan out, yours truly will have to reconsider his position as Publicity Director of the RBPC.

In order to help the novice rare breed exhibitor, I have explained the Individual Merit System of judging and how our meets are run. In order to reach these people and in order to refresh the memories of the "old hands" I've written about it in this column. Another way of reaching these exhibitors is at our meets. I've suggested that our meet coordinators or attending officers hold a brief meeting of the exhibitors before the judging takes place so that our method of doing things can be explained. We are often asked how the Grand Champion Rare entry is selected at the meets and I thought I'd review this procedure in this issue.

The selection of a Grand Champion involves the following order of judging:

1. Individual entries are judged in each breed class. The Best or Champion (Please note that the title "Champion" is not bestowed unless an entry receives an IMS grade of either "HS" or "E". of the class is the entry that receives the highest IMS grade.

2. The RBPC places various related or similar breeds into categories or special groups. Best of Category judging takes place after Best of Class selection is made. Categories may include Performing, Utility, Syrian, Color, etc. The Best of Category entry is selected from among the Best of Breed class entries. The entry that is found to be

nearest to its breed standard claims the Best of Category title.

3. Selection of Grand Champion Rare Entry is made from among the Best of Category entries. The Champion is the entry that comes nearest to its breed standard. The Reserve Champion is then selected from among the the remaining Best of Category entries in addition to the second highest graded entry from the category that contained the Grand Champion.

The IMS grade that I've mentioned reflects the quality of an entry. The judge arrives at this grade by comparing the pigeon to its individual breed standard. This method of judging is known as the Individual Merit Systems (also called European Method).

Of the two systems of judging used in the U.S., I favor the IMS over the American Placing Method. Placement within a class (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) is fine because it does tell an exhibitor how his or her pigeon stands up against the others in its class. But, a place can't tell you how good or poor a pigeon's individual quality is. There are now only three national clubs in the U.S. that use the IMS (although it's called by a variety of names here). They are the UTCPU, the USC and the RBPC.

Perry Mueller wrote an excellent article about how the judges of the United Swallow Club make use of this system and it appeared a few months ago in the APJ. The RBPC judges do things about the same, but we do differ when the grade of Excellent (or Royal) is awarded. The RBPC guidelines make no mention of the three judge rule. Officially, one judge may award an "E" grade. Our current agreement with the USC allows us to include various swallows and wing pigeons at certain RBPC meets. But, if an "E" grade is awarded to one of these pigeons, the three judge rule is in effect. I agree with the USC rule concerning the "E" grade 100% and the RBPC might consider adding it to its own guidelines. I suggest that you read Perry's article when you find some extra time on your hands.

The standard book that I men-

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BREEDING STOCK FOR SALE

Utility-Kings — White & Silver
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tioned earlier is coming along fine. There are a few fanciers helping me out and we've managed to gather together a fair number of standards. But we can always use more! The book itself will also contain a few drawings, photographs and notes. When it is published, it will appear in volumes owing to the demands this undertaking has made on us.

This month, I've covered club related news, next month I'll be passing along some information about one of the rare ones. □

Shortface Gleanings

by WARREN MAURER
Franklin Square, N.Y.

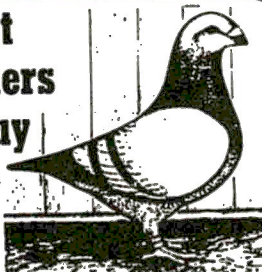
Had a call from Hans Rosenbecker of Frankfurt, Germany, who said the reason he hasn't written in a while was a broken hand received while skiing. Hans raises English Short Face Tumblers. Maybe that is why I haven't heard from some of our local fanciers? But that would be an awful lot of broken hands wouldn't it? Robert Harper, the secretary of the Central Short Face Tumbler Club writes he has raised 23 Budapests so far and more to hatch in the near future. He also enclosed a bulletin of the clubs that was very nice to read. I have had quite a few calls in reference to the English Baldheads McSweeney was kind enough to send me, but I had none left for sale. I recommended Ray Ornbach of Pennsylvania but he too was sold out so I believe many fanciers would like to get a few pair when they are available. Speaking of Baldheads, wonder why Bill Smith of North Carolina hasn't written as it's been a long time Bill and we want to know how you are doing, please write.

Michael Seiler of New Jersey is having a great season with his Viennas and will be tough to beat in the baby show at Empire. Heard my very good friend, Charley Heubel has had a good season with his English and if he doesn't get hit with the Pox, should have big numbers to pick from. Talking about big numbers, Joe Pelligrino of Staten Island called and said he has banded 42 and counting, Reinaugens and Hollanders. Joe breeds in his cellar and spends all day and some evenings with his birds. Fellows, with the summer heat with us, check your birds for mites. I just checked mine

and found some under the wing and if they are there, they are elsewhere too. Sevin is the powder I used and the next day they were gone, so check eh? Received my copy of Fur and Feather from England this week and though it is very nice, it just doesn't come close to our APJ.

John Sabotka from Long Island has called and is having a good season with his Ancients (both Magpie and self) and Moorheads. Love to see good specimens of these birds, that is why the Empire Shows are so good, all the top breeders are there with their best birds and the judges have such a tough time picking the winners. As usual the fellows that never write or call didn't, so have no new names to write about. For those that may have a change of heart, write or call Warren Maurer, 966 Oaks Dr., Franklin Square, N.Y. or call 516-352-6230. □

Giant Homers Today



by SAM PEAVEY,
Louisville, Ky.

U.S. pigeon fanciers are aware that over the centuries our pigeon fancy has been enriched by importations of countless fascinating breeds from around the world, from Europe, Great Britain, Africa, Asia, etc. In some instances U.S. breeders have put our distinctively "American" characteristics on those imports such as in Modenas and Carneau. In other cases we have continued to return to sources abroad for more of the "real thing."

Today our modes of transportation and communication are so swift that the exchange of breeds and breeding stock presents increasingly exciting possibilities -- in spite of sticky import-export regulations. Perhaps those of us in the U.S. need to give more attention to the fact that pigeon breeders throughout the world might like to know about the nature and availability of some of our favorite breeds. Kings have already caught the interest and favor of many fanciers abroad. Our American Giant Homers have begun to make some limited but very promising appearances on foreign shores. The world-

wide circulation of the American Pigeon Journal remains the best means of contacts with the 10,000 readers around the world. The American Giant Homer Association would like to hear from fanciers abroad who would like to know more about Giant Homers and the possibility of breeding and promoting them in their homelands. You may contact this writer at 2307 Tyler Lane, Louisville, Kentucky 40205 USA.

Giant Homers arrived in Hungary in 1966-67. They now have an American Giant Homer Club of Hungary with 50-60 members. Giants have already been established in Czechoslovakia and interest is building in other eastern Europe countries. The first Giants in England went to Andrew Webster in December 1985. We sincerely hope that Homer fanciers in the United Kingdom will contact Mr. Webster and perhaps visit him to see what the American Giant Homer is like. His address is Tynning Cottage, Wells-way, Blackford, Somerset, England, BS28 4NE. His telephone is (0934) 712438. Fanciers in eastern Europe can learn about Giant Homers from Janos Balogh, 6800 Hodmezo-vasarhelg, Serhdzter u. 35, Hungary, or from Stephen Nyilasi, 6723 Szeged, Rona u. 26/a, Hungary. Both of these two men are well established breeders and loyal members of the American Giant Homer Association in the United States.

A recent letter of inquiry about Giants has come from the Netherlands. What a pleasure it would be to introduce Giant Homers in that beautiful land that has long been known for outstanding pigeons and pigeon breeders. We have sent information on Giant Homers to J.C. (Hans) Diehl, van Egmondstraat 104, 258 IXN The Hague, The Netherlands, telephone 70-540953. We hope others in western Europe who share his interest in Giants will contact him. This could be the beginning of something big.

Yes, we Americans love our American Giant Homers. For us they have all of the fascination of the traditional families of Homers plus the size, style, structure and symmetry of a powerful utility pigeon. No one has ever expressed it better than our new Giant Homer fancier in Somerset, England, Andrew Webster. Andrew expressed his first impressions of Giants as follows:

"I shall never forget the first ten minutes of handling and viewing American Giant Homers --- the heavy, hard body with deep keel and terrific shape -- I can still feel that super broad well-tapered wedge in my hands which must be so familiar to you all. Of course, I had mentally digested the standard, many photographs and articles in the AGHA bulletin, and how accurate these all were but nothing could compare with actually handling the birds. I sat on an upturned flower pot (ground level perch!) simply to absorb my very own Giants. They settled almost immediately to feed and drink, cooing and strutting for my pleasure.

"My overall impression was of a bird of **Great Power**, strength and shape without any wasted length in the body structure -- even the legs and toes carried that thickness of power. Feather quality was tight and smooth. Colors were varied and easily mixed for later breeding -- blue bar, blue and black check, red and yellow check and grizzles. Temperaments were splendid, being docile and confident; making my English Show Homers seem quite timid and flighty. They have integrated well with my U.S. imported Kings and hold their own ground against this strongly territorial breed.

"With Dr. Peavey's guidance, the selected pairs have already been decided. The future promises to be as exciting as the beginning. Early October will see the launch of the breed on the British show circuit. What will our judges and fellow fanciers think of them? They will have to study and restudy the breed standard and those standard sketches (Jacky '83). There is a great deal for all of us to learn. One thing of which I am sure, they will reach back into those show pens to feel that shape again and again! Feather will impress too, as British judges often show bias toward flying qualities in non-flying breeds -- the spring in that tight one-feather-stacked tail; the singular power build; the beautifully balanced and molded headpiece saying 'power' and complementing the overall body. I am confidently optimistic."

Well let me tell you, Andrew Webster, we Giant Homer fanciers in the U.S. are "confidently optimistic" over having someone with your appreciation of Giants beating the drum for the breed in your homeland. We will all hope and pray that all goes well for you in this great new experience with Giants on a new

frontier.

Needless to say, we are also pleased to hear from those fanciers here at home who may want to take a good look at Giants as a potential breed for their lofts. We can promise you that you will find the ultimate challenge and deepest satisfaction when you move into the fraternity and fellowship of Giant breeders. See our ad in the classified section of this APJ or consult the directory of Giant representatives in the **Giant Homers Today** column in the April APJ. □

King Comments

by PEGGY HORN,
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Publicity Director
American King Club

Here it is the first of June and the breeding season is in full swing. I have heard complaints from all over the country about poor production and especially infertility. Our AKC President, Maurice Richards, called last week and is really singing the "infertility" blues. It seems that he had a very poor year last year, but this year is even worse. Maurice has banded just ten Kings at this writing from 22 pairs of breeding Kings and several Hubbell feeders. Last year's production totaled 39 birds from about the same number of breeders.

In conversation the past month with some of the Cajun King Club members the story is about the same. They are all having a slow breeding season with a lot of infertile eggs.

Doc and I know all about the old bugaboo "infertility" as we experienced a five or six year period in the late 70's and early 80's when we dropped from around 75 whites a year from 15 breeding pair to around 15. That is going from an average of five youngsters per pair down to one. In just two or three years our bloodlines all but disappeared, and we were forced to bring in some outside birds. After working on a strain of good birds for over ten years and winning consistently in all sections of the country, we watched them grow old without any offspring to carry the good genes. In our case we never did find a cause for the problem. In Richards' case the situation is very similar to ours, and the solution is just as baffling. His set-up is about as perfect as you can design as far as production is concerned and the time and care he gives his birds are more

than adequate.

I do know that the problem is much more common in the whites than in the colors. The blacks are very fertile and from six pair last year we banded 67 youngsters. Perhaps the whites are inbred more than the other colors. I do know that such measures as administering wheat germ oil, iodine or trimming the vents might help in a few isolated cases, but these procedures are not the answer to the problem. However, this problem is not unique to the pigeon hobby but plagues the breeders of the show dogs, horses, cats and other highly inbred strains of animals. Perhaps this is the price we pay for selection based on standard characteristics with too little emphasis placed on productivity.

Last year Doc and Paul Miller made a trip to John Schroeder's loft in early September. It was a vacation of sorts for both of them, but they both had buying a few good Kings in the back of their minds. Doc and Paul spent two days going through John's young bird pens. They had a ball just looking and studying pedigrees. John had an exceptional year and there were many excellent Kings for Doc and Paul to play with. In the end Doc bought two young and one yearling hens and Paul picked out three cocks and nine hens. The young hens that Doc bought went 7th and 9th at the National, and he is real proud of them. The yearling hen was not shown but was first young hen at the 5th District Show last year and runner-up to the Grand Champion hen at the Portland National. We, also, bought a real nice young cock from Avinere Spais at the 2nd District Show last November. With the introduction of the new blood something must have happened. Our fertility in whites is better than it has been in 15 years. The last three months every white egg has been fertile and you can't improve on that! The blues, blacks and one pair of ash-red bar are doing about as good. We are just delighted at this point in time with our production. Now, if some of them will just turn out to be good show birds, we will call it a good breeding season.

These **King Comments** columns must ramble a little because of the frequency of publication. When you have a column to write every month besides the articles for the A.K.C. Bulletins, it just about exhausts your topics.

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While thinking about our blue matings for the past two years, it brought back memories of our early years in the hobby and the way we mated our birds then. When we first started breeding blues and silvers (brown-bars) in 1956, all the veteran breeders told us to mate blues and silvers together. It seems that was the way all the leading breeders of these colors were doing it. So, we blindly went along mating our blues and silvers for the next 20 years. All the blues were shown under my name as "Peggy's Blues" and the silvers under the name of Horn and Taylor. Of course, Taylor was Roland Taylor who was Doc's partner for 18 years. This arrangement went on until Roland developed other interests in 1974 and the partnership sort of faded out. During the period of the partnership both "Peggy's Blues" and "Horn and Taylor's Silvers" won many championships. The blues won three Grand Champions and countless best of color and firsts. The silvers won one National Grand Champion and many other top placings. I don't want to impart to my readers that I am bragging but only that breeding Blues to Silvers worked for us. Also, it worked for Fritz Freitas and Bill Haudrich for many years. However, today we no longer breed silvers so have started mating Blue to Blue and a few Blue to Blacks. I sincerely believe that this is the best approach as the eye color is going to be improved. The pearl eye of the silver seems to dull the beautiful orange eye of the blue. Also, the old theory that blues mated together will progressively get darker, isn't scientifically correct. This is just another factor that you must watch and not mate dark, smutty blues with your light ones. The best color blues that we raised last year came from a blue-black mating and even two blacks mated together with blue pedigrees threw two good blues with barred patterns. I would not advise blue-black matings to improve blues, but it probably won't hurt the blacks. I would like to hear from some of our color buffs in the hobby and see what their opinions are! How about it? Is it better to breed blue to blue or blue to silver? Most of the King hobby is still doing it the old way.

We have been looking at Vans this past year since our retirement. Time has not been a factor, so we are leisurely looking when we have a couple of hours with nothing better to do. This past weekend it rained off and on all day and the Texas

Rangers were being soundly beaten by the World Champion Kansas City Royals. We decided we would earnestly go Van shopping so hopped in the Olds 88 that we would be trading and drove out Loop 820 East where all the new car agencies are located. We stopped at North Loop Dodge as we are partial to the Dodge Ram. They had a large number of beautiful colors and interior combinations, so we had a wonderful time going through them. We were 'sort of' partial to the Dallas Cowboys colors - silver and blue - as we will be driving the Van to the Cowboy games and enter into the tailgate parties before the games. However, we did not find a pleasing color combination in those two colors so Doc started looking at brown tones. As you probably have noticed, I don't wear the brown tones nor care for them for myself so this was going to be a tough decision for me if Doc found one he really liked. The good Lord was with us and as we rounded the corner of the lot, there, staring us in the eye, was the Van we had been looking for. It had a beautiful combination of silver, light gray and charcoal with a white strip. The interior was a silver gray, charcoal with wood oak trim. It was loaded and had everything that we desired in a van. The pigeons would fit fine in the back as well as our cooler and luggage. We made an offer, they accepted and we go this afternoon to pick it up. You can guess what our plans for the future are now! When you see a silver and gray Van pull up at your door, you will know that the Horns have arrived.

Ever so often I still hear the names of people breeding Kings whom I have never met nor seen their names on the AKC Roster. Don't you fine people, with good taste in selecting the King pigeon for your hobby, realize that your hobby is more fun when you belong to a club? I can promise you that you will **never** regret joining the American King Club. Come! Join in on the fun and exchange of ideas through the bulletins. Send your dues of \$10.00 now to: Stu Austin, Secretary, 7671 E. Wood Drive, Scottsdale, Arizona 85260.

Tell Stu that you saw your invitation in Peggy's column. We welcome you. □

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Helmet Happenings

by **BRUCE SCOTT**,
Richardson, Texas

Summer is traditionally the time many of us get away for a week or two of vacation. I endeavor to time my end of the breeding season so that all my young birds are out of the nest before I leave town. It's one thing to have a friend or relative feed and water your birds while you are gone, but to stick them with the responsibility to band and/or give special care to young birds is risky business. It is not only unfair to ask someone else to do this, but you could come home to utter pandemonium. I like to have all that behind me before I go on a worry free vacation.

I have two or three possible trips in mind this summer, depending on family plans. In previous years, I've incorporated some of my vacation trips with side trips to see some of my Helmet buddies. One of our daughters and her family live in El Paso, so I hope to be able to stop by in Midland, Texas, to visit my good friends Jerry and Sandy Fussell. Also, my son plans to attend the Basketball Camp at Oklahoma University in Norman. When we go to pick him up, I hope to stop by to see how many young birds my old friend Mike Butcher raised in Oklahoma City.

National Young Bird Show

I know it seems a bit early, but I'm already making arrangements to travel to the Young Bird National in Louisville this October. Several of us are teaming up to go by van with a trailer attached to carry the birds. We did this two years ago and we had a great time talking pigeon shop all the way to and from Louisville. It is approximately 800 miles, but we take turns driving straight through. Louisville, over the years, has been an outstanding event. The AHA has supported this show since its inception back in the early 70's. District #6 is the host for this meet. The total Helmets entered have always been well over 100. This year, if all goes according to plan, they should have over 200. Hope to see you there. Tony Patti will be our judge and I know he will do a good job.

Member of the Month

It goes without saying that every club needs a leader. The AHA has an outstanding leader in Bob Davis of

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Mansfield, Texas, who is currently President of this Club. Bob, in just a few years, has risen from the ranks to the number one spot. He had big shoes to fill in replacing Al Flynn of Bluffton, Ohio, who had done so much in rebuilding the club as President and Editor of the AHA Bulletin. Al has continued to be the Editor and Bob took over as President without missing a beat. It was one of the smoothest transitions of offices I've ever seen. Bob has surrounded himself with a dedicated group of officers. He has pushed through needed changes and I'm sure, has more on the back burner to implement as needed. Bob has won over many friends in his tenure of office while at the NPA Nationals, as well as District and Sectional Meets. His easy going, yet firm, cowboy style makes it easy to like the guy. He has a beautiful new loft and any fancier is welcome to visit. He has signed up several new members and his hospitality has been a major factor in winning fanciers over to raising and showing Helmets.

Our club has been blessed with a number of great presidents over the years. Before Bob steps down and we hope that won't be for some time yet, he will rank right up there with the best of them. Bob, thanks for being such a credit to the AHA. We wish you continued success as you guide and club to even greater heights.

New Members

It is always a pleasure to welcome new members to our club. This month is no exception with the following fanciers having signed up recently. First of all, Utah heads the list with three new members. Jason Schoff of Salt Lake City, Gary Wold of Neala, Utah and Jim Black of Salem, Utah. Oklahoma has two new members: they are Donald Phyl of Oklahoma City, and Bob Laughlin of Blackwell. Also, a new member in Texas by the name of Kevin Moths of Alvarado, Texas. Welcome to the AHA, fellas.

Mail Box

As a result of my writing this column, my mail has increased substantially. Most of this mail I can handle on a one-to-one basis via a personal letter or I forward it to our club secretary if it relates to joining the AHA or other club business. However, there are a few letters that can best be served by my mentioning the contents in this column. Such a letter arrived recently from Michael Richardson of Smyrna, Delaware.

Michael is anxious to get serious with Helmets, but cannot find anybody in Delaware with available breeding stock. If any of you members, particularly in Pennsylvania would like to help Michael, his address is: Michael J. Richardson, RD #2, Box 1015-A, Smyrna, Delaware 19977.

Closing Comment

Next month, August, is scheduled to be our Helmet Special. August is a slow month with breeding season over and no shows, so this should be a welcome relief during the summer doldrums. Let's hear it for a great Helmet Special! □

Pouter Partisan

by FRANK BARRACHINA
Yucaipa, Calif.

European English Pouters Part 2

Our search for English Pouters took us to Austria. I had arranged to visit Dr. Leonhard Kuhschelm of Ulrichskirchen who is the secretary general of the European English and Pigmy Pouter Club.

The drive from Germany through Austria was a beautiful one. The countryside is beautiful and the roads are nice. I wasn't prepared for the experience of driving in Vienna though, except for the fact that friend Gerhager had said that you needed to be alert. Vienna traffic is unreal - it moves fast and there's no chance to easily remedy going down the wrong streets. You get lost and spend hours trying to get back on your destination. Such was our problem and had it not been for the

eagle eyes of my navigator Tally, we might still be there!

Dr. Kuhschelm lives in a small village north of Vienna. He's got a small but very nice stud of red English Pouters. The evening that we arrived Dr. Kuhschelm was nice enough to arrange a tour of English Pouter breeders. Our little visit turned out to be a big one and we really traveled around with this kind man.

Our first stop was in Enzersdorf at the home of Karl Kostner. Karl breeds mostly blue English but he does have some fine yellows as well. Karl was awarded with the European master breeder's award for blue English a few years ago and I must add that he has some great birds.



DR. LEONHARD KUHSCHELM

Dr. Leonhard Kuhschelm of Ulrichskirchen, Austria. Dr. Kuhschelm is the secretary general of the European English and Pigmy Pouter Club. — Photo from Frank Barrachina, Yucaipa, Calif.



MEMBER OF THE MONTH

AHA President Bob Davis (far right) at NPA Banquet in January 1986 at the Houston National with (left to right) Jim Bean, Bruce Scott, Gerald Butler, Steve Mitchell and Mike Butcher. — Photo by Robert Renschler, Pasadena, Texas.

From Karl's it was on to visit a Reversewing Pouter breeder, Franz Sator. This friendly gentleman has some nice red and yellow Reversewings. We had coffee and pastries after looking his birds over and it was on to Karl Thurner's.

Karl lives in a small village about 100 yards from the Czech border. He breeds black English and we had an enjoyable time looking over his birds. Again after looking over the birds we

were treated to goodies and coffee and drinks. (It was no wonder that I had gained 17 pounds on the trip).

It was getting late and after a phone call, Dr. Kuhschelm said we'd be able to visit a new breeder and that would be it for that night. I can't recall this man's name but he did have a nice nucleus of a stud of black English.

The next day Dr. Kuhschelm took us to Zwolfaxing to see Franz Koweindl's English. Franz wasn't able to get off from work but his wife showed us his excellent birds and treated us with the typical and appreciated hospitality that we found everywhere on our trip. Franz

Koweindl breeds black, red, and yellow's in a very fine loft.

That afternoon we bid our friend Dr. Leonhard Kuhschelm adieu and thanked him for taking us to visit so many nice people and for finding the time to show us the highlights of Vienna too.

In conclusion I must state that the quality of the English Pouters in Germany and Austria is unbelievably good. The breeders there have worked diligently to improve their birds. They've worked together as friends and the result is that they've got some of the best English in the world. I'm glad I went to see these wonderful people and birds. □



ENGLISH POUTER

A beautiful red English Pouter hen bred and owned by Dr. Leonhard Kuhschelm of Ulrichskirchen, Austria. — Photo from Frank Barrachina, Yucaipa, Calif.



ENGLISH POUTER

A striking top quality black English Pouter hen bred and owned by Franz Koweindl of Zwolfaxing, Austria.



KARL KASTNER

Karl Kastner of Enzersdorf, Austria. Karl was awarded the European master breeder's award for blue English Pouters two years ago. — Photo from Frank Barrachina, Yucaipa, Calif.

Obituaries

John Kersher passed away May 19, 1986, after a brief stay in the hospital in Kauhauna, Wisc. John was well known throughout the United States, Canada, and other countries of the world as a Master Breeder of high quality muff Tumblers and black clean leg Tumblers. Many of John's surplus birds started new fanciers and were used to improve the studs of others in this variety, here in this country, as well as other countries of the world.

He was a well known Tumbler judge of the highest standard, having judged at many of the top specialty shows. He was at times President of most of the Tumbler organizations, and was Secretary and Treasurer of the American Tumbler Club for many years. He also held many other positions in the Tumbler Clubs.

His absence will be felt by all of us. — Submitted by Wallace Prausa. □

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July 12-13 — Greenville, S.C. Piedmont HPC, Best Western, Int. 85 & 276 Exit. Mileage & Diploma Sat. night, OB & YB Unflown, 9 a.m. Sun. Hospitality room, trophies, ribbons. Sec. Edna Scifres, 803-277-5405.

July 12 — Northwest Pigeon Fanciers Summer Show. Contact: Keith Casteel, 24506 N.E. 53rd St., Vancouver, Wash. 98662. 206-256-9264.

July 19-20 — Mint Hill RPC, Charlotte, N.C., Colonial Inn at Concord, N.C., on Bus. 29 off Int. 85. Show Sec. Bob Jones 704-547-0644.

July 20 — White Rose Pigeon Assn., Inc., Annual Summer Show, York Fairgrounds, York, Pa. Both young and old birds accepted. Contact: Marvin Angle, Show Secretary, FM-A1 Miller Road, New Freedom, Pa. 17349.

July 26 — Midwest Roller Club, Michigan State Early Lawn Show, Young Birds Only. Open Show. D/J Loft, 1040 Echo Beach Rd., Jackson, Mich. Sec. Jim Sharp, 34930 Stellwagen, Wayne, Mich. 48184. 313-729-2933.

July 27 — Rochester Pigeon Fanciers Annual Summer Show, Monroe County Fairgrounds, Rochester, N.Y. For info, contact: Steven Zimmer, Show Secretary, 71 Golfside Pkwy., Rochester, N.Y. 14610.

Aug. 6-10 — Southern Minnesota Pigeon Assn. Mower County Fair Pigeon Show, Mower County Fairgrounds, Austin, Minn. For information, contact Ted J. Conradt, P.O. Box 171, Rose Creek, Minn. 55970. 507-437-2337.

Aug. 9 — Central Indiana Pigeon Club All Breed Open Class Pigeon Show, Marion County Fair, Indianapolis, Show Sec. L.T. Brown, 2030 Hunter Road, Indianapolis, Ind. 46239.

Aug. 10 — Greater Baltimore Area Pigeon Club Open Show. Place: Odenton Fire Hall, Rt. 175, Odenton, MD. Show Sec.: Wm. J. Schmidt, 3606 Hamilton Ave., Baltimore, MD 21214. Phone 426-2151.

August 10 — The Central New York Pigeon Club Young Bird Show to be held at Central New York SPCA Recreation Facility, 5878 East Malloy Road, Syracuse, N.Y. Show Sec. Thomas "Jay" Curtis, 316 Ainsley Drive, Syracuse, N.Y. 13210. Ph. 315-478-1205.

Aug. 17 — Saginaw Pigeon Assn. Annual Lawn Show, Polish Falcon's Hall, Swan Creek Rd., Saginaw, Mich. Jerry Weiler, Sec., 270 So. Lincoln Rd., Bay City, Mich. 48708.

Aug. 24 — Cairo Variety Pigeon Club Young Bird Show to be held at the Cementon Sportsmans Club, Cementon, New York. John T. Rao, Show Sec., P.O. Box 47, South Westerlo, N.Y. 12163. 518-966-8484.

Sept. 7 — Midwest King Club Show and Picnic, home of L. and J. Trone, R. 1, Box 129, Meredosia, Ill. 62665. Ph. 217-997-5970.

Sept. 7 — St. Louis Metropolitan Pigeon Fanciers Assn. Annual Lawn Show, Grant's Shelter, Jefferson Barracks Park, St. Louis County, Mo. Perry Mueller, Show Sec., 6644 So. Drive, House Springs, Mo. 63051.

Sept. 7 — Southeast Iowa Pigeon Club Pigeon Show, Southeast Iowa College Grounds, Hwy. 34 and 406, Gear Avenue, West Burlington, Iowa. For info, Rich Mohler, RR 4, West Burlington, Iowa 52601. 319-754-5881.

Sept. 7 — Badger Tumbler Club Show to be held with Upper Midwest Tumbler Club at Jim Stehr home, 1635 Dodd Rd., Mendota Heights, Minn.

Sept. 7 — Port Huron Pigeon Assn. Show and Swap Meet, Perch Point Conservation Club, Marine City, Michigan. Show Sec. C.H. Winters, 2407 Garfield, Port Huron, Mich. 48060.

Sept. 7 — Midwest King Club Picnic, home of Lloyd and June Trone, R. 1, Box 129, Meredosia, Ill. 62665. 217-997-5970.

Sept. 14 — Fond du Lac All Variety Pigeon Club Inc., Young Bird Show, Fond du Lac Fairgrounds, Fond du Lac, Wisc. William Murkley, 913 Loop Dr., Ripon, Wisc. 54971. 414-748-7147.

Sept. 18-28 — Virginia State Fair, Richmond, Va. Virginia Pigeon and Dove Assn., Ed Brooks, Sec., 1609 Adams Drive West, Suffolk, Va. 23436.

Sept. 20 — Southern Illinois Pigeon Club All Breed Show Lanternman Park Pavilion, Bridgeport, Ill. Beulah Paddock, 111 Sycamore St. Summer, Ill. 62466.

Sept. 21 — Fremont Pigeon Club Annual Young Bird Show, Sandusky Co. Fairgrounds, Fremont, Ohio. Charles Dwight, Show Sec., 2866 C.R. 262, Clyde, Ohio 43410.

Sept. 21 — Bay City Pigeon Fanciers Young Bird Show, Bay County Community Center, Bay City, Mich. Tim Stajkowski, Show Sec., 1413 S. Raymond St., Bay City, Mich. 48706.

Sept. 21 — Milwaukee Metro Pigeon Club Young Bird Show, Kettle Moraine Bowl, 1 mile west of Hwy. 41, Southeast corner of Hwy. 60 and 175, Slinger, Wisc. Show Sec. Jay C. Dillon, S51 W30921 Old Village Road, Mukwonago, Wisc. 53149.

Sept. 21 — Florida Gulfcoast Pigeon Club Young Bird Show, Knights of Phthias Hall, 2522 30th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, Fla. Jim Zerbo, Show Sec., 5301 10th Ave. S., Gulfport, Fla. 813-321-3550.

Sept. 27 — Jacksonville Area Pigeon Club Sale Day, Nichols Park, Jacksonville, Ill. Pres. Gary Richardson, 120 West Penn, Jacksonville, Ill. 62650.

Sept. 27 — Midwest Roller Club Michigan State Annual Lawn Show, Open Show. Young Birds Only. Home of Rudy Gendrikovs, 1418 Nazareth Rd., Kalamazoo, Mich. Sec. Jim Sharp, 34930 Stellwagen, Wayne, Mich. 48184. 313-729-2933.

Sept. 27 — 4th Annual Mid-West Young Bird Show hosted by Sheboygan Lakeshore Pigeon Club, Sheboygan County Fairgrounds, Plymouth, Wisc. For more information, contact Earl A. Helmer, Rt. 1, Willow Rd., Plymouth, Wisc. 53073. 414-893-8892.

Sept. 27 — Indiana Pigeon Club's Annual Yearling and Young Bird Show, National Guard Armory, Hartford City, Ind. Ray Hoover, Show Sec., RR 3, New Castle, Ind. 47362.

Sept. 28 — New York Combine Domestic Show Flight Club 11th Annual Young Bird Show at Polish National Hall, 64th Street & 56th Road, Maspeth, N.Y.

Oct. 4 — Lincoln Hill Pigeon Club Fall Show. Dane G. Dougan, Sec., RR 2, Huntingburg, Ind. 47542.

Oct. 4-5 — Snohomish County Pigeon Fanciers sponsor the Northwest International, Monroe, Wash. (Monroe Fairgrounds). For information, contact Show Sec. Dave Jacober, 10314 56th S.E., Snohomish, Wash. 98290. 208-334-3535.

Oct. 4 & 5 — American Pigmy Pouter Club Point Show and Meet at Northwest International Pigeon Show, Monroe, Wash. Contact: Robert Blake, P.O. Box 554, Port Angeles, Wash. 98362. 206-452-1636.

Oct. 5 — Southern Minnesota Pigeon Assn. Bill Tyrer Memorial Fall Pigeon Show, Mower County Fairgrounds, Austin, Minn. For information, contact Ted J. Conradt, P.O. Box 171, Rose Creek, Minn. 55970. 507-734-2337.

Oct. 11 — United Oriental Roller Assn. Young Bird Show. Judge: Jerry Ohrrn. Utah State Fairgrounds, Sec., Jim Green, 64 W. 3400 So., Salt Lake City, Utah 84115.

Oct. 11-12 — Cottonwood Lumberyard Young Bird English Trumpeter Show, Cottonwood, Minn. Show Sec., Orin DuChien, 325 E. 4th St., Monticello, Minn. 53362.

Oct. 12 — Eastern Carolina Pigeon Club Annual All Breed Show, South Carolina State Fairgrounds, Columbia, S.C. Show Secretary, Francis Simmons, P.O. Box 111, Swansea, S.C. 29160.

Oct. 12 — Central Pa. Avian Club Pigeon Show, location unknown as of now. Show Sec., Tom Thompson, RD 2, Box 726, Jersey Shore, Pa. 17740.

Oct. 12 — Garden State Variety Pigeon Fanciers Assn. Young Bird Open Show, American Legion Hall, 540 Shaler Blvd., Ridgefield, N.J. Secretary Julius Williams, 59 W. Iryon Ave., Teaneck, N.J. 07666.

Oct. 12 — Northern Illinois Pigeon Assn. Young Bird Show, Oregon Coliseum, Oregon, Ill. Clarence Faber, Show Sec., 9439 Edson Rd., Capron, Ill. 61012. Ph. 815-569-2126.

Oct. 12 — Omaha Pigeon Club Annual All Breed, All Age Fall Pigeon Show. Show Sec. Cindy Keller, 7910 Grant St., Omaha, Nebr. 68134.

Oct. 18 — Central Ohio Pigeon Fanciers Assn. Show, Sec. Nancy Duckworth, 3980 Schirtzinger Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43220. 614-876-2216.

Oct. 18 — Cairo Variety Pigeon Club 14th Annual Fall Classic for young and old birds to be held at the St. Johns Recreation Hall, Greenville, New York. John T. Rao, Show Sec., P.O. Box 47, South Westerlo, New York, 12136. 518-966-8484.

Oct. 25 — National Young Bird Show, Louisville, Ky. Contact: Rita M. Courtney, P.O. Box 21, Milton, Ky. 40045.

Oct. 25 — Central Shortface Tumbler Club's Young Bird Show held with the National Young Bird Show in Louisville, Ky. Rita Courtney, Show Sec., P.O. Box 21, Milton, Ky. 40045.

Oct. 26 — Empire Short Face Tumbler Club Young Bird Show. Polish National Hall, 61-60 56 Road, Maspeth, N.Y. Richard Polanish, Show Sec., 280 Corbin Ave., Staten Island, N.Y. 10308. 718-984-6318.

Nov. 1 — Annual Show, Jacksonville Area Pigeon Club, Nichols Park Pavilion, Jacksonville, Ill. Show Sec. Eddie Kirkpatrick, 174 South Mechanic St., Winchester, Ill. 62694. 217-742-5741.

Nov. 1 — Midwest Showmans Association, Milwaukee, Wisc., entry blank, Dave Tobisch, 4172 Tower Drive, Eau Claire, Wisc. 54603.

Nov. 1 — Northern South Dakota Pigeon Club All Breed Show, Brown County Fairgrounds, Aberdeen, S.D. Gene Eisenbeisz, Sec., 1118 Northview Lane, Aberdeen, S.D. 57401.

Nov. 1-2 — Nassau-Suffolk Pigeon Fanciers Club 30th Annual Long Island Classic (Open Show), American Legion Hall, Grove St., Babylon, N.Y. Show Sec.: Barbara Beer, 194 Lido Prom. West, Lindenhurst, N.Y. 11757. 516-226-3534.

Nov. 1-2 — Lake of the Ozarks Pigeon Club Annual All Breed Pigeon Show, Sedalia, Mo. State Fairgrounds, Poultry Building. Terry Daily, Show Secretary, Rt. 2, Box 781, Harrisonville, Mo. 64701. Phone 816-758-6621.

Nov. 2 — White Rose Pigeon Assn., Inc., Annual Winter Show, York Fairgrounds, York, Pa. Both young and old birds accepted. Contact: Marvin Angle, Show Sec., FM-A1 Miller Road, New Freedom, Pa. 17349.

Nov. 2 — The Central New York Pigeon Club Fall and Winter Show, Valley American Legion Hall, Academy Street, Syracuse, N.Y. Show Sec. Thomas "Jay" Curtis, 316 Ainsley Drive, Syracuse, N.Y. 13210. Ph. 315-478-1205.

Nov. 2 — Milwaukee Metro Pigeon Club Annual Fall Show, Kettle Moraine Road, 1 mile west of Hwy. 41 on Southeast corner of Hwy. 60 and 175, Slinger, Wisc. Show Sec. Jay C. Dillon, S51 W30921 Old Village Road, Mukwonago, Wisc. 53149.

Nov. 8 — MidTex Pigeon Fanciers Annual Show, Georgetown, Texas, Benchmark Inn. Bill Cabaniss, Sec., 1705 W. Lake Dr., Taylor, Tex. 76754. 512-352-5840.

Nov. 8 — NEOB & FA Annual Show, Summit County Fairgrounds, Tallmadge, Ohio. Chris Spreitzer, Show Sec., 1214 Munroe Falls Ave., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221. Ph. 216-928-7349.

Nov. 8 — Fond du Lac All Variety Pigeon Club Old Bird Show, Fond du Lac Fairgrounds, Fond du Lac, Wisc. William Murkley, 913 Loop Rd., Ripon, Wisc. 54971. 414-748-7147.

Nov. 9 — Rochester Pigeon Fanciers Annual Winter Show, Monroe County Fairgrounds, Rochester, N.Y. Contact: Edward J. Piper, Sec., 46 Satura Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14611.

Nov. 15 — South Texas All Variety Pigeon Club Fall Show at Robstown Show Barn. Contact Judy Tugwell, Box 7414, Ingleside, Texas 78642.

Nov. 15 — Midwest Showmans Association, Pipestone Invitational, Pipestone, Minnesota, entry blank, Dave Tobisch, 4172 Tower Drive, Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54703.

Nov. 15 — Tennessee Pigeon and Dove Club All Age Show. Specialty Clubs Welcome. For information, write: Harris Ferguson, Rt. 5, Box 302, Portland, Tenn. 37148.

Nov. 15-16 — AKC 2nd District Show, Highland, Ill., hosted by MKC, also have Black King Club. Sec. June Trone, R. 1, Box 129, Meredosia, Ill. 62665. Ph. 217-997-5970. Principle Judge Dr. Jack Horn.

Nov. 15-16 — Minnesota Classic sponsored by the Minnesota State Pigeon Assn. at Hutchinson Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, Minn. Show Supt. Harlan Peterson, 9009 40 1/2 Ave. N., New Hope, Minn. 55427. Show Sec., Gary D. Swanson, RR 3, Rockford, Minn. 55373.

Nov. 16 — Florida Gulfcoast Pigeon Club Annual Orange Blossom Open Show, All Breed All Age, Gulfport Casino, Shore Blvd. & Beach Blvd., Gulfport, Fla. Jim Zerbo, Show Sec., 5301 10th Ave. S., Gulfport, Fla. 813-321-3550.

Nov. 16 — High Point Pigeon Club Annual All Breed, All Age Fall Pigeon and Dove Show, Oak View Recreation Center, High Point, N. Car. Write: Thurmond Michael, 813 Mark St., High Point, N. Car. 27260. Ph. 919-882-3273.

Nov. 15-16 — Highland, Ill., AKC 2nd Dist. Show, MKC Show, Black King Club. Sec. and Show Sec., June Trone, R. 1, Box 129, Meredosia, Ill. 62665. 217-997-5970.

Nov. 22 & 23 — The Willamette Valley Pigeon Fanciers and the Mid-Valley Pigeon Fanciers, known as the Beaver State Alliance Fall Show will be held at the Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis, Ore. The fall show judge will be Donald Roscoe from Kasota, Minn. Anyone wishing information, contact Darwin Grange, 1768 Kintyre Street, Eugene, Ore. 503-688-8706.

Nov. 28-29 — National Modena Club, 5th District Meet: Ft. Smith Arkansas Fairgrounds. Gary Severe, Rt. 3, Box 877, Pocola, Okla. 74902. 1-918-436-2503.

Nov. 29 — Indiana Pigeon Club's 60th All Breed Winter Show, National Guard Armory, Hartford City, Ind. Ray Hoover, Show Sec., RR 3, New Castle, Ind. 47362.

Nov. 29 — Midwest Showmans Association, U.S. Open, LaCrosse, Wisconsin, entry blank, Dave Tobisch, 4172 Tower Drive, Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54703.

Nov. 29 — Central Shortface Tumbler Club's All Age Show held with the Indiana Pigeon Club, Hartford City, Ind. Ray Hoover, Show Sec., RR 3, New Castle, Ind. 47362.

Nov. 29-30 — New York Combine Domestic Show Flight Club 11th Annual Young and Old Bird Show at Polish National Hall, 64th Street & 56th Road, Maspeth, N.Y.

Nov. 30 — Buffalo Fancy Pigeon Club Show held at the First Warders Social Club Bldg., 147 12th Ave., North Tawanda, N.Y. Contact, Show Sec., Joe Francis, 715 Oliver St., North Tawanda, N.Y. 14120.

Dec. 4-7 — Southern Racing Pigeon Assn. Convention, Race and Show, Charlotte, N.C. at the Holiday Inn, Int. 85 & Sugar Creek Exit. 36th Anniversary, Special Event. Call SRPA Sec. David Yarn, 704-596-3243.

Dec. 5-7 — United Oriental Roller Assn. Teddy Hull Memorial Show. Judge: John Fife. Utah State Fairgrounds. Sec., Jim Green, 64 W. 3400 So., Salt Lake City, Utah 84115. 801-485-1749.

Dec. 6 — Midwest Roller Club Michigan State Winter Show, PRC-URC District Meet and Master Breeder Point Show, held in conjunction with the Mid-Michigan Pigeon Fanciers All Breed Show. Demonstration Hall, Mich. State University, Lansing, Mich. Sec. Jim Sharp, 34920 Stellwagen, Wayne, Mich. 48184. 313-729-2933.

Dec. 6 — Mid-Michigan Pigeon Fanciers All-Breed Winter Show, Demonstration Hall, Michigan State University, Lansing, Michigan. For more information, contact Judy Smith, 1040 Echo Beach, Jackson, Mich. 49203. Phone 517-782-0909.

Dec. 6 — Saginaw Pigeon Assn. Annual Winter Show, Carr School, Swan Creek Rd., Saginaw, Mich. Jerry Weiler, Sec., 270 So. Lincoln Rd., Bay City, Mich. 48708.

Dec. 6 — Southern Ohio Pigeon Assn.'s All Breed "Buckeye Classic", Butler Co. Fairgrounds in Hamilton, Ohio. Tony West, Show Chairman, 8254 Morrow, Rossburg Rd., Morrow, Ohio 45152. 513-877-2183.

Dec. 6-7 — American Pigmy Pouter Club Point Show and Meet at Northwest Pigeon Fanciers Winter Show, Portland, Ore. Contact: Jim Brown, 30798 So. Deardorff Dr. Molalla, Ore. 503-824-2216.

Dec. 6-7 — Northwest Pigeon Fanciers Winter Show, Portland, Ore. Contact: Keith Casteel, 24506 N.E. 53rd St., Vancouver, Wash. 98662. 206-256-9264.

Dec. 6-7 — English Trumpeter Club of America Annual Meet, Vets Auditorium, Des Moines, Iowa. For more information contact: Orin DuChien, 325 E. 4th St., Monticello, Minn. 55362.

Dec. 7 — Northern Illinois Pigeon Assn. 35th Annual Open Winter Show, Oregon Coliseum, Oregon, Ill. Clarence Faber, Show Sec., 9439 Edson Rd., Capron, Ill. 61012. Ph. 815-569-2126.

Dec. 7 — Empire Short Face Tumbler Club Open Bird Show, Polish National Hall, 61-60 56 Road, Maspeth, N.Y. Richard Polishish, Show Sec., 280 Corbin Ave., Staten Island, New York 10208. 718-984-6318.

Dec. 12-14 — St. Louis Metropolitan Pigeon Fanciers Assn. Annual Winter Show, Grant's Shelter, Jefferson Barracks Park, St. Louis County, Mo. Perry Mueller, Show Sec., 6644 So. Drive, House Springs, Mo. 63051.

Dec. 13 — 29th Annual All Age Show, Sheboygan Lakeshore Pigeon Club at the Sheboygan Falls Auditorium in Sheboygan Falls, Wisc. For more information, contact: Ron Hass, 549 David Avenue, Sheboygan Falls, Wisc. 53085. 414-467-2343.

Dec. 13 — Central Tumbler Club Annual Meet 1986, Shawnee, Okla. Oklahoma Pigeon Assn. Show. Contact: Edgar L. Petty, Rt. 1, Box 104, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73131. 405-478-1737.

Dec. 13 — Oklahoma Pigeon Assn. All Breed Pigeon Show, Shawnee, Okla. Contact: Edgar L. Petty, Rt. 1, Box 104, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73131. 405-478-1737.

Dec. 13 — Midwest Showmans Association, Eau Claire Classic, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, entry blank, Dave Tobisch, 4172 Tower Drive, Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54703.

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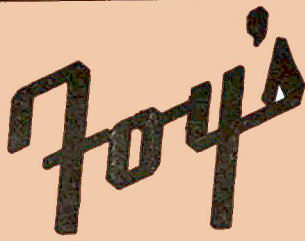
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