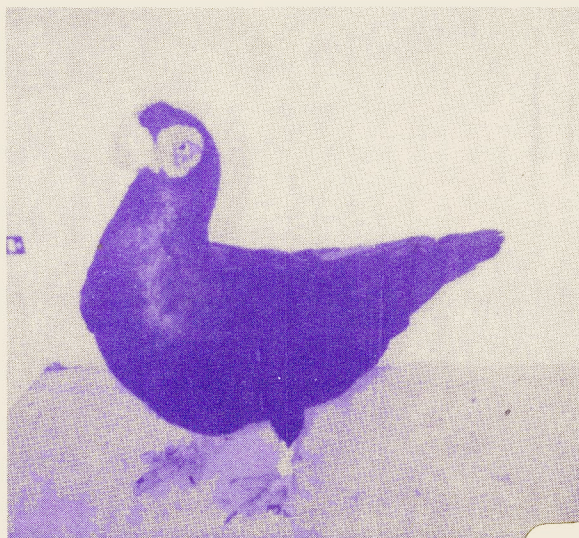


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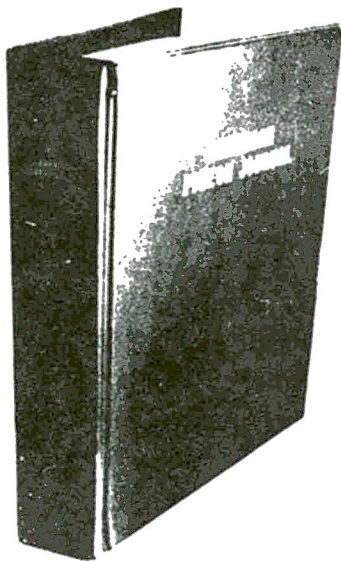
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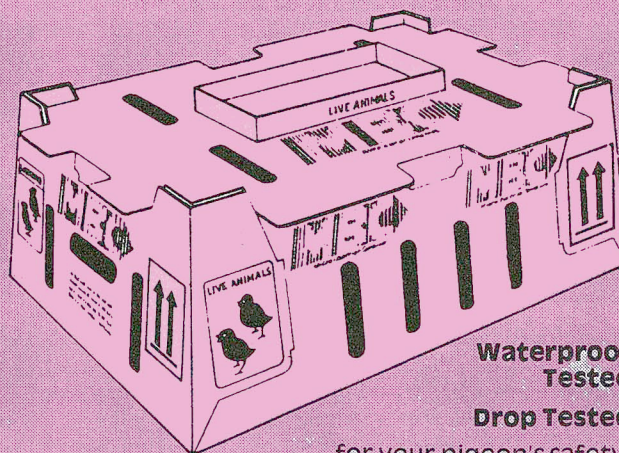
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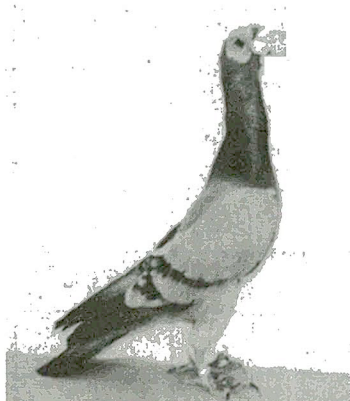
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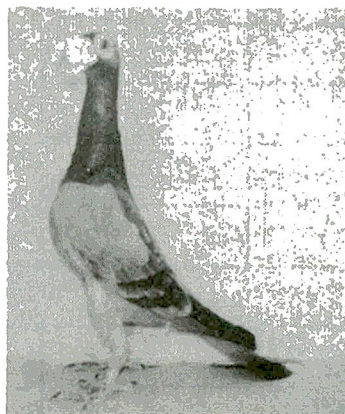
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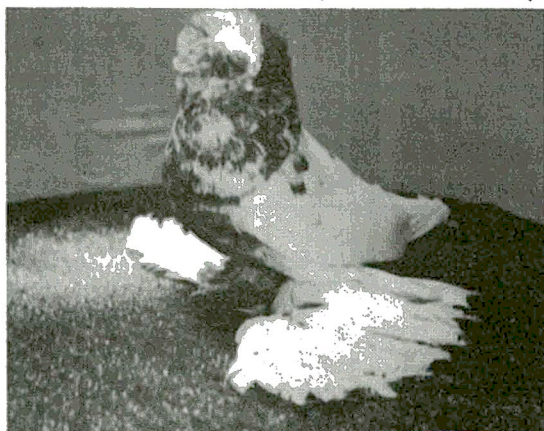


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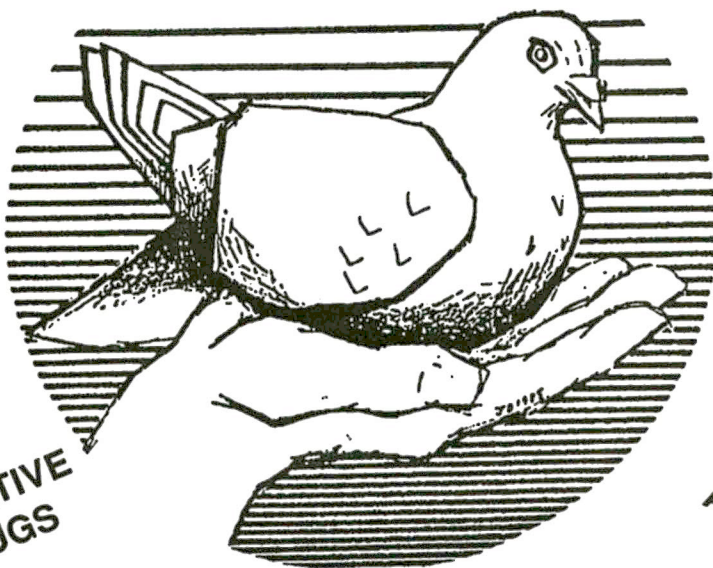
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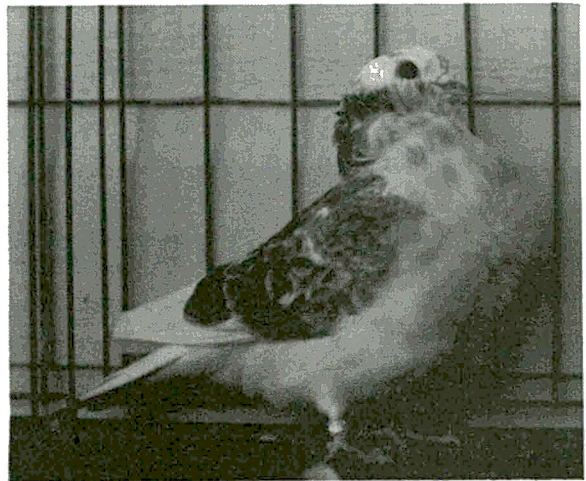
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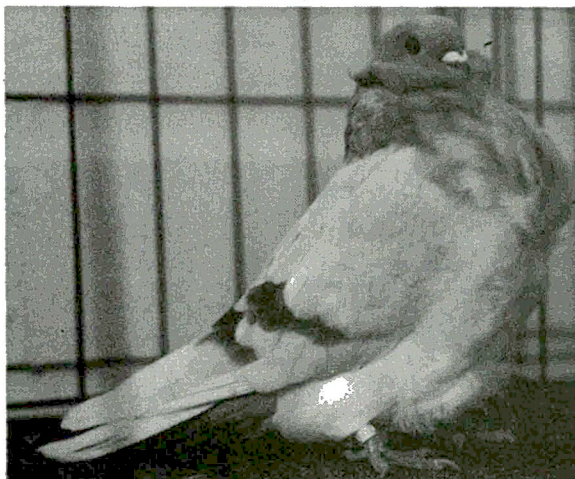


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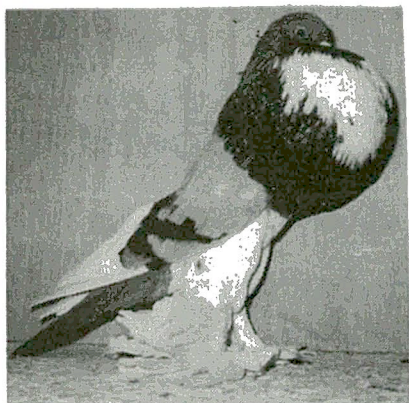
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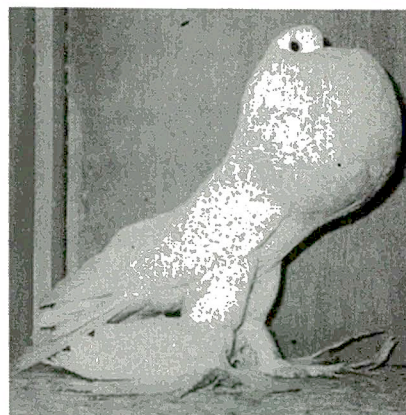
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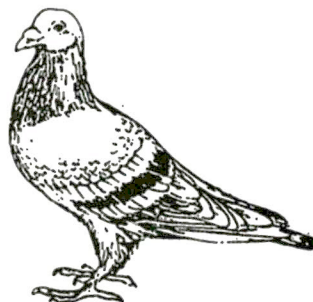
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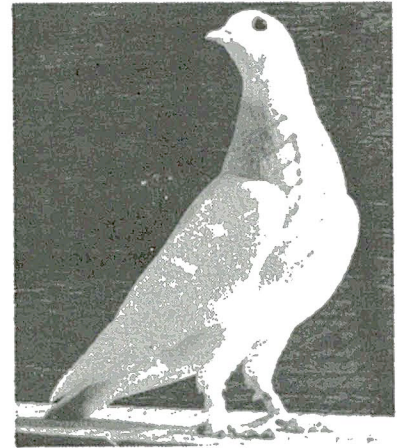
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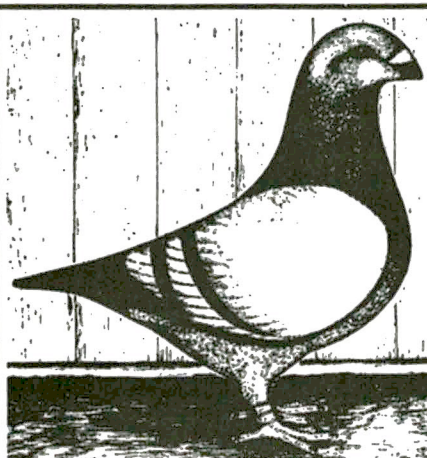
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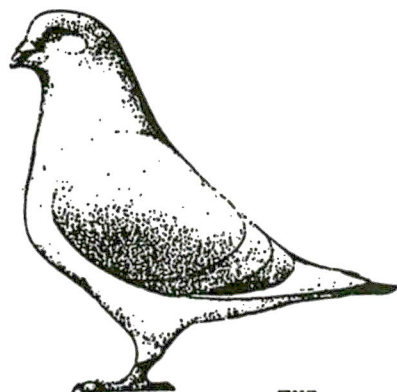
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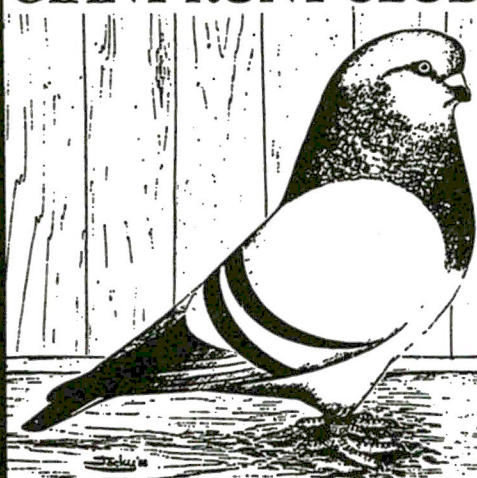
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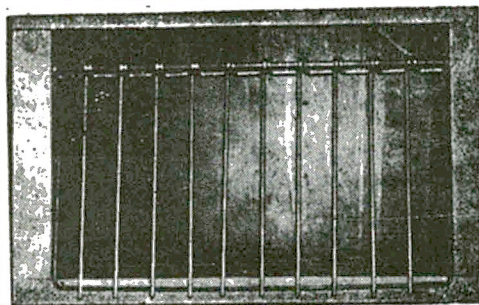
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Late Arrival Of APJ

We would like to extend our sincere apologies to all our faithful subscribers in the lateness in mailing the APJs.

We had a breakdown in our mailing system for our July issue which delayed us an additional week.

With this issue, we have gained some ground. Our September should follow in approximately two to three weeks. We are hoping to be on a better schedule by the end of the year.

Again, we are very sorry for the lateness of the issues. We want to assure our subscribers that we are not going out of business. With our small crew of three, it is some times difficult to gain time.

Please bear with us in this matter and if we can answer any questions or help you in any way, kindly let us know.—Wm. L. "Mike" Worley, Editor.

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Another reminder to anyone who ordered these booklets and only received three, we now have No. 4 available.

Upcoming Shows

Beginning on page 61, there is an extensive listing of pigeon shows from across the country. In addition, there are several ads in this month's issue pertaining to shows.

Fanciers are encouraged to support as many shows as possible. These shows are rewarding in many ways: fun, fellowship, competition, renewing friendships, making new friends buying, selling, trading as well as getting new fanciers started.

Whether you enter birds or not, let's support our hobby in any way we can.

Moments With "Mike"

Pete Valentine of California phoned to tell us that the Micro-Barrier Container is a very good product. He wanted to let the pigeon fancy know of his experience with the MBC. He was expecting a shipment of pigeons through the Post Office using the MBC. The mail truck that the pigeons were on was involved in a bad accident. The outside of the MBC was torn up but the inside box was OK and all birds survived. This accident happened at 5:30 a.m. The truck got out around 5 p.m. the same day. "This is a very good product," Valentine commented.



John Verburg, Olympia, Wash.: "Was very please to find a book with an APJ advertisement in a book store. I have not raised pigeons for 30 years but am excited about the possibility of re-entering the sport." (The book was "Racing Homer Facts & Secrets" by Leslie Swanson.)



M.A. AlDewani, Saudi Arabia: "I have been a subscriber to the APJ for a year and I really enjoy getting it every month. That's why I am sending you this letter to renew my subscription. Your magazine helped me learn a lot of things about pigeons, especially the special issues. It's great that I have this magazine to keep me informed of the happenings in the pigeon world. Thanks for a job well done."



Samuel Pino, Socorro, New Mexico: "...Enclosed find a money order towards my yearly renewal of my subscription. My subscription ends in Sept. So I always renew in the month of September the month I was born. Where would I be without the APJ? Probably not very far in the fascinating hobby of pigeons. I have been raising birds for over 25 years. This magazine is very informative and also keeps me up-to-date on the shows. Speaking of shows, I have won 14 ribbons in two years of showing. Keep up the good work. The MBCs I received from you earlier this year were great!!"



Harold Holt, Goodrich, Mich.: "It's nice to see that you have added something for the squab producer (Squab Producer's Forum) by Syed A. Bokhari. It is long overdue but now with a full table of contents you have made us all happy. We thank you very much."

Reduced Komorner Tumblers

by GERALD DOOLEY, Kingston Springs, Tenn.

Last year, I discontinued my efforts towards crossing Reduced into Komorner Tumblers for two reasons. First, my Genetics projects keep increasing in number, and I needed the room. Second, I learned that another breeder was a generation ahead of me on the same project. There was no need for me to duplicate his efforts.

When I learned of this breeder's work, I gave him my breeding plan in order to help him in any way I could. This plan has an unusual feature. It used genetic linkage as a tool. I am going to describe it here so that other breeders can study it and perhaps use the concept in their own breeding projects.

This breeding plan is based on the fact that Dilute and Reduced are mutants situated fairly close to each other on the pigeon X chromosome. A hen has only one X chromosome, and she gets it from her father. A cock has two X chromosomes, one from each parent. Although

I do not know the actual crossover rate between Dilute and Reduced, it is probably on the order of five to ten percent. For purposes of this article, I am assuming a recombination rate of ten percent.

My first mating was between a Dun Magpie Komorner Tumbler cock and a Reduced grade Roller hen. Two Black pied sons were produced. They had Dilute on one X chromosome and Reduced on the other. Any Dilutes from such a mating would be expected to be hens and should be discarded.

The second mating would have paired one of these Black pied sons to a Dun Magpie Komorner Tumbler hen. Their progeny would be 3/4ths Komorner Tumbler, and some would probably be Magpies.

All of the Dilute cocks produced by this second mating would be discarded. Ninety percent would not carry Reduced. The Dilute hens and any rare "Wildtype" hens raised should also be discarded as

they would not carry Reduced either. Ninety percent of the "Wildtype" cocks would be expected to carry Reduced. The best two or three could be saved. Any Reduced hens produced could also be saved. If a Dilute-Reduced hen was raised, I had planned to breed her for genetics purposes and not to a KT.

In the diagram on the next page, D+ = "wildtype" or "normal" at the Dilute locus, d = Dilute, R+ = "wildtype" or "normal" at the Reduced locus, an r = Reduced.

Any GOOD Reduced 3/4ths KT hens should be mated to dilute KT cocks to produce the 7/8ths generation. Like the first mating, any Dilutes from such pairs will be hens and should be discarded. The sons will be "Wildtype" but will carry Dilute and Reduced on opposite chromosomes.

The best two or three of the "Wildtype" 3/4ths KT cocks could also be mated to Dilute KT hens to produce the 7/8ths generation. These cocks will carry Dilute on the X chromosome they received from their mother and will have a 90% chance of carrying Reduced on the X chromosome they got from their father.

The use of genetic linkage as a tool allows one greater flexibility in selection. For instance, in the 3/4ths KT generation, if there were no Reduced hens of quality, the best or three "Wildtype" cocks could be used instead. Chances are excellent that at least one would carry Reduced, and that the improvement in the 7/8ths KT generation would be much greater than if one had used a Reduced 3/4ths KT hen of poor quality.

This genetic mating pattern is not limited to just these early generations. Similar matings can be made using birds of greater percentage Komorner Tumbler. This same method can be used to advantage to cross Reduced into any breed that has Dilute. Genetics and genetic methods are not restricted to any particular breed or breeds.

Please, when a genetic abnormality occurs in your loft, please do not kill the bird. Please give it to me or to someone else interested in studying the condition. Research on your find could make a major contribution to genetics. My address is 1085 Woodcock Hollow Road, Kingston Springs, TN 37082.

Great Western Is Back

by MICHAEL deOLIVEIRA, Second Vice President,
Santa Clara Valley Pigeon Club

The Santa Clara Valley Pigeon Club, organized in 1962, is once again hosting the Great Western Pigeon Show. The Show will be held at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville, Calif., October 27 and 28, 1990. The Santa Clara Valley Pigeon Club has been hosting this show since 1963. This is one of California's largest shows with an average of 1800-2200 birds. Last year the show was with much regret cancelled due to damage to the J.J. Crosetti Hall from the October 17 earthquake. The hall was promptly repaired and is in better shape than ever for this year's show.

In the past year, the show has enjoyed the participation of an average of 15-20 specialty clubs such as the Western French Mondain Club, Western American Trumpeter Club, Western Show Racer Association, Bay Area King Club, Western Fantail Club, Giant Runt Club of America, National Chinese Owl Club, Santa Clara Valley Flying Roller Club and many others holding specialty meets.

The club will be holding, as always, its Super Raffle and on Saturday evening its annual Great Western Banquet. The Great Western Banquet has always been a highlight of the show, featuring a chance to reflect on the days' events, an

opportunity for specialty club coordinators to reflect on the show, a chance for award presentations, and an evening to enjoy the company of your friends in the hobby and have a fine dinner. Reservations for the banquet can be made on a first-come, first-served basis as seating is limited at the restaurant.

Hotel accommodations are available at discount rates for exhibitors. Shipping of birds is also possible if you want to show birds but are unable to attend. The show hours are Saturday 7 a.m. - 5:45 p.m., with judging beginning at 10 a.m.; Sunday 8 a.m. - until judging is complete. Exhibitors can begin registering birds on Friday, October 26 from 2 p.m. - 10 p.m. and continue Saturday until 10 a.m. The banquet will be held Saturday evening, October 27, at 6:30, beginning with cocktails and dinner beginning at 7:30 p.m.

For more information on the Great Western Pigeon Show, banquet reservations, or the Santa Clara Valley Pigeon Club, please contact John DeCarlo at (408) 683-4406 or Vicke Casey at (408) 683-4384. They can send entry forms or our Premium List which gives all show information needed. Don't miss out on one of California's finest shows. Come and enjoy!

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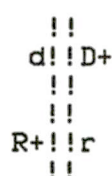


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Two Black Pled Cocks

Black Pled Cock

Dun Magpie KT Hen



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Harry Granger – Mr. English Carrier

by GINA PEACOCK, Springfield, Ill.

Harry Granger of Annville, PA has kept the English Carrier breed alive. Harry started with English Carriers, which were of poor quality. Through his many years of hard work and breeding knowledge, the Carrier is now becoming very popular. There were over 200 birds shown at the Peoria National.

In a previous article, John Heppner stated that when he purchased birds through the mail, he was usually happy with what he received especially any birds from Harry Granger.

Another article by Lynn Watson on the English Carrier Master Breeder, from Germany, Watson stated the German breeder went to Harry Granger of

Annville, PA to receive the birds needed to better his pigeons.

Harry has sold National Pigeon Association Championship quality birds, only to go on and breed more champions down the road. Harry always thinks of the English Carrier Fancy first. Always selling his good birds at reasonable prices compared to what some breeders pay. His reply, "I do it for the Fancy and the English Carrier." I'm sure every loft of Carriers in the United States has the Granger bloodline in them.

Charles Bartling was the only Master Breeder of English Carriers to receive his (N.P.A.) National Pigeon Associa-

tion Master Breeders Award in 1934.

Harry Granger was the second one to receive the award. Harry was never one to brag or advertise his winnings. I doubt that any or at least very few breeders of any breed could match his winning record or his many N.P.A. Champions. Harry has kept the English Carrier club alive spending a lot of his time and money. He never let people know how much time or money he spent on his beloved English Carriers."

This is the conclusion to the article "Why Harry Granger is known as Mr. English Carrier."

1st Annual California Classic

by J.V. BROECK

On Saturday, July 14, the First Annual California Classic came to an end with one of the biggest prize funds ever offered – \$3600. \$1700 went to the first place pigeon!

The Birmingham Roller Association was the sponsor of this event, and just to prove we're nuts, we also held our annual Lawn Show on the same day.

As advertised, the top 20 classic pigeons were flown at 10 a.m. sharp. About 125 people showed up to watch. As the birds took off all eyes were glued to the sky. It was as exciting as the 18th hole at Augusta!

The kit performed great. There were at least three breaks that knocked my socks off. I'm sure people are still talking about the fine job the kit did. It was great seeing this many people getting so involved. This is what individual competition is all about. The birds really did a fine job. As loft manager this made me feel GREAT.

My thanks to the judges, Michael Curtis, Cliff Wood and John Reyes for their many hours of hard work, and also

many thanks to all my club members and friends for their hard work.

After the kits landed and were put away, the day began. Michael Curtis, our judge for the Lawn Show, began the judging. There were 155 birds entered in the Lawn Show. While Mike started judging the young hen class, we took all of the classic birds that were still flying in the number two team and put them in show cages to begin the Auction. These birds were auctioned as a silent auction. Bid cards with the birds band number and owners name were attached to each cage. If one person bid \$20.00 on a certain pigeon someone else could bid higher and so on. At 2 p.m., we closed the silent auction with all birds going to the highest bidder. This item was a real success. A lot of fine birds sold at a reasonable price.

Our Auctioneer was Warner Waite. We began our open auction by selling nine pigeons that had become too deep to maintain the kits. This went real well with each bird selling for at least \$25.00.

By noon, five of the seven classes of the Lawn Show were complete.

It's time to eat!! My better half, Margaret, took care of the food. We had barbecue beef sandwiches, chili and all the trimmings.

After lunch the real fun began. We finished the Lawn Show and put the top 20 birds up for auction. We auctioned the birds that placed from 11th through 20th place. These birds sold real well.

Now it's time to award the monies to the five best pigeons. Sixth through tenth place received Honorable Mentions. Honorable Mention awards went to Norm Reed (LA), Steve Lord (LA), Robert Krenz (Santa Cruz), Bob Palmer (Indiana) and Jim Lippincott (Apple Valley). Thanks for your fine entries.

It's time to award the big bucks. Fifth place went to Reggie Steward of Los Angeles with a Blue Bar hen (MCRC-1238) good for \$200. Michael Kelley of Carmel took home \$350 for fourth place with a Blue Check hen (PRA-962). Third place, good for \$450, went to Rick Schoening of Montana, with a Black Baldhead hen (NBRC-650). Our Reserve Champion was Les Bilyeu of Washington, good for \$700, with a Black Grizzle cock (PRA-531). And now the moment we've all waited for – the winner, good for \$1700. This nice Dark Check Bronze hen was raised by Kenny Billings of Modesto, (CCRC-1360). Congratulations Kenny, and also con-

gratulations to everyone who dared to enter this type of competition, and trusted me with their money and their pigeons.

Out of the 27 entries, for a total of 54 pigeons, 42 birds were sold at our auction for a total of \$2,212.00, with 50% going back to the owners. We had three birds sell for over \$200 and another six sold for over \$100 each.

Classic #2 is off and running. If you are interested in this type of competition, please call me at (714) 735-0955 or Michael Curtis daytime at (714) 795-2130. Remember we will be accepting 40 entries for a total prize fund of over \$5200 and hope to pay TEN places.

SOME FINAL COMMENTS

Michael Curtis did one outstanding job as Lawn Show judge. He really moved things along at a good pace.

Warner Waite was a great auctioneer.

My wife was a great cook, and Sharee and Dave did a great job with the auction monies! And thanks to everyone else that helped out and thanks to everyone that came to our show.

Hope everyone who entered enjoyed the T-Shirts made for the classic.

Do All Champions Look Very Well?

by PAT HOCHSTETLER,
New Paris, Ind.

Did you hear about the guy who wanted to buy a champion pigeon? He went to a man's loft who had many champion birds for sale. He looked over all the champion pigeons and said, "This is the one I want," as he pointed to a beautiful bird sitting in the corner.

The loft owner replied, "But she doesn't look very well."

The man said, "She looks fine to me, I'll buy her."

After the man took the champion pigeon home, he soon noticed she was losing weight. He observed her to see what was wrong. She stumbled into a water container, walked through some food and crashed into a wall. He picked her up, then waved his hand in front of her eyes and said, "This pigeon is blind!"

He quickly took the champion bird back to the previous owner and asked, "Why didn't you tell me this pigeon was blind?"

The previous owner replied, "I told you she didn't look very well."

Chinese Whistles

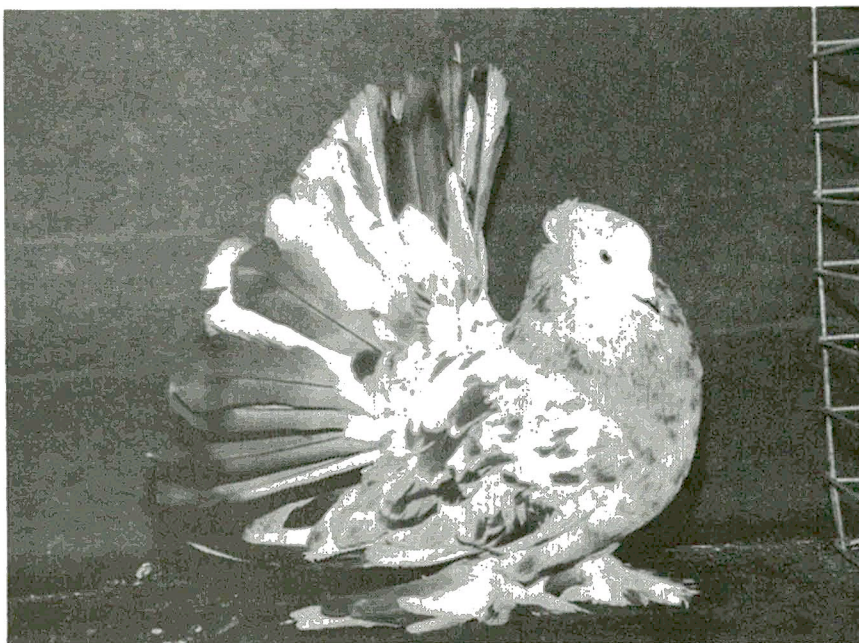
by DAVID RUBLE,
Clifton, Tenn.

Unfortunately, I am in the process of moving. My books are packed so I can't give a page number but somewhere in Wendell Levi's *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF PIGEON BREEDS* there is a picture of a bird with a Chinese whistle attached to its tail. For years I couldn't figure out what it was supposed to be. The text didn't explain.

But just the other day I was watching a show about Chinese domestic animals on the Discovery channel and they showed a large kit of pigeons flying with whistles attached. Each one played a different note but not continuously, only when the bird was in the right position. Luckily my VCR was recording so I can re-watch it anytime.

I try to enjoy the pigeon hobby to the fullest by exercising every aspect. This is something new that I would like to try but know nothing about. Would somebody give me any information that they have, or maybe write an article about it.

My address is: David Ruble, Rt. 2, Box 300 A-1, Clifton, Tenn. 38425.



Five winner Almond cock, 88-MSI-115, bred and owned by Ken McCoy, San Saba, Texas. — Photo by Garry Glissmeyer, Colorado Springs, Colo.

1989-1990 IFCA Hall of Fame Bird

by GARRY GLISSMEYER, IFCA Publicity Director

Congratulations to breeder and exhibitor Ken McCoy, San Saba, Texas, for mixing the right gene pool to produce the Almond Cock 88MSI115 . . . a bird judged as a winner by five different judges during 1988! Almond #115 won more points in 1988 than any other bird: 232 points. This total was enough to carry him for the rolling two year period to out-point all other birds shown during the 1988 or 1989 season. His record:

Conroe Classic - 2nd Reserve; Grand Prairie, TX - 2nd Reserve; St. Louis Classic - Best of Color; NYBS, Louisville - 1st Reserve; and Grand National, Peoria - 1st Reserve.

As you can see, Ken travelled to a variety of shows to make sure #115 had a chance to show and win. Ken says #115 was never beaten in the Almond Class during 1988. I had a chance to see #115 at the Salt Lake City Grand National, and he is a dandy. Most impressive is his almond color and the even break. He was finally edged out of his winning streak by a Darrold Mueller Almond at Salt Lake; nevertheless, this was and is an impressive Indian Fantail.

Ken reports #115 was bred out of a blind-in-one-eye almond hen, obtained

from Steve Barnhart, and a richly colored "kite" cock, sired from another winning almond cock #373 (1986 NYBS 1st Reserve Champion). Although the "kite" was from a winning cock, Ken explained he was not a show-quality bird, nor was the blind-eye, Barnhart hen, but both parents possessed good genetic lineage and qualities that balanced each other. He felt at least one youngster from this pair would "have it all" . . . and voila, one did . . . #115!

Were better Indians shown during 1988-1989, sure — some of them won Champion over #115 but apparently they were either one-time winners (Champions) or their breeders didn't show them enough to accumulate the 232 points #115 did . . . frequency of being shown is a must for any bird to win enough Master Breeder points to become a Hall of Fame bird . . . one that shows and CONSISTENTLY. Any bird, good Indian, can take its class or even higher on the right day, but not all birds show consistently and are awarded wins under a variety of conditions and judges . . . so congrats to Ken for breeding such a winner and congrats to #115 for showing well so many times.

Dove Talk

by GEORGE A. SCHUTT,
Madison, Tenn.

It seems like only last month we started the breeding season, now it's over. Those July birds hatching have a hard time. I checked a pair of young birds that were one month old. They were half the size they should have been. Doves hatching this late just don't do as good as birds hatching early in the year. As the weather gets hotter doves drink more water. Then when they feed the young they are getting more water. This cuts down on their feed intake causing them to be weaker and smaller.

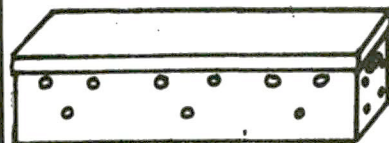
October is not far away. Everyone is getting in high gear for the Young Bird Show at Louisville. This is a one day show, but many people have been working months earlier, to get it going.

We hope to have another record breaking Dove show this year. Each year we keep growing, and this year should be another good one.

The show is on Saturday but Friday is just as busy as Saturday. Friday is the day when everyone gets to talk to old friends and listen to Dove stories. Saturday everyone is busy with the show. There is just not much time to talk.

If you have never made the National Young Bird Show, try this year. When you've left the show area on Saturday afternoon, you will say it was worth the trip.

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Getting together at the Empire Show (l.-r.) Joe Pellegrino, Kuti Aharon (Israel), Alex Rawson, Michael Seiler and Gabe Ronga. — Photo from Alex Rawson, Staten Island, N.Y.

Show Flights In Israel

by KUTI AHARON, Truman, Israel

In the last five years I visited the U.S.A., a few times each year to conduct my business there. Although business comes before pleasure, I decided to combine both whenever possible. So after finishing five work days, I took out my little notebook which had the name Alex Rawson that I wrote in a few years ago when I saw him judge our annual pigeon show in Israel. Some of us fanciers, including myself, wanted to keep in touch with this talented pigeon man. We never know when we are to visit America and we felt he is a good contact to have when we go. Knowing that Alex Rawson lives on Staten Island, a part of New York, I called information for his phone number and address. From this point things became easy. My next visit to New York found me calling Alex. When he answered the phone I introduced myself as an Israeli business man and pigeon fancier of Fantails, Barbs, and some Middle Eastern varieties. I next found myself in Alex's lovely home having a roast chicken lunch. After this great meal I finally sat down with Alex to talk pigeons. The knowledge he showed stimulated me and hours later I finally got to see his pigeons. I was disappointed not to find breeds I am familiar with but found myself truly intrigued by my introduction to Alex's Domestic Show Flights. I knew then that this American breed must come back with me to the Holy Land. Since I am a fairly good pigeon judge myself I asked Alex to explain to me the good and bad points of every Flight I picked up. I went over the standard with him

and found myself quickly understanding the beauty and challenge of this interesting breed of pigeon. I told him of my interest and to my surprise he let me choose two pair of his best birds to take home with me. I was very happy to be able to start this way. I find American fanciers very nice.

Then I had to buy some Jacobins. Alex introduced me to John Malazia where I got two good pairs of these. I also found that John had some Domestics too. From him I got two more pairs of these. Through Alex I then met Michael Seiler and Phil Salmeri of the Empire S.F. Tumbler Club. Phil then took me to meet Sam Inzano upstate N.Y., where I bought four more teagers. I enjoyed Sam and his form of pigeon business. All in all I found that I had some 30 pigeons to take back to Israel. I was happy with these.

John Malazia let me have a Flight that was a recent cross from an English L.F.C.L. Tumbler. I liked this bird because of its resemblance to the standard type sketch that Alex gave me with the beautiful round head and thick neck.

I safely brought these birds to Truman, Israel, where I live on a Moshav which is part of a farming group named after President Harry Truman. My address is a settlement 25 minutes from Jerusalem and 20 minutes from Tel-Aviv where we have a big city.

I must thank all the friendly pigeon men I met who were so nice to me in America. Especially Mike Seiler, Phil Salmeri, Joe Pellegrino of the Empire S.F. Club, John Malazia and of course

the American Pigeon Ambassador who was so nice and helpful to me, Alex Rawson.

I must report that my Mideast pigeon friends, both Jew and Arab, have been particularly impressed by the shiny white eyes and rosy long beaks of the American Domestic Flight. I have had many offers for them. But after one breeding season under the tutelage of Alex Rawson, I have, after culling many, assembled 12 pairs of these beauties. I find myself still working for the bigger rounder head, the straight set thin beak and the shorter straight legs that excite Alex and now me of all people.

I have some good ones and will start off a few interested fanciers here so we have competition. If the New York Club Secretary could send me some up-to-date standards it would be a big help.

Kuti Aharon, Moshav Kefar, Truman No. 21, Israel 73150.

When I'm not on duty with our Army, I will be happy to correspond. I come to America every year. Thanks to Alex, I'm now a subscriber to the American Pigeon Journal and will be in touch with my newly acquired American pigeon fancier friends. Shalom.

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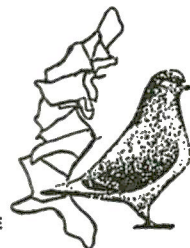
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War Birds Remembered

by JEROME J. PRATT, Sierra Vista, Calif.

One June 6, 1944, 600 homing pigeons settled to lofts in Plymouth, England accompanied our troops ashore on the Normandy beaches. The first information and photographic film to reach England and the rest of the world on the progress of the invasion came by pigeon. However, 80 of those 600 birds were strapped to the chests of paratroopers and only four of them made it back to England; none carrying messages, but three of the four birds were stained with the blood of their paratrooper partners.

Soon after World War II, facsimile equipment which could be carried into the field was developed and the pigeon became obsolete in the military forces as a means of communication. Its heroic deeds were soon forgotten. In a November 1979 AMERICAN PIGEON JOURNAL article I wrote: "We must face up to reality and accept the fact that the military pigeon is destined to join the dinosaur in oblivion."

But since the military pigeons' reunion held in concert with the 1989 American Racing Pigeon Union Convention in Milwaukee there seems to have been a resurrection of an effort to preserve the military pigeon's role in communication history. A dedication ceremony at the Milwaukee County was Memorial Center during the reunion focused new attention on the birds and the men who flew them in combat. A portrait and plaque were unveiled to commemorate the great achievement of "G.I. Joe," a hero pigeon. G.I. Joe, an American bird was awarded the Dicken Medal by the British Government for saving the lives of 1,000 of their troops in Italy during World War II. This has caused many to recall the important role homing pigeons have played in military communications since the dawn of civilization.

An article titled, "Pigeoneers," appeared in the April 1990 issue of SOLDIER, the U.S. Army official magazine. It reviews my experience in the Army Pigeon Service during World War II, with a bit going back to the first World War and the phase-out of the military pigeon communication system. In conclusion it states: "Though the pigeon has flown into history, alongside the Army mule, low-tech solutions to common problems have a way of coming back. Witness pack-mule training at Fort Huachuca for third-world mountains. So, don't give up, birdmen. Those feathers may rise again." The author of the

article was a public affairs officer at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

Shortly after the above article appeared I heard from Lieutenant General Alonzo E. Short, commander of the Army's Information Systems Command. The general said he was invited to speak at a communications convention. He was told they didn't want him to speak about his high-tech "Buck Rogers" stuff, but something down to earth they could all understand. General Short said he got out his copy of my book "Courageous Couriers" and prepared a talk on pigeon communication from it.

To have someone in General Short's position recognize the important role the homing pigeon had played in our combat and defense scheme says a great deal for the bird's ability. The Information Systems Command is the largest military communications agency in the world, with 40,000 military and civilian personnel in 15 countries.

To help preserve this history, the American Racing Pigeon Union has made a video from films I had copied from the originals in the files of the National Archives. It includes footage of activities in both World Wars. I recently loaned my copy of the video to the Chief of Animal Medicine in the Army Surgeon General's office to be viewed by veterinarians. General Short has also asked me to get a copy for the Information Systems Command archives.

The British used 16,554 pigeons in what they called special-service mis-

sions. Many of these birds were parachuted behind enemy lines and involved in downed aircraft rescues. Like their American comrades their glory soon faded when the war ended. However, in 1983, the birds got some publicity when Harold Catchpole decided to take the Dicken Medal one of his father's pigeons had been awarded for gallantry to Christie's Auction to be sold. The medal had been awarded to a bird named "Murcury" which had been air-dropped into Denmark. Murcury made a flight of 480 miles across the North Sea on July 30, 1942, with a message from the Danish resistance.

When Christie's accepted the medal it was thought it might bring 75 pounds or about \$120 at the time. However, interest was shown when the bidding commenced and it finally brought \$7,750. It was bought by the Louis Massarella family to present to the Royal Racing Pigeon Association.

It has been said "Old Soldiers never die, they just fade away." Pigeoneers seemed to have faded away and are now experiencing a rebirth of attention.

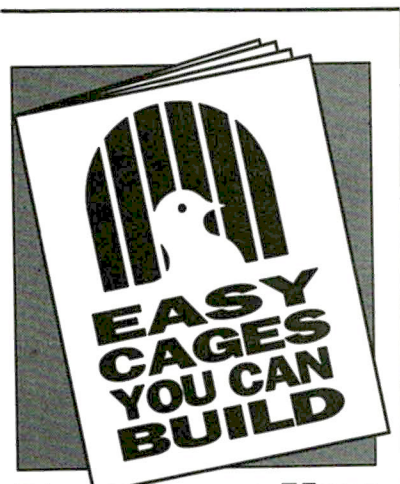


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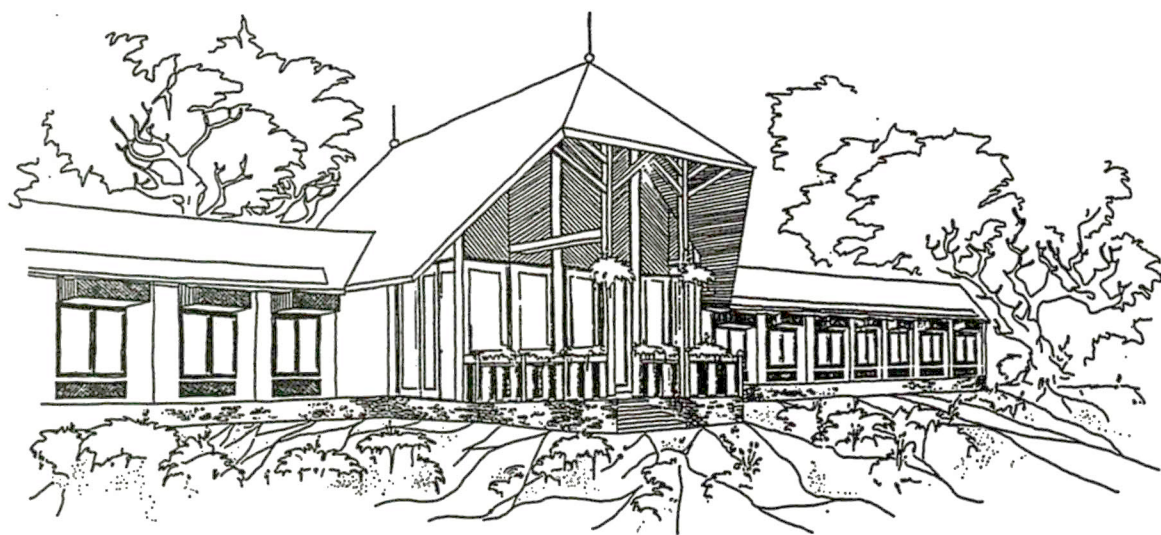
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The Alfonz Anker International Homing Pigeon Test Farm established in July 1990 in Hungary.

Initiatives In Homing Pigeon Sport In Hungary

by DR. LÁSZLÓ LOVAS AND ISTVÁN SZÁPPANOS
(Translated by Dr. Belá K. Király, Highland Lakes, N.Y.)

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The Faculty of Animal Science of the PANNON University at Kaposvár is the main center of the education and research of animal husbandry in Hungary. Its reputation rests in great degree upon the activities and achievements of Alfonz Anker who worked here in the last phase of his life between 1962 and 1979. This world-famous animal geneticist had made his name mainly among hog breeders through the raising of the KA-HYB hybrid hogs, as well as through creation of the hybridization theory, but of course his contribution to theories of pigeon breeding is very important also.

Among the Hungarian homing pigeon breeders the name of Alfonz Anker is now more prominent than it was any time during his life. The descendants of the Western European pigeon stocks bred by him have got into several pigeon lofts and have become the foundation of

many excellent new breeds.

Alfonz Anker had published his breeding conceptions in his book **FLYING CROSS PUZZLES**, published in several languages with the assistance of Steven van Breemen, a Dutch breeder (*Die Kunst des Zuchtens, De Kunst van het kweken*). With our initiatives we wish to keep the memory of our beloved master, Alfonz Anker alive.

I. HOMING CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

In 1989, we established the **ANKER ALFONZ NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP** with the generous support of our University's President, Dr. Peter Horn. Our purpose was to develop a more up-to-date national championship system which presses the value of quality breeding better than the regional championship system did. Yet the latter is still the most preferred form of races in Hungary.

In Hungary, the 4,500 homing pigeon breeders are working in 18 districts. The districts organize each year 9 main races for old pigeons for the distances of 250-900 km. For a race, the number of approximately 2,000 pigeons is typical. The total distance of the routes

are 4,000 - 5,000 km. Those are the winners of the district races who make the best scores with at least 10 pigeons per race.

The main disadvantages of the district championship system are:

- The race program consisting of 9 routes of about 500 km is in international comparison rather stiff.

- The participants in the race may not leave out any route.

- This system inspires the keeping of big stocks.

- It does not appreciate properly those individual pigeons which represent the highest value.

In contrast, by the invitation to participate in the **ALFONZ ANKER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE** we wanted to ensure the same chances for everybody, by the following regulations:

- One can enter the race with a team of maximum 30 pigeons, all entered prior to the first race.

- The quality pigeons (those ones which arrive among the first 1 percent of the pigeons sent) make the scores only.

- Only the most successful five routes are computed but the minimal average

Starting point of the race	Brno (1)		Prague I. (1)		Magdeburg (2)		(1) Prague III.		(1) Prague IV.		Notes The average distances of the chosen routes was 491 km. (1) Czechoslovakia (2) Germany
Distance (km)	283		468		767		468		468		
Date of race: 1989	27th May		10th June		1st July		8th July		22nd July		
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	3.	6172-87-1087	9.	6172-87-1056	14.	6171-83-1797	9.	6172-87-1086	9.	6172-87-1085	

distance of the routes must be 450 km.

•The first three pigeons collect the scores per route.

Hereupon, we have no possibility to explain all the advantages of the Alfonz Anker National Championship in detail, we show instead in the attached schedule the results of one breeder (Istvan Steinmann) who won the championship in 1989.

II. INTERNATIONAL HOMING PIGEON TEST FARM

The other novelty of the PANNON University is the ALFONZ ANKER INTERNATIONAL HOMING PIGEON - TEST FARM, established in July 1990. The idea for this establishment was suggested by Steven van Breemen, a breeder in Hilversum. The farm is suitable for the testing of young homing pigeons. It will provide a home for 560 birds. It consists of two loft wings of 7 sections each, with 40 young pigeons per section. The service rooms have been built between the wings (see illustration).

We intend to stock the farm with the pigeons of the best Hungarian racers as well as those of foreign breeders. A breeder can send 1 or 2 pigeons each. The entry fee amounts to 200 Deutch Mark per pigeon. The entry intention should be sent to the following address:

PANNON AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, Dr. László Lovas, Kaposvár, 7401 P.O. B. 16, Hungary, Phone: 82/14-155, Telex: 13-308, Telefax: 36 82 20175.

Upon the registration and acceptance of the entry we shall send the test bands before May 1, 1991 for the banding of the young. The 21-28 days old nestlings must be sent to the above address between May 20 and June 10, 1991.

Apart from the Hungarian applicants, this year we have already received entries from many Dutch breeders and some from Thailand to mention two only. It would be a great pleasure for us to get pigeons from the United States, too. Upon their arrival the nestlings will be bred and trained further on in June - August on the basis of a uniform technology. They will take part in four races in August and September at the distances of 180, 260, 320 kilometers, and between September 28 and 30 at 400 kilometers.

For the last race: a three day long program we welcome everybody - participants as well as those interested in racing. The last part of the program will be the auction of pigeons. The half of the purchase money will be given to the breeders. Apart from it, the best pigeons will be rewarded with money prizes and

valuable trophies. The half of the entry fees will be used to cover the management's expenses. The best pigeon may receive the tenfold of the entry fee.

Besides the prizes, the breeders will have the chance in this way to get acquainted with each other, and they can obtain many good pigeons at the auction, non negligible bonuses.

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Questions & Answers

by CLAIR HETLAND, Golden Valley, Minn.

Question: What do you think of the new Paratyphoid Vaccine? And the price?

Answer: When I first heard that Paratyphoid vaccine would be back on the market at over \$100.00 a vial of 100 dose I was astounded. I told the company making it that it would be something I would stock but I felt no one would buy it. Well, they finally did reduce the price to a point that I could sell it for \$69.00 a vial. Still a very high price, although they did suggest I could charge \$89.00 a bottle. We also now have 50 dose vials.

Well the vaccine is selling at this time slowly but surely. The people who are willing to vaccinate realize that the product cost about \$2.00 per year per bird for protection from Paratyphoid. The people who are vaccinating feel that protection from a disease that is a terrible problem for them can be managed with this product.

I know there are many fanciers who have just given up on a breed of pigeons because they could not cope with Paratyphoid.

The old manufacturer of this vaccine could not stay in business at \$20.00 per vial. They went bankrupt. The new company may do it too because they have gone too far the other way. They can't understand why a fancier isn't willing to spend this amount on their flock. They talk about plans for other vaccines for other unprotected diseases. The notion that by selling their product might encourage them to do work on vaccines for pigeons is the big reason I am supporting this company by selling their product.

I feel that they will learn how to price merchandise for sale because they know before they can make money they must have sales.

I have not vaccinated in my loft yet. I have taken the vaccine home twice with good intentions to vaccinate but on both occasions I have had fanciers call me on a Sunday and want the vaccine right now.

A friend of mine with 50 pair of imported racing homers that cost him over \$30,000.00 didn't want to spend the money on vaccine. Well, he was the one that showed up at my door on Sunday.

Last winter when the old vaccine manufacture was telling us all those stories of why they didn't have the vaccine, I was hearing from our customers all about how well the vaccine worked. I couldn't believe how good it was working, until it couldn't be had. Now I know the product helps.

Question: What do you think of the new BIRD nest pigeon mailer?

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The NEST is well designed with compartments for eight birds. I have never sent eight birds in a crate and I wouldn't dare try it. But the eight compartments add strength to the box. I have used this box several times with good results. Its strongest point might be that fanciers can easily see where the air comes and goes so they won't be likely to poke more holes and destroy the purpose of the box.

A problem I can see with this box is with eight compartments it will be easy to overload these boxes. Remember with both the NEST and the MBC the real problem is heat. On a hot day eight birds are going to arrive dead. Same for the MBC if it's overloaded. I think over the next year you will see comparisons between the two products. It is important that you read all the instructions that come with both products as to pounds of birds on a given day. If it's 90 degrees, two might be too many.

Information Please!

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"Are We Winning the War on Whorls?"

<Whorls in General>

What in the world is a Whorl? To pigeon fanciers, it is the word or term used, in a general sense, to describe a 'cow-lick' expression of feathers on a pigeon. A swirling or fan-like appearance with a visible or an anticipated center. Card-sharks display a portion of a whorl when they expertly fan a deck of cards in one hand.

Classic examples of whorling in pigeons can be found in the hood of a Jacobin or the rosette on the forehead of a Bokhara Trumpeter. The 'cow-lick' appearance in each case is a complete circle. But, other examples of feather whorling, in varying degrees of completeness, also exist on pigeons.

A verbal description of whorling is a difficult task; so . . . try to follow along cautiously and perhaps some new light may be shed on the subject. Hopefully, a new door to a better understanding will be opened?

The present day general consensus seems to be that whorled feathers grow in reversed or partially reversed positions. In my opinion, that description is not accurate enough. Yet, it is not entirely incorrect because some feathers

appear growing exactly 180 degrees in the opposite direction.

To begin the discussion, it seems pertinent to reconfirm the obvious; i.e., that all the feathers on a normal pigeon grow in contour with the body from the head to the tail. Pin feathers can also be seen growing out of the skin in that normal fashion; i.e., pointing toward the tail-end of the bird.

Further, the feathers grow in restricted areas called 'pterylae' or feather tracts. Areas where feathers do not grow are called 'apteria'. For example: the 'featherless' tract which borders and includes the breast bone or keel is called the 'sternal apterium.' This is the area that brooding birds touch to their eggs and is often called the 'brood patch.' This featherless tract extends from the upper crop to the vent. There is a similar featherless tract on the mid-line of the back, as well as in other areas on the skin. A close inspection of a squab in pin feathers should reveal areas of where feathers do and do not grow.

The Crest

In discussing whorls, the 'peak crest' offers a good place to begin. To most, a peak crest doesn't appear as a product of whorling. But, after extensive fumbling around, trying to examine pin feathers

and whorled plumages, my impressions convinced me that crests are products of whorls.

Now, if we carefully and thoughtfully examine a peak crest, it becomes quite clear that the feathers on the neck are increasingly twisted and raised upward and inward, away from the back of the neck. That is to say . . . the feathers on the lower end of the neck and upper back are nearly in their normal position and progressing upward to the back of the head they progressively increase their twisting, angular direction upward and inward.

The peak of the crest possesses the feathers with the greatest degree of divergence from the normal contour arrangement of feathers. It is important to point out that feathers involved in a peak crest are not reversed, but are gradually increasing in their reversal of direction from the back of the neck to the peak. Even the feathers at the summit of the peak are not reversed yet.

However when we examine a fully expressed shell crest, as in the Komorner Tumbler, we find that the feathers involving the shell portion of the crest are dramatically turned upward. These feathers might be considered 'reversed' because they display the 'true underside' of the feathers 'inside' the shell. Normal neck feathers display an iridescent reddish-green on their surface. The 'outer shell' feathers display an iridescence implying that the feather has completely been turned into a reversed position at the top of the crest.

(To assist the reader, references will be made to photos in W.M. Levi's book, "Encyclopedia of Pigeon Breeds.") Compare the non-iridescent 'inner shell' (Bokhara Trumpeter, Fig. 526, p. 504) with the lustrous iridescence of the 'outer shell' (German Double-Crested Trumpeter, Fig. 537, p. 515). This iridescent sheen can be seen on the back of a shell crest but not on the inner shell confirming that the feather has been twisted around. This sheen is also visible on the neck feathers involving the peak crest, (Koros Tumbler, Fig. 675, p. 645).

It must be pointed out that in a fully developed shell crest, we can often see the visual 'center' of a whorl someplace below the back of the head or upper neck, beneath the eye. From that center (or rose) all the feathers are gradually twisted into a swirl or whorl.

The feathers near the head are shorter than on the neck, therefore, the shell appears to stop at the center of the whorl on the side of the head. The small feathers at the anterior (front) edge of the

whorl are twisted to almost a full turn or 360 degrees, (white German Double-Crested Trumpeter, Fig. 538, p. 515). They are not simply reversed as the unexplained word might suggest but are gradually twisted and rotated.

It is important to recognize that the crest, either shell or peak, is comprised of feathers merging from both sides of the bird. It is of utmost importance to understand that the feathers on the right side of the bird, swirl into a clockwise rotation. That is . . . they gradually twist and rotate clockwise increasingly upward into relatively reversed positions. Whereas the feathers on the left side are swirled into a counter-clockwise direction. The opposite directions of the swirls merge at the median line and produce a crest.

The Rosette

The full circular rosette of the Bokhara Trumpeter appears to be a single entity. It isn't! It is basically derived from two halves merging at the median line. It is not a single whorl but a combined affect from two partially expressed whorls. The feathers at the back (posterior) of the rosette are rotated 360 degrees, those on the sides are rotated 270 degrees and those in front (anterior) are rotated 180 degrees (reversed?). Each half (right and left) have opposite rotations (right = clockwise and left = counter-clockwise) and together each half compliments the other in the display of a uniform looking rosette.

This directional rotation of feathers can be seen in the 'crop frill' of the Oriental Frill and the Chinese Owl. The vertical frill on the crop of the Oriental Frill is produced by the rotation of feathers along the edge of the apterium. Those feathers on the right half are rotated clockwise in varying degrees. Feathers on the left are rotated counter-clockwise.

The Chinese Owl has a vastly expanded version of the frilled neck. The close examination of the horizontal breast frill will reveal the rotation of feathers found in the vertical frill. Feathers at the sides of the breast frill gradually rotate outward and then gradually upward toward the upper portion of the frill. The feathers at the top of the frill, at the median line, are rotated 180 degrees (reversed). The contour of the feathers clearly indicate that they belong in a downward position.

The Collar

At first glance the 'collar' of the Chinese Owl, appears to be a product of the extended breast frill which rotates feathers on the upper neck. However,

close examination will reveal that well defined whorls on either side of the anterior upper neck merge and produce the neck collar. Examination of these feathers suggest that those forming the 'V' beneath the bill have been rotated 180 degrees outward and upward. The iridescence on these feathers indicates that they are growing with their normal surface facing outward, (blue check Chinese Owl hen, Fig. 318, p. 311). The extended collar may display feathers, that have been rotated less than 180 degrees, to the back of the head.

The Hood

The hood, mane and chain of the Jacobin (Fig. 193, p.195) comprise the most distinguished whorl(s) found in domestic pigeons! It appears that the center, or rose, of the whorl is located on the side of the neck in a place where the complete swirl of its long feathers can be expressed equally in all directions.

It is important to realize that the Jacobin's very long feathers are perhaps the most important element in the production of the hood which is thought to be a modification of the crest. As in whorls sometimes displayed at the bases of other shell crests, feathers at the front of the rose are rotated beyond 180 degrees and project forward. The hood appears to be a combination of a modified crest and very long feathers. There is a possibility that the collar, as found in Chinese Owls, may also be involved?

Other Forms

There are many other forms of whorls and twisted feathers expressed in several breeds. Some forms are found in mongrels or occur somewhat spontaneously in bonafied breeds. For example: I had an indigo checked Racing Homer hen that displayed ruffles on the insides of its legs which were quite visible in given situations. Some other rather well known whorl-like forms are: 'eyebrows' (Fig. 655, p. 626), 'nasal-tuft' (Fig. 558, p. 535), 'sideburns' (Fig. 804, p. 766) and 'pantaloons' of Chinese Owls (Fig. 319, p. 312).

The Capuchine (Fig. 68, p. 91), and the Mane Pigeon (Fig. 291, p. 289), both express a modified crest approaching that of the Jacobin. The Saint (Fig. 431, p. 418) and the Lenardo (Fig. 233, p. 230) are attempts to develop new breeds from crosses involving the Jacobin. Concerning the Lenardo, Levi states . . . "This breed is an interesting example of an asymmetrical character, which is a rarity in nature."

The extremely 'curled' feathers of

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the Frillback (Fig. 123, p. 137) and the slightly curled or 'fluted' feathers of the Ptarmigan (Fig. 415, p. 403) are not the results of whorling.

Conclusions

It is not the aim of this discussion to describe all the whorling that occurs in domestic pigeons but rather to enlighten others of what seems to be a valid observation which suggests that all the feathers involved in a 'whorl' have a directional twisting rotation, relevant to the side of the bird. Whorls on the right half of the bird rotate clockwise and those on the left half rotate counter-clockwise.



Squab Producer's Forum

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HOW TO PREVENT DISEASES IN PIGEON LOFTS

Pigeons are susceptible to several communicable diseases such as pigeon pox, canker, Salmonellosis, PMV-1, Mycoplasma, etc. These diseases are caused by small living cells (microorganisms). These organisms grow and multiply rapidly under proper conditions. Common places for these organisms to live in the pigeon lofts are in the litter, nests, feed and water.

Transmission of pigeon diseases involves transport of disease producing organisms from one host to another. Transmission can be either:

1. Direct contact, inhalation, ingestion or injection.
2. Indirect routes involving intermediary such as humans, animals, feed, water, equipment, vehicles and vectors, or all of the above.

Basic control procedures for pigeon diseases center around the interruption of the cycle of transmission. Microbes are killed both by chemical and physical means. For instance, drying, sunlight, and extremes of temperature help to destroy microbes.

Many organisms soon die if merely deprived of moisture, while other kinds can withstand drying for long periods. Exposure to direct sunlight is an important way to kill microbes. Sufficient exposure will destroy the most resistant types.

Several chemicals (such as disinfectants)

Anyone serious about solving the mysteries of whorling should be prepared to face frustration. Breeding results are sometimes confusing. It would seem that the combination of the Chinese Owl's collar and the Komorner Tumbler's shell crest may be capable of producing a short Jacobin-like hood. On the surface, this would seem easily settled with a couple of Komorner x Chinese Owl crosses and a large production of their F2's. Good luck! And don't forget to report the results, even if it isn't what you expect.

ants) are used to destroy microbes. A number of products are available on the market carrying different trade names. Organisms are also destroyed by certain gases such as formaldehyde. Some organisms are resistant to disinfectants and gases.

CLEANING THE PIGEON LOFT

1. Clean the pigeon loft thoroughly before using any chemicals.
2. Take out all movable equipment from the pens.
3. Scrape off all dried material from nests, walls, floor and equipment.
4. Sweep down all dust and cobwebs.
5. Scrub and wash down the partitions, nests and adjoining walls with hot water.
6. Apply some good disinfectant with a sprayer.
7. Return the equipment and interior fixtures after they have been properly cleaned and disinfected.
8. Do not apply a disinfectant to a surface that has not been previously thoroughly cleaned.

NOTE: Use of disinfectants should not take the place of cleaning. The action of disinfectants may be neutralized or rendered useless by mixing with organic material.

SANITARY PRECAUTIONS

Much can be done to control losses from diseases on squab farms by simple methods, including:

1. Keep new breeding stock in an isolated location for at least 30 days

before they are placed with other stock because disease is very often introduced into a flock by new stock.

2. Place "absolutely no visitors" signs and restrict the movement of shipping crates, feed cages, humans and vehicles to your pigeon farm.

3. Screen all openings or windows and doors with 1" mesh wire to keep out wild birds.

4. Control rodent and insect populations with proper methods.

5. Clean nests and pen litter as often as practical and dispose of the manure in a proper manner. Anything about the premises that attracts flies or provides suitable breeding conditions for them is a menace.

6. Use suitable methods to dispose of carcasses of dead birds.

7. Avoid any wet spots in the nests and on pen floor. In warm weather, such wet spots are ideal for worm eggs and disease organisms.

8. Do not feed the pigeons by throwing feed on the litter. Many diseases and internal parasites are commonly spread through droppings.

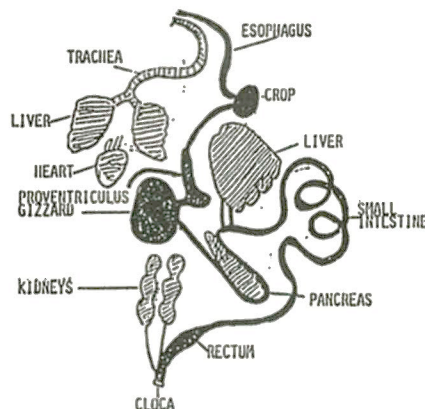
9. Provide adequate fresh air through proper ventilation.

DIAGNOSIS OF DISEASES

When pigeons are sick, you need to know quickly what brought on the condition and what should be done to cure or prevent it from happening again.

A diagnosis or study of the external signs is first necessary; afterward, a postmortem examination may be advisable. If you do not have the facilities or the training to do this, I would advise that you turn such work over to a trained veterinarian or diagnostic lab.

HOW TO MAKE AN EXTERNAL EXAMINATION



When examining the external signs of sick pigeons, consider the following points:

1. Know what a healthy pigeon's head looks like, as compared with one that is not healthy.

2. Know the normal condition of flesh. Loss of flesh or condition is an important sign.

3. Look for external parasites on the feathers or skin. Sick birds usually show ruffled feathers.

4. Examine the legs, feet, body fat and body skin for unusual conditions.

5. Examine for deformities, injuries, or other abnormal conditions of the body or possible infection such as sores, cancer, frost-bite, injuries, etc.

6. Note the condition of the droppings. Many pigeon diseases affect the droppings in one way or another; most often by causing diarrhea.

HOW TO MAKE A POST MORTEM EXAMINATION

A post-mortem examination (autopsy) takes only a few minutes and may be a valuable supplement to external examination in arriving at a diagnosis.

1. Find a table or a box of convenient height and place it either outside or in a room where there is good light.

2. Secure a butchers' knife, a small sharp pocket knife or a pair of scissors.

3. Spread a few layers of newspapers on the table, then place the dead pigeon on it with the back down and the feet toward you.

4. Hold the end of the keel-bone with the left hand, and with the right hand, cut the skin and flesh of the body from the thigh on the right side ground, just about the vent to the thigh on the left side.

5. Peel back the skin over the breast-bone to the crop.

6. Break down the leg-bones at the hips so that they will lay flat on the table and will be out of the way.

7. Hold the keel-bone firmly with the left hand and then break the back downward with the right hand. This will expose all the internal organs.

8. Cut or carefully tear the tissues which hold the intestines in position and spread them out near the body.

9. Examine the vital organs in an orderly way:

A. Begin with the liver and spleen because they are close together. Examine these organs and note any abnormality in size, shape, color, consistency or texture.

B. Next examine the lungs and heart located near the front of the body.

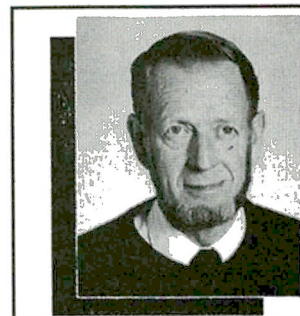
C. After looking at the crop, proventriculus and gizzard, the ovaries, ovi-

duct and kidneys are inspected in female pigeons. The kidneys are imbedded in the back of the bird toward the rear end of the carcass.

D. Lastly, the intestines are opened full length for evidence of worms or

inflammation.

NOTE: To get the most out of an autopsy you should be familiar with the appearance and condition of the organs in a healthy pigeon.



Bits & Pieces

from the research notes of
Joe Quinn

"It must be remembered that what is frequently mistaken in birds for a knee bent the wrong way, is in reality the bird's heel." — Thoreau 1855

"You know it's really over when you find the shot in some of your 12 gauge shotgun shells have been replaced by what appears to be your missing futurity pigeon bands."

"The female Spotted Dove (*Streptopelia chinensis*) sits very close on her nest, but if forced from it she will at times fly, or in fact throw herself down on the ground in front of the intruder and will mimic before his astonished gaze all the actions and efforts of a wounded bird trying to escape its pursuers, and thus endeavor to turn the intruder from the nest." — Baker 1913

Homing pigeon confirmed their entire lives and released at 200 miles: "all birds made headway home. One half were clearly enroute or on line when recovery was made, and one bird out of 19 actually made it home. It took two and one-half days." — Kramer and St. Paul 1954

"There ain't anymore room on the outside of a Duk [sic] for enny [sic] more feathers." — Josh Billings

"Mr. Harrison in 1873 in an account book kept for thirty-eight weeks, and when the figures came to be worked out, it was that each pair of birds consumed, on the average, 1 lb. 13 oz. of feed, or rather over a pint per week." — Quoted by Baker 1913

"When it became obvious that the Passenger Pigeon had become extinct in

the wild, hosts of people with captive birds tossed them up to be shot, trying for the honor of being listed for history as the person who shot the last one of this marvelous species." — Quinn, Bird World 1982

"Swans are mainly peace-loving birds. They fight for territory and to protect their nest and brood. An aggressive parent swan may kill anything from a dog to a small waterfowl should it interfere with its territorial right or its brood. But, being a vegetarian, it will not eat its victims, however small." — S.B. Wilmore 1979

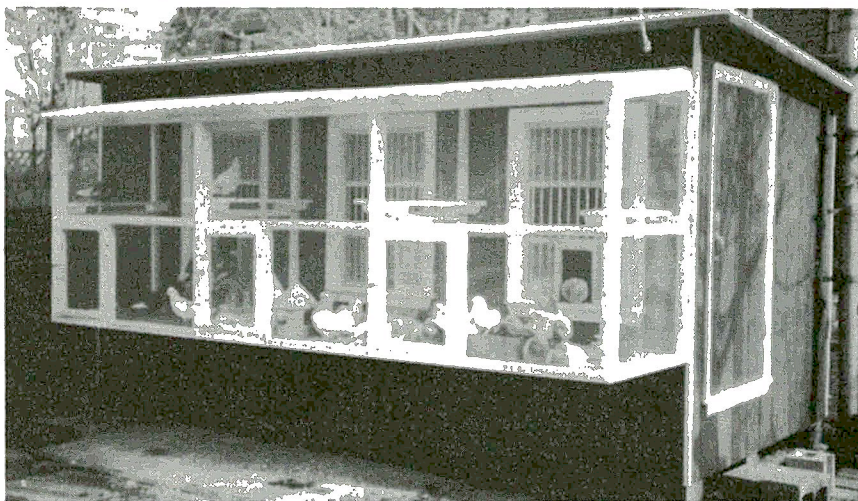
"The population of Tumbler breeders in and around Los Angeles, California, is very dense." — Folklore

"Even a single gene in the homozygous state can determine whether the animal will live or die, be ill or well, fertile or sterile, valuable or useless, a respectable representative of its breed, or an outcast." — F.B. Hutt 1964

"The Band-tailed pigeon has bright, chrome yellow legs. In this feature they resemble the Bengal, Burmese and Southern Green Pigeons." — P.G.N.L. 1974

"In general, all that progeny testing involves is the establishing of the breeding value of a bird BEFORE it is too widely used in flock development. It should allow the bird being tested an opportunity to produce several progeny from different matings (including its own offspring) and these offspring should be judged in reference to the qualities you are breeding for." — Quinn 1971

Pigeonholes Loft Ideas For You



The loft of Emil Piergiorgi, Jackson Heights, New York.

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by EMIL PIERGIORGI,
Jackson Heights, N.Y.

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The new coop is 14 feet long by 7 feet wide by 6 1/2 feet high with a breeding section, a pumper section and a young bird section. The screen is 12 feet long by 4 feet high.

Thanks again John, the hobby needs more people like you.

An inside view of Emil Piergiorgi's loft.

A Good Starter Loft

by GARY LIEN,
Lincoln, Nebr.

My loft measures 4'x6' with a 3'x4' flypen, the walls and roof were built separate then bolted together for easy disassembly.

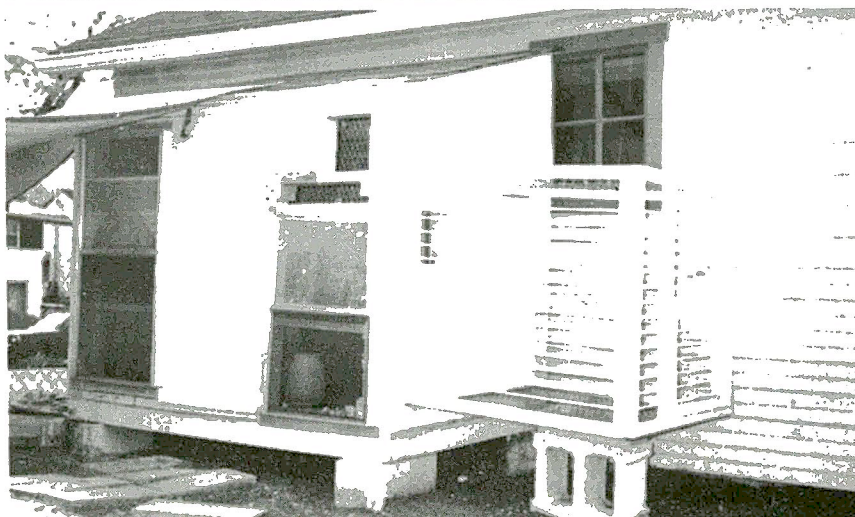
I use V-shape perches with nesting boxes along one wall.

All birds stay together and nesting boxes removed when not in use.

This set-up has worked great for me and easy to take care of. I think it would also make a good starter loft.

Cost was a little over \$100.00.

The loft of Gary Lien, Lincoln, Nebr.



Organizations



Northwest Pigeon Fanciers Club Update

by VERLE KIRK, Publicity, Vancouver, Wash.

Northwest Pigeon Fanciers of the Portland, Oregon/Vancouver, Washington area wish to report that the club is healthy and the membership is growing and enjoying club activities. Several new members have been added, plus some former members have returned to share their expertise and keep the Club strong. Thanks to each of them, new or renewed.

The club has recently participated in the All American Pet Fair, a show held at the Multnomah County Expo Center in Portland. We had a 20' booth in which pigeons were displayed for the public to view and many birds were for sale as well. About 20 different breeds were displayed and drew the attention of the viewing public. Club personnel were on hand to answer questions and promote the hobby. Maymelle Kline and Perry Laws receive the credit for doing a big share of the work to set up and decorate the booth.

The club recently updated the constitution and by-laws, and passed the revisions at the May meeting. President Maymelle Kline led the discussion of the revisions and did a nice job of de-

scribing the reasons that the Update Committee made the changes suggested.

The club has been the agent to collect a group subscription to the American Pigeon Journal in past years, and this year 13 members joined together to subscribe or renew at the group discount rate offered by the APJ.

Recent programs at club meetings were fun and informative. Les Remmick did a program on hand feeding squabs. Les showed us how to use a Miss Clairol bottle with the tip drilled out to make it a little larger for feeding squabs. The Miss Clairol bottle is the bottle of choice because it has measurement marks along the side in ounces to show how much you fed the squab. A variety of foods were mentioned as stuff you could feed the squab: Baby Food, Chicken Soup, Spotted Owls, Turkey Starter, High Protein Dog Food, 17% Layer Feed and Monkey Chow were among those which various Club members reported to have used in the past. The instructions are to soak, blenderize, and don't forget enough liquid to keep the baby bird watered and allow digestion. Good program.

Jim Brown gave our latest program

on the subject of summer maintenance. Jim covered the major areas such as feeding, watering, cleaning, bathing and keeping the birds dry from the breeding season through the break-up of the breeders in mid-summer. As a breeder of Racing Homers followed by Pigmy Pouters with 3 decades of experience, Jim gave the group a very good overview of what it takes to successfully raise healthy birds that will be ready for the shows in good condition.

The club created and adopted the Standard for the West Coast's newest breed of show pigeon, the Marquam Roller.

Marquam Roller Pigeon Standard

Habitat: Thrives under the Marquam Bridge, Portland, Oregon.

Body: Medium size, able to fit between bridge trusses, and in nests between large bolts.

Head: Slab sided from being nested between trusses and bolts. Thread marks are to be even on both sides.

Beak: Long, sharp, tough as railroad steel to pick corn out of the tracks down at the feed mill.

Eyes: Large, keen, very good at locating statues while dodging trucks that run under the bridge.

Wings: Faster than a speeding bullet to outrun crows, hawks and city bridge inspectors.

Legs: Sort of short and stubby. Not much room to stand up under them bridges.

Color: Bridge Blue-Gray Spread. What Else? Nobody ever saw an Almond Bridge.

Vent: Genetically enlarge over the years. Industrial Strength Capacity.

Feathers: T-Pattern Steel Gray Primaries, Blue Bridge-Gray Secondaries, rest about the color and texture of bridge decking.

Size: These raspy looking suckers are hard to weigh, but about the same size as a one-pound alley cat.

Nickname: City Eagles. When the Eagles are gone, pigeons will be surviving, reproducing and doing just fine Thank You. Long live Marquam Rollers!

Northwest Pigeon Fanciers will have a Lawn Show on July 15 at the home of Keith and Carrie Casteel of Vancouver. It is an All Breed, All Age show open to all exhibitors. Call Keith at 206-256-9264 for more information.

For information on NWPF or to join, contact Elaine Kirk, Sec., 5115 N.E. 34th St., Vancouver, Wa. 98661, phone 206-699-5468. Thank You.





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After reading and re-reading the bulletin, there are not very many articles on feathering, condition, vent bones, open or round backs or even thin bars. That the mouths that roar never mention that one coast's birds are better in condition or station or color or body or legs than the other coast's birds. That the out of district judges know more about balance, condition, size, bone, muscle and proper color and markings than judges that are in the district.

In the standard under head it reads: BROAD AND STOUT, 1-1/2 INCHES FROM TIP OF BEAK TO CENTER OF EYE. HIGHEST POINT JUST ABOVE CENTER OF EYE. I could show you 10 birds with varying degrees of what is stated above. Most birds being shown fill this requirement.

In the standard under beak it reads: STOUT AND STRAIGHT SET, MANDIBLES OF EQUAL SUBSTANCE AND CLOSE FITTING. WATTLE SMALL AND SMOOTH WITHOUT COARSENESS. Let's take this in parts.

#1. Stout & straight set - stout means strong in body, strong in construction, substantial, powerful, fat, thick set. The words wide or width is not used but you sense they could be. No mention of proportion to head or balance. Question: Can you be over stout or under stout and still have a winner? I think most of the birds have acceptable stout & straight sets.

#2. Mandibles of equal substance - ok. The top and bottom should match. What if I have a bird that is of equal substance but almost stout. And am I getting a small, smooth wattle with that stoutness.

Is this where the problem lies, is this the "difference." What I just wrote about is worth 25 points. Yet some of us feel that it is the A #1 requirement for pick-

I just came in from my loft and decided to sit down and write an article for the APJ.

At this time of year my birds are going through a real heavy moult and they look like they have been scalped. I like them to go through a real good moult as I feel that this is an indication that they are in good health. Some of my early youngsters are now going through a second moult and are just starting to really start to look like something.

I have started to feed my birds on the ration I use for preparing them for the upcoming fall shows. I like to get them started on this ration just prior to them going into their moult. If everything works out they should be in top condition for the shows.

I want to tip my hat to Jack Fix for making some fine birds available to the fancy. It takes people like Jack to help the newcomers out with quality birds. I know from first hand experience, Jack has some fine birds and he spreads them around. Thanks again Jack.

I hope that all of you have vaccinated for Paramyxovirus this year as I believe that we still have to use prevention to eventually get the upper hand. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

I will close for this writing and hope to hear from some of you fellows about happenings in your neck of the woods.

MEMBERS MESSAGE

by Brian M. Magee

I would like to publicly thank Joe Ogibene for the time and effort he put in to see that each Long Island Show Homer Assn., member had an opportunity to purchase birds bred by Jack Fix last year. My thanks also go to Jack Fix for supplying fine quality birds at a more than fair price. I hope this is the first of many such "gatherings" in the Long Island area to happen. It can only improve the breed. Thank you gentlemen. Jack will be judging the LISH Annual Show November 25.

With the influx of show racers from all over the country coming into the east and all the negative press from fanciers stating that the judges are not using the standard. Something must be said and I'm going to say it.

First - the complaints about judges not using the standard has always been there. They are not on the rise but are being publicized more by people who want their type or whose birds are strong in certain features to win. You must take the whole bird into consideration.

Second - A good looking bird will win. By that I mean a judge only judges what he sees and feels in front of him, not what he thinks he will see the next week or month or moult. A fully feathered bird (especially in a yb show) will have an advantage over birds that are moulting around the heads and wattle area. Most young bird shows are won by January/February hatches because they are only a few tips away from a finished moult and have shine and head feathers intact. It has been my experience that very few yb champions repeat at the old bird show as best young when all else is equal.

Third - The fancier who states the judge is not using the standard is usually a head hunter and by that I mean they are only looking at the power in the head and based on this fancier's opinion every winner must have super reach and a powerful head. What about eye color and wattle. Not to mention the 75 other points the birds get in the standard. You must look at the rest of the bird. You must handle and feel the rest of the bird. This reminds me of two subjects that Amos Hodson has brought up in past articles. The first called "Sometimes the Gold is Buried" is about body on a bird and why some birds go to the crate and some win. Another point Amos Hodson brought up a while ago is the A.S.R. should be judged in a large cage. A cage that lets a bird walk around and come to station. There are many parts to the standard, you cannot focus on one part.

What's so great about the American Show Racer standard is that you must know everything about condition, feathering, station, vents and a whole lot more. Many of the mouths that are roaring about standard injustices know very little about conditioning or proper station. What are strong muscles and weak backs or open vents. I have seen judges of other breeds not open one wing to inspect for proper moult and feathering.

ing a winner. No two birds are identical. We are asking a judge to gather all the facts, sort through them and come up with a bird that comes closest to the standard. We did not cover neck, keel, legs, eye cere, back or body. **VERY IMPORTANT AREAS AS WELL.**

I do not know in other areas but 99% of the judges in this area are also show racing homer judges. Most are ex-race-men. They know condition, feathering, they know why feathers are this way or that way, they can read the moult. They know what to feel for and they know good health. They expect a bird to be in peak shape. The next stop is balance, keel, vents and the rest of condition with a closed back, clean feet and a bright eye. Behavior and color follow. Even before the judge looks at the head and studies the total bird he has gone over 75% of the standard on the first pick up of the bird. Where's the beef?

In closing I would like to comment on Art Kehl's thoughts in the July/August 89 bulletin. About placing all the birds in a class I feel one past half is very fair and my question is does the judge have time to do it and does he/she really judge the bottom or do they go through the motions. Out of a class of 20, is there a

big difference between #12 and #20?

I strongly agree that any time you can generate a class for a particular color, do it. In annual shows you could have classes for whites, yellows, true silvers, etc. If you end up with only five or less in a class you have the right to combine classes.

When you get a track record you'll know what colors to combine and what colors to leave alone. You could also give out special awards for certain colors to induce entries in that color. Thank you - Brian.

Cairo Variety Pigeon Club Annual Fall Classic

by GARY NEWKIRK, Saugerties, N.Y.

On Saturday, October 21, 1989, the Cairo Variety Pigeon Club held its 17th annual Fall Classic. The show continues to grow year after year, with this years exhibition of over 700 birds in 24 breeds. The 1990 show looks to increase again, so if you're looking to spend an autumn day in the company of quality birds and fellow fanciers, plan to attend.

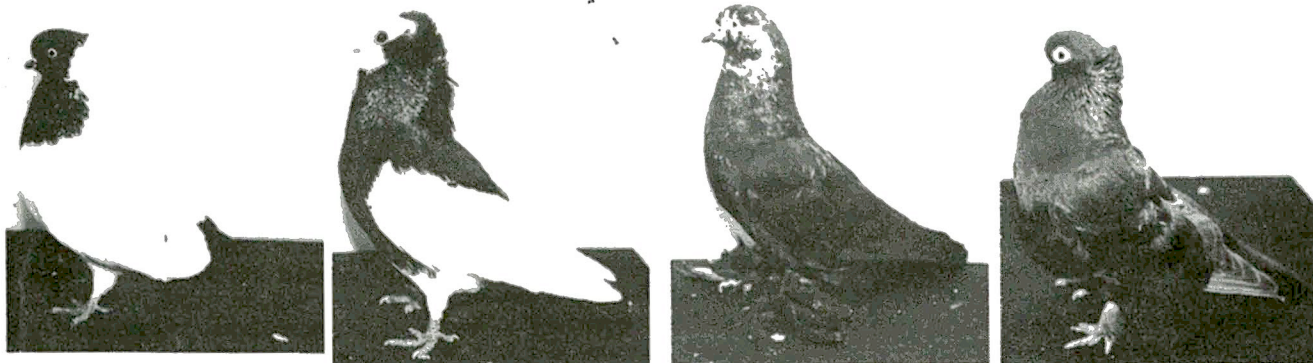
The Cairo Variety Pigeon Club would like to take time to thank the members of the club and fellow fanciers for their help in the set up and tear down of the show, and all in between. The CVPC would also like to extend a word of appreciation to the judges, who did a fine job as always.

The trophies for the 1989 Fall Classic were awarded as follows:

Best Racing Homer - J & G Batchelor. Best Unflown Homer - Joe Denisi.

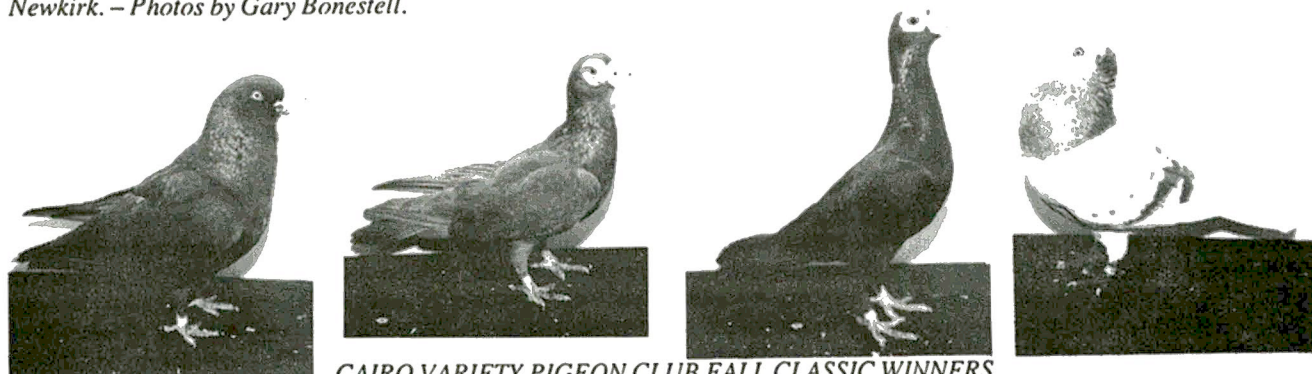
Best Flying Flight - D. Miller. Best Flying Baldhead Cap - R. Fariello. Best Flying Baldhead Plainhead - R. Fariello. Best Bronze Show Tippler - J. Rao. Best Bronze Mottle - L. Bozydaj. Best Flying Tippler - D. Mescall. Best Jacobin - V. Duntz. Best Nun - L. Woodworth. Best Helmet - J. Haber.

Best West of England Baldhead - J. Cussick. Best West of England Self/Mottle - B. Jacox. Best Komorner - E. Lorme. Best Danzig Highflyer - B. McNalis. Best Ancient - G. Newkirk. Best Indian Fantail - L. Woodworth. Best Flying Roller - D. Numbers. Best Texan Pioneer - L. Myer. Best Dragoon - J. Price. Best Barb - J. Price. Best English Carrier - J. Price. Best Polish Highflyer - M. Trybalski. Best Budapest - M. Trybalski. Best Rare Breed - J. Price.



CAIRO VARIETY PIGEON CLUB FALL CLASSIC WINNERS

The following were winners at the Cairo Variety Pigeon Club 17th Annual Fall Classic: 1st photo, Best Nun, L. Woodworth; 2nd photo, Best Komorner Tumbler, E. Lorme; 3rd photo, Best West of England, Bill Jacox; 4th photo, Best Ancient, G. Newkirk. - Photos by Gary Bonestell.



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International Roller Association News

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I had the good fortune to make the rounds with Tony Dasaro while he was judging the flying kits for the PAUL VAUGHN INVITATIONAL FLY. He arrived at my place on June 13 about noon. Well as luck would have it, I did not get home till about 3 p.m. I got my van stuck and had to jack it up to get out of the hole I backed into. Tony was very understanding and in a good mood when I arrived home. Thanks for waiting for me, Tony. He judged my kit and stayed overnight. We got up early the next morning and headed for the Akron-Canton area. Saw some very good kits there, but a couple were not up to par. I was there the week before and these same kits would have owned the fly. I guess that is what it is all about, and what makes the flying roller game such a challenge. We stayed overnight at Wally Fort's and left early the next morning for the Youngstown area. Here we saw the top kit for the PAUL VAUGHN INVITATIONAL FLY, at Nick Loshuk's. What a show they put on. From there we headed for N.Y. to Ron Kumro's place, and stayed overnight. Tony judged the N.Y. kits and then we left for the Toronto area, where we were put up by Domenic Sansonetti. The next day Tony judged the Toronto Kits. The Toronto boys don't have to take a back seat to us Southern boys. Some very fine birds up North. From there we headed back to Ron's place and he put us up for yet another night. The next day Tony and I headed for home. This made for one of the best times I have ever had. The hospitality and food was just great. Thanks to Wally Fort, the Kumro's, the Sansonetti's and all the guys that flew their kits.

Over that period of time I was able to observe Tony judging the kits. Folks, he did a wonderful job. I don't think a better judge could have been found. I have observed other judges over the years, but we would be hard pressed to find one who was as conscientious and as fair as Tony was. My hat is off to Tony, a very professional job, well done. I know that I would not want to undertake that big a task. I think that Tony judged 16 or 17 kits during this trip, with a total of 58 kits for the whole of the PAUL VAUGHN

FLY. This was a monumental job which covered many miles. Thanks Tony.

Ohio had four of the top ten kits in the fly. Mine was not one of them. Kentucky and Toronto each had two kits in the top ten. Illinois and Iowa each had one kit in the top ten.

The following weekend took in the 2nd Annual Southern Performing Roller Classic in the Carolinas with the Akron-Canton flyers. This is the first time I have been to their fly. All I had been hearing from the Akron-Canton flyers is the wonderful time they had down south last year, so I went along to see if they were telling me the truth. They were and then some. I met new people from all walks of life that enjoy the Rollers as much as I do. I saw a lot of top notch Kits and many, many tight spinners. I think I gained ten pounds after eating at the fabulous banquet that they gave us. On top of that they put us up in a very nice cabin. Thanks folks. This is a fly that everyone should try and make next year.

Received the following letter from Lawrence Muscat, 1814 Lawrence Ave., West Toronto, Ont., Canada M6L 1E2, from the Toronto Flying Roller Club and thought it would make interesting reading. This part of the letter tells about May 20, 1990, Old Bird Fly. More to follow later.

TORONTO FLYING ROLLER CLUB (T.F.R.C.) OLD BIRD FLY

Bruce arrived at my place at approximately 6:00 a.m. We went to pick Jay up and left for Jack's. Jack had coffee and doughnuts for us. It is very windy today and the weatherman is calling for rain. The wind didn't change after the beverages, but Jack decided to fly them anyway. The wind blew the kit to the southwest. Jack's kit decided to fight today and came back spinning and kitting superbly. This kit had some deep birds in there, which made it more exciting to watch. Jack ended up with 169 points. Jay Lucarelli is next.

When we arrived at Jay's, it started to rain. We all ended up in the basement drinking coffee and waiting for the rain to stop. After about one hour, Jay and myself (Lawrence), went outside. It was still raining, so we called the competi-

tion off till the next day. Luckily Monday was a holiday. So we all met at Jay's at about 8:30 a.m. It was very windy, even more so than the day before. When Jay released his kit, they were blown to the east. They were no where in sight. With two minutes left, they were spotted coming in from the south. Jay managed to get 14 points during the remainder of the competition. My house is next.

The wind didn't die down so my birds are going to do the same thing as Jay's. As soon as I released them they were gone and didn't return at all. I ended up with zero points for this competition. We will now headed to Scarborough.

Al Donnelly, our next competitor, had donuts and coffee for us. We waited for a while to see if the wind would cease. It didn't, so Al's kit was also blown away, but before they were out of sight, they managed to get 15 points. The bearded biker of Ajax is next.

It was the same scenario in Ajax. We only saw Bob's birds for a few minutes. He ended up with 17 points. Brooklin, Ontario, is the last place for us today.

Bruce had food and drink for us. After everybody ate, Bruce released his kit. For 15 minutes they were gone and then returned to give Bruce 43 points.

The following Sunday, Jay, Jack and myself went to Billy Sturman's house. After a fine breakfast, we headed down to Billy's coop. The weather was good today for flying rollers. Billy's birds stayed at a good judging height for the duration of the competition. Two black w/f were tearing up the sky up there. This kit looked good. Good stuff Bill. Bill's point total was 95.

STANDINGS: J. Courts, 169; B. Sturman, 95; B. Church, 43; B. Metcalfe, 17; A. Donnelly, 15; J. Lucarelli, 14; L. Muscat, 0.

I'd like to thank everyone who had food for us. It's well appreciated. CONGRATULATIONS JACK! Your birds deserved the win.

Keep 'em flying—Lawrence Muscat.

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Summer Shows In The South

by EDNA SCIFRES, Greenville, S. C.

Columbia, S.C.

June 23-24: The Palmetto Pigeon Club hosted a fine show at the Columbia Fairgrounds. Club Sec., Carroll Elmore who has given the best part of his life to conducting these shows, as well as supporting other area shows, can be complimented on his efforts. All breeds were represented, and happy winners left with nice trophies and cash prizes.

Always some happy reunions at the summer shows, and it was a pleasure to visit with the racing homer judges, Carol Smith and Ernie Black of Charleston. Two of the top fliers from the Low Country Combine, recalled many good times over the past 25 years - races, conventions and shows. Greetings to and from Arch McAuley and the Virginia guys, missed Curtis Christian who heads a student exchange program in the Charleston area.

Following the show, good friends Frank and Marilyn Mathis visited the beautiful Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia with me. It is like a small town, with a hospital, commissary, homes for many families, a doctor and night watchman. Riverbanks is the home of over 1500 exotic animals living in a natural state, huge air conditioned buildings housing the reptiles, my favorite place is the bird house and the tropical rain forest with storms, and the monkey house! Visit the zoo when you come to the next show on December 9, 1990.

Piedmont HPC - Greenville, S.C.

July 7-8: Somethings, no matter how often you do them, are always fun and good times. Such was the 27th Annual Piedmont Homing Pigeon Summer Show at the Greenville Inn. The faithful supporters and competitors from the Carolinas, Georgia, and Tenn., brought happy faces, beautiful birds and some nice raffle gifts and auction birds. Far travelers were Ken and June Martin from Jackson, Tenn., about a thousand mile round trip for these fine folk, the long distance type! Most only travel 3-4-500m to be with us, and that really warms my heart. Thanks Ken, Gary Meisner, Bobby and Robert Harmon for the auction birds.

The hospitality room overflowed with goodwill and cheer, and following dinner - Tommie Justice and Jerry Queen set up the VCR for the showing of the videos - "The Sport of Kings" Homing Pigeon, and Before the Event. (Chuck Weaver recently advised me that the new AU video "Marathon in the Sky" is

just great, so I will have it for the next show here). For all those who asked, "When is the AU going to have a video on shows and showing?" let AU Pres., Chuck Weaver know of your wishes.

The show with over 150 birds of the finest quality, were judged by SRPA Judge Frank Price of Atlanta and your writer. Frank is one of the truly great workers who takes over when a designated judge doesn't make it, and everyone is happy about it - thanks from all of us. Jerry Queen and Tommie Justice did an exhausting job as stewards - (Jerry scratched a bunch of paint off his brand new Chevy truck hauling the coops etc., sorry about that - but it's for the Cause). Judi Justice is a whiz on the records, ribbons and cards - Vivian sold raffle tickets, PPC Pres. Frank Mathis and Marilyn headed the clean-up crew. We had a number of new out-of-town fanciers - including Buddy and Jan Thompkins from Charleston - some I did not personally welcome - but everyone, old and new, who came to our summer show in Greenville was appreciated, and please be with us again in July 1991.

Special Notes

Congrats to Bobby Harmon of Athen, TN, for his Champion Bird and Best Opposite Sex at the PPC Show. Bobby was awarded the beautiful AU Show Champion Award certificate for his winner. Request that your Show Sec., order some of these AU Show Awards for the winners of your next show from AU Sec. Russ Burns, P.O. Box 2713, South Hamilton, MA 01982.

Recently I received a call from Jim Goldsmicht, one of our good SRPA Judges who now resides in N.Y. Jim advised that in late spring, another of our fine SRPA Judges, Earl Robbins of KY was badly injured in an auto collision. This was distressing news, for in our limited show world, we value the life and well being of each and every member and friends. We, in the Southern R.P. Assn., and SRPA Judges Assn., particularly value the considerations which Earl Robbins brought to these organizations. For many years, at his own expense, Earl travelled around the clock to bring to the SRPA his services as a highly qualified judge. His donation of top grade racing pigeon show quality birds for the auction, and beautiful birds he gave as gifts to friends, have upgraded and improved many lofts in the south. I would safely say that no other racing pigeon fancier in the show world has outside the SRPA

area, has done as much for the betterment of the Southern shows as has Earl Robbins.

A call to Earl brought news of slow recovery for which we are thankful. Say hello to him at 207 Longview, Richmond, KY 40475, phone 606-624-8113, with a card or call. We care.

Get your birds in shape for the Southern R.P. Assn., Convention Show and Auction at the Holiday Inn North on Tryon St., Charlotte, N.C. November 2-3-4. For the fliers, an Eye Sign Seminar by Gary Meisner will be held following the Directors meeting Friday at 8 p.m. All are welcomed and invited. Best wishes to all.

Piedmont H.P.C. Greenville S.C.

July 7-8, 1990

Summer Show Results

Blue Bar - OC - Bob Palmer, Tim Johnson, Palmer. OH - Bobby Harmon, Johnson, Palmer. YC - Harmon, Martin, Earl Horton. YH - Harmon, Gary Meisner, Ken Martin.

Blue CH - OC - Jerry Queen, Palmer, Buddy Thompkins. OH - Queen, Tommie Justice, Meisner. YC - Palmer. YH - Harmon.

Red CH - OC - Queen, Horton, Queen. OH - Harmon, Queen, Justice. YC - Buck Farley, Horton, Horton. YH - Martin, Horton, Horton.

Black CH - OC - Queen, Horton, Johnson. OH - Queen, Horton, Thompkins. YC - Horton. YH - Horton, Palmer, Martin.

Silver - OC - Farley, Martin, Martin. OH - Harmon, Palmer, Martin. YC - Martin, Martin, Harmon. YH - Martin, Horton, Harmon.

Grizzle - OC - Harmon, Queen, Farley. OH - Queen, Queen, Palmer. YC - Harmon, Harmon. YH - Harmon, Palmer, Meisner.

T-Eye - OC - Harmon, Palmer, Johnson. OH - Justice, Martin, Queen. YC - Harmon, Harmon, Martin. YH - Martin, Harmon, Horton.

AOC - OC - Palmer, Justice, Meisner. OH - Martin, Harmon, Meisner. YC - Harmon, Martin, Meisner. YH - Martin, Harmon.

Best Old C - Bob Palmer; Best Old H - Bobby Harmon; Best Young C - Bobby Harmon; Best Young H - Ken Martin.

Show Champion Bird and Best Opposite Sex - Bobby Harmon, Athens, Tenn.

SRPA Judges - Frank Price, Atlanta, Edna Scifres, Greenville.

Giant Runt Club Of America News

by JOSEPH STEWART, Melissa, Texas

Our 1989 show season was a great success. We met many new breeders and renewed old acquaintances. The weather seems to be a copy of last year during our breeding season. It is taking it's toll on our 1990 youngsters.

I'm sure that there will be some very good Giant Runts produced regardless of the weather. We will have another full show calendar for 1990, which I will list in this article for everyone's information.

1990 SHOW DATES

OCTOBER - Western National Young Bird Show, Portland, Oregon, October 20; Fourth District GRCA Point Show Dallas, Texas Member In Charge: Wallace Scalf, Date and Time To Be Announced Later.

Fifth District GRCA Point Show, Watsonville, California, October 27-28, Great Western Pigeon Show; National Young Bird Show - GRCA Point Show, Louisville, Kentucky, Member In Charge - James Avery, Saturday, October 27.

NOVEMBER - GRCA Regional Show - GRCA Point Show, Little Rhody Pigeon Show - New England Runt Club, Members In Charge - John Travassos and Jose Ferreira, Sunday, November 18; Third District GRCA Point Show, Columbia, Tenn., Member In Charge - Howard Tess, Saturday, November 10; First District GRCA Point Show, Warren, R.I., Member In Charge - Jose Ferreira, Warren Soccer Club, Child Street, November 24; Pageant Of Pigeons, Pomona, California, November 15-17.

DECEMBER - Second District GRCA Point Show, Des Moines, Iowa, Member In Charge - Jerry Kern, Saturday, December 8; Sixth District GRCA Point Show, Date and Location To Be Announced Later.

JANUARY 1991 - GRCA Annual Point Show, Pomona, California, Hosted by the Los Angeles Pigeon Club, January 17-19; Forth Worth Giant Runt Show, Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show, Fort Worth, Texas, January 1991, Time and Date to be Announced Later.

As I receive updated information on these shows, you will be notified, most of our members should be able to attend one of these shows, representing all parts of the USA and Eastern Canada.

NEW MEMBERS

More new Giant Runt Breeders join the ranks of the GRCA. We welcome the

following new members:

Jose M. Botelho, Canada; Dennis Sardinha, Canada; Linda Probst, Missouri; Carl Debey, Kansas; Charles Young, New Mexico; Dennis Feedback, Kentucky; Jose Luis Perez, California; Robert Miranda Jr., Texas; Kim Bryngelson, Minnesota.

EAST COAST

Joe Ferreira called this past week and reported that the East Coast Breeders are busy breeding those great Giant Runts. As you may already know, the New England Runt Club two Point Shows for 1990. The GRCA Regional Show November 18, 1990, at the Pawtucket Rhode Island, Little Rhody Pigeon Club Show. Also, they will have their GRCA First District Show at Warren, R.I. on November 24, 1990. See Show Dates Section for more information, or contact the First District Director Jose Ferreira.

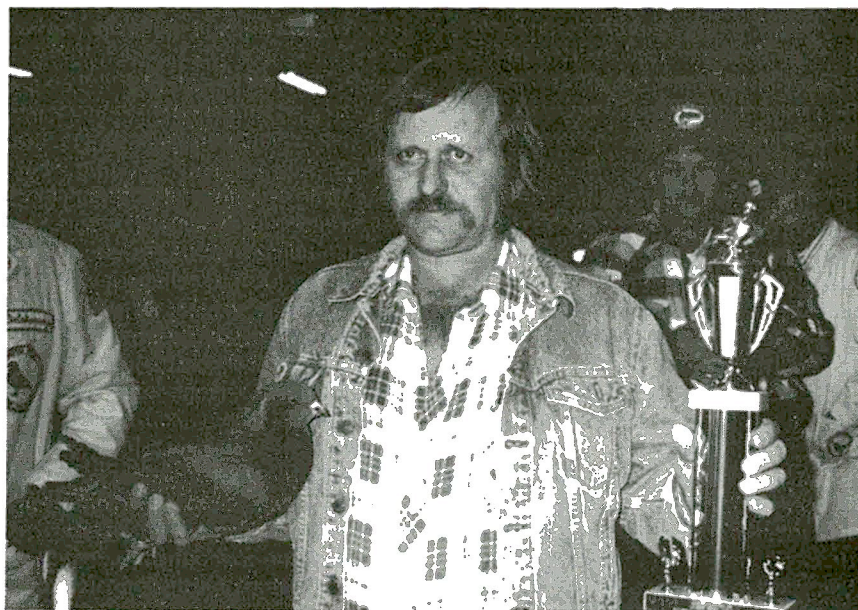
THIRD DISTRICT GRCA POINT SHOW

The GRCA had its Third District Show December 9, 1989 at Shawnee, Ok. with 131 Giant Runts shown and 20 exhibitors attending. Judging was conducted by John Delahoussaye of Mississippi, who did an outstanding job. James Avery walked away with the Grand Champion, a young Black Hen #356. James Avery also had the Reserve Champion with AOC Young Hen #321.

Roger Harlin had the number three bird and Best Blue, Blue Old Hen #2576. Ike Orsak had the Best Silver, Silver Young Hen #665. The Best Grizzle went to John C. Homod, Grizzle Young Cock #420., Best White, White Young Cock #3706, bred and shown by James Avery. Joe Stewart had the Best Dun, Old Dun Hen #551. Best Ash was a Young Ash Hen #1041, by Roger Harlin. Best Yellow was a Old Yellow Hen #596, bred and shown by Joe Stewart. Best Red was Young Red Hen #2038 bred and shown by Joe Stewart. Best Check was Check Old Hen #2537 bred and shown by Roger Harlin.

MEMBERS WRITE

JIM GILLETTE - Enclosed is a money order for twenty dollars, it is for my dues and for 50 Z bands. If it is not enough, let me know. If there is any left, donate it to the Club. I enjoy the Runt Bulletins very much, and find it very informative and necessary to anyone raising Runts. I now have about 20 pairs of breeders that are doing great. I made a trip down to Dallas over Thanksgiving weekend. I would have liked to have seen your birds, but knew you were going to be out of town. I did go visit Don Scalf up at Van Alstyne. He is a fine man. He has some real good birds and had plenty of coffee. He took me down to McKinney to meet Wayne Rutledge as I was interested in Carneaus as well as Runts. I told Wayne I was interested in buying a couple pairs of Carneau if he could sell me any. He told me to pick out any I wanted. I picked out two pair. He has some very beautiful, good Carneau.



James Avery holding Champion Young Black Hen, #356, at the Oklahoma 3rd District Shos 1989. - Photo from Joe Stewart, Melissa, Texas.

He did not charge me nearly enough for them, I guess it just shows the kind of people he and Don are. They really know their birds and were just great. I am very grateful to have met them. My special thanks to both Don and Wayne.

JOHN GERMANO - I have enclosed a check for \$112.00, I would like to order 800 bands for the year 1991. In this check there is enough money to cover the bands, also \$10.00 for dues for New England Giant Runt Club. There is also \$6.00 for the cost of shipping and handling. If I am short on the money, let me know.

JOHN TRAVASSOS - How are you and your family doing? I have received the 1990 bands. I will shortly be sending you our order for 1991 bands. I am sending you the show report, also, enclosed is a check for \$10.00 to pay for my 1990 dues. I has been very cold up here in New England. The birds don't want to start mating.

HARRY LEE - Enclosed please find a check for \$10.00 for the dues of 1990. Keep up the good work.

NICK FURTADO - Please find enclosed a check for my 1990 dues. Hope this finds you all well.

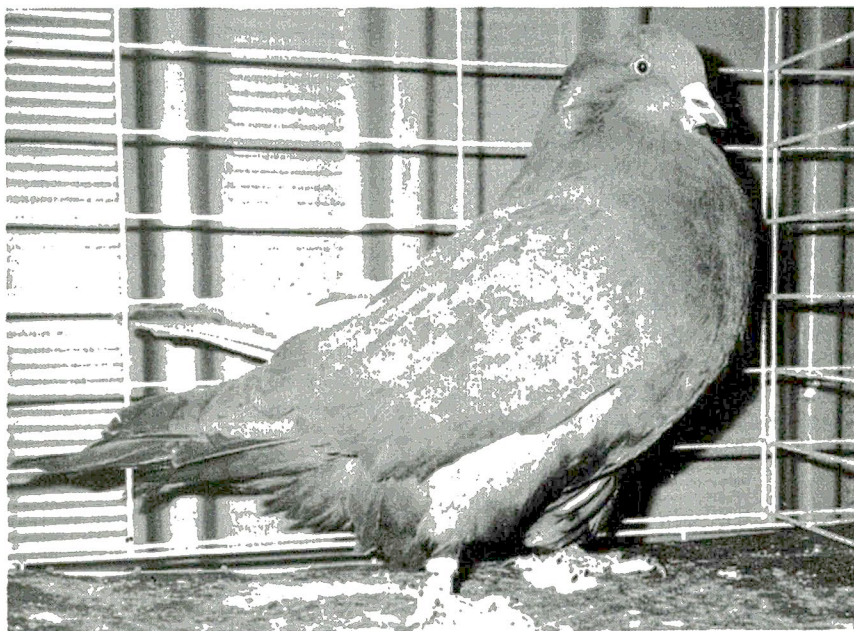
MANUEL MELLO - Hello friend Joe, it is time again to pay my dues, for 1990 and order the bands for 1991. I am enclosing my check for \$40.00 to pay for my dues, 100 Z bands, postage etc. and the balance can go for the Club. I have some birds on eggs already and I hope to have a good year. I had some

really nice birds this past year, in fact I think they were some of the best birds I've ever had. I recently received a letter from someone in Perris, Ca. wanting to buy some birds. At this time I don't have any to sell. I sold quite a few birds this year, but thanks for mentioning my name to him. I'll close for now and I wish you and your family a very Happy New Year.

D.D. EDWARDS - I received my

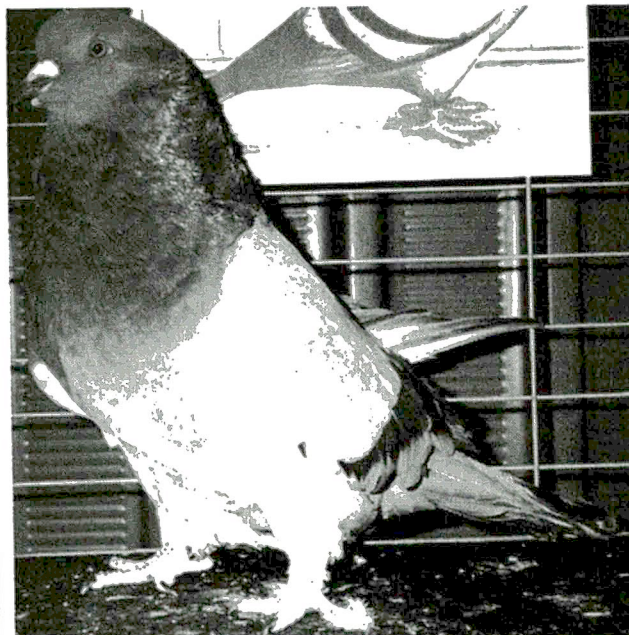
membership card and receipt. Thank you. I will take your advice on using the whole corn instead of cracked corn, and alternate between Tramisol and Ivo-mectin every 30 days now. Also, I did not receive the new membership package, I first joined in September 1988 and would love to receive it. I am quite anxious to start my Runts off this sea-

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CHAMPION GIANT RUNT

This young Runt hen #356 was Champion at the 3rd District Show, Oklahoma. Bred and owned by James Avery. - Photo from Joe Stewart, Melissa, Texas.



WINNING GIANT RUNTS

The first photo shows the Reserve Champion, AOC Young Hen, #321, at the Oklahoma 3rd District Show, bred and owned by James Avery. The second photo is Best Old, Blue Old Hen, #2576, bred and shown by Roger Harlin, at the Oklahoma 3rd District 1989. - Photos from Joe Stewart, Melissa, Texas.

son. Another problem I notice is the "eye cere" which was beet red, but now is a pale or tan, how can this be retained to the original red? What causes this? Fifty cents enclosed for postage for the package.

RICHARD RUBER - Just got your letter postmarked December 11, 1989. By the way, my wife (Paulene) figures you and I might as well start going steady with the amount of correspondence I am having with you. I spoke to Richard Pilat about our situation up here. I figure we should keep one show either November - Guelph or February Woodstock as a separate show for the Ontario Giant Runt Club and the other for Giant Runt Of America, because we have the older generation of Portuguese that prefer to breed the old style, this way we can have a chance to change their way of thinking.

I told Richard these comments and he more or less agrees. At Guelph we had 15 exhibitors and about 100 Runts - some breeders not present as was (Sousa - Scott Hamilton) and others as our season was - birds were not in perfect feather. Judge Robert Ridler. At Woodstock Show last February 1989. There would be about 80 Runts 12 Exhibitors. Judge - Ron Frampton (good job done). I have put in a proposal that our Splashes colors are 1/3 splash in Black, Red, and Yellows and that we still have our Solids, AOC, what do you think of this proposal? Hoping to hear from you.

GUEST ARTICLE

Under the Guest Article Section this month, I am using a poem by Mildred Rose. I have had many favorable comments on it, and I'm sure our readers will enjoy it.

PRETTY BIRD

Pretty Bird, you have had loving care.
Daily you were touched or held in my hand.

When your foot grew large enough
You got your own unique number on a band.

You became a beautiful Giant Runt
That's special. Do you understand?

Your great size is accented
By your massive head.
Your broad breast shows strength
And that you have been well fed.
Your straight sturdy legs
Are well set with no feathers to shed.

As you walk near my feet
I note your fine wedge shape,
The beauty and power of your wings
Held above the tail and straight.
Your tail is not too long—

Just right for graceful gait.

You turn your head and look at me.
I note your pretty face,
With beak—not too short, nor too long —

In a tone one would embrace;
An alert eye that's colored right,
Leaving nothing one would erase.

Pretty Bird, from weeks of training
You calmly stand in my hand,
Preening feathers that are neither loose nor tight,
But compact, as a standard demand.
Your stance is beautiful.
You're special. Do you understand?

Mildred Rose, 3321 W. 800 N.,

Wawaka, Indiana 46794

If you are not breeding and showing Giant Runts, you are missing a lot of fun and good fellowship. Breed and show Giant Runts, the Breed with a history and great future.

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Eastern Jacobin News

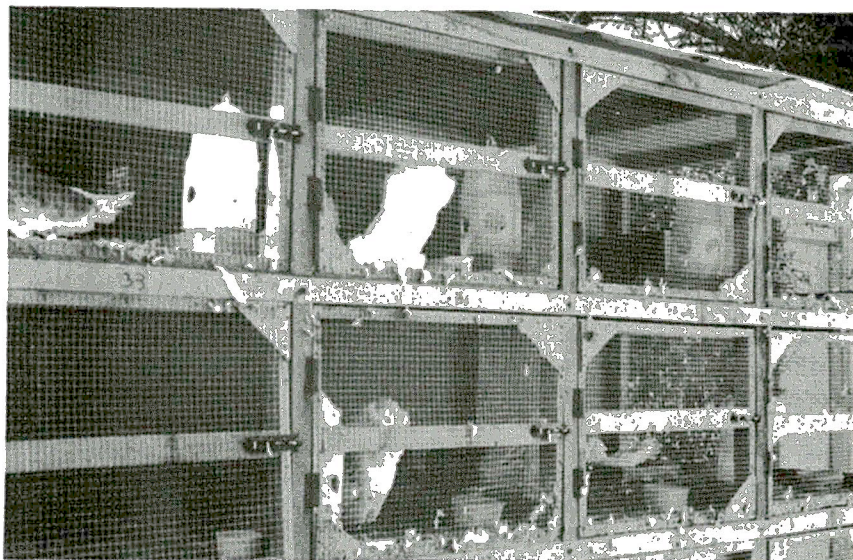
by **DONALD O'CONNOR**, Pub. Dir., Copake Falls, N.Y.

June News

I received a very nice letter from a friend and one of our new Eastern Jacobins Club member (before the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait). I had shipped some Jacobins over to Kuwait to Adel Alasker and it took Adel a while to get back to me. I was very glad to hear he was pleased with the birds and had them all settled in on eggs. He has sent a little article about some of the hardships of raising and feeding Jacobins in Kuwait. He also asked if I know of any way to keep the birds sitting on their eggs.

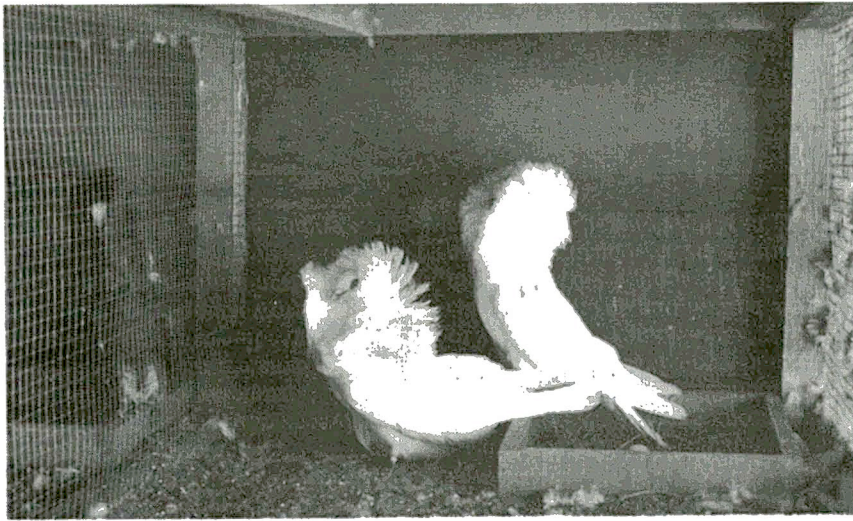
That is one thing I've found with these birds, it takes a long time for some of them to settle down, especially the

young hens. Some will sit tight for the whole period and get off their eggs when the young ones start to pip out. Others will sit a few days and then just roll the egg out of the nest. Then, there is the ones that do it all right. That's what makes Jacobins interesting. I have found that the best way is to let them raise their own. I've tried homers, flights, none of these breeds raise young Jacobins long enough. So unless you want to hand feed, make them raise their own. Eventually the breeding pairs will settle down and raise a few young birds. I think the most important thing to raising Jacobins, besides good food and water, and grit, is giving them adequate space. I use



JACOBINS IN KUWAIT

The Jacobin loft of Adel Al Askar of Kuwait, one of the Eastern Jacobin Assn.'s new members. All birds are individually penned. — Photo from Don O'Connor, Copake Falls, N.Y.



JACOBINS IN KUWAIT

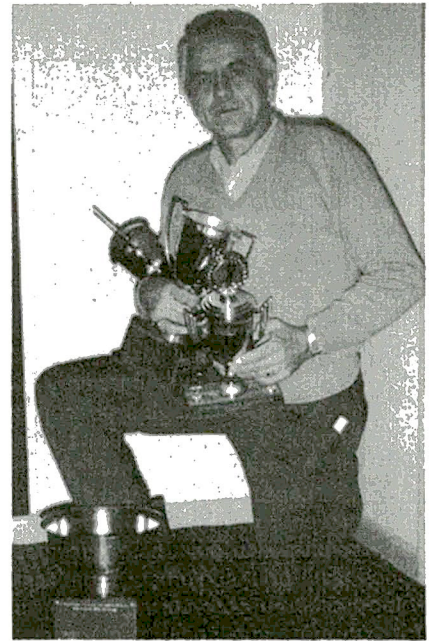
Two white Jacobins in the loft of Adel Al Askar of Kuwait. Adel is a member of the Eastern Jacobin Assn. — Photo from Don O'Connor, Copake, Falls, N.Y.

2x2x4 cages for my breeders and it works for me.

Adel Alasker also sent a picture of the way he has housed his Jacobins, pretty much the same way. He has them more like what I've seen in pictures of lofts out in California. The difference with my loft is it's enclosed, with the weather in this part of the country and all the vermin around here. My Jacobins would not survive if they were not enclosed. I have one more thing I just tried and it works. When you have a pair that is having eggs, time after time, and they sit on the nest and seem to do everything the right way, but never seem to have fertile eggs! This can be maddening!

Well, a lot of the time it comes down to the fact that the eggs just are not

getting enough heat! The embryo never gets started, the birds are just too insulated with their feathers to keep the eggs warm enough. I tried an incubator that's equipped with an automatic turner, you must keep an eye on the humidity. You have to add a little water to keep it up but it does work. You put glass eggs under the pair that laid the eggs, and you wait till the young ones are just about to come out of their shell and put back under the birds. You can get these incubators from some of these specialty places that sell fancy fowl with not much expense. This is going to the extreme but if you get a couple of sets of good young ones out of the pair, it's well worth the time and expense. So with all my best laid plans, I'll end for the month and just add Adel Alasker's article and pictures he sent the way he is raising his Jacobins, which I



And here is a smiling Ed Bachman with a few of his winnings for Champion, OC White #711.

found very interesting.

Anyone with questions or news you are welcome to call me at 518-329-6942.

"I do not know how to start this article. But let me begin with this. Breeding season in Kuwait divides into two parts. First one starts from October till December. Second one starts mid February till end of May. These two periods are very suitable times concerning climate, specially temperature. Average temperature is 25 cc. Temperature during December and January around 5-10 cc. But during June to September around 40 cc. Most of the fanciers are not fol-

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Jim Ecker of Linwood, Mich., with his trophy for Reserve Champion, Best Red OC #913.



Here are the first place winners of the different color classes. From top left, Rick Clinton, Dave Clinton, Walter Lee, Gary Lee. Bottom, John Kirchner, Paul Zadarlik and Don O'Connor.

lowing this type of classification of period. But they try to breed all year around. Likewise of feed we still suffer from old feed and not available of some feed, like Alaska peas and yellow corn. We have yellow dent, which is very large for medium pigeon size. Also we have ordinary unhulled barley, wheat is from last year's harvest. I substitute the Alaska peas with Green peas, which is available in the market, Yellow flint corn with yellow dent and Kafir. I also add some barley, Austrian Winter peas, and wheat, which is from last year. I do not know whether I should add any other kind of seed or not. For housing, I use individual coop for breeding. I found it is very suitable for me. Water is very important because of the hot weather here in Kuwait, specially in summer. I use for drinking water plastic vessels for each coop, which is changed every day. Vitamins, I use three types of Vitamins: 1 - Ultra Vita Mins. 2 - Wins More. 3 - Complex 33 Multi Vitamins. I use them once a week. I use also water bath for the birds once a week.

"This is what we are facing here, a lot of difficulties like food, weather, lack of good quality birds, and shows, which puts us in face of competition!!!

"This is it for this time. Please in touch and here Kuwait we really need your advise always.—Best Regards Adel Alaskar"

May News

April 10 - Well at this time I would imagine everyone has his or her strategy pretty well planned out for this year's breeding season. I've had the birds together for a while without too much success. It's the same as always, I'm ready, the Jacobins are ready, but Mother Nature still has not made up her mind as to when spring will actually start. The weather predictions is for more snow! Now after all this, I go out to the loft to feed the birds, check the birds sitting and got a nice surprise, seven young Jacobins hatched out! Now if spring would only arrive, they might have a chance!

I have been getting a lot of inquiries about purchasing Jacobins from all around the country, from Canada and as far as the Arabian Gulf. I've been referring these people to club members who had Jacobins for sale and now from what I hear, no one has any birds for sale. I'm glad to see all this interest in Jacobins. It means there will be more competition and hopefully more people to join the Eastern Jacobin Club. A reminder to those members who still have not paid their 1990 dues, they're overdue! For those who might want to join, you can

send a check of \$10 to: Vern Duntz, 85 N. Mountain Rd., Canton, Conn. 06019. You can also obtain club bands from Vern.

I would like to submit the last of the photos from the Reading Show of all the winners. I was lucky enough to be able to get a copy of the 1974 Jacobin Special from the A.P.J. I want to tell you, I sat for a couple of nights reading it. I really enjoyed it. I think it would be a great help to any newcomer to the world of Jacobins. The only sad thing is that a lot of the writers of the articles for that special are no longer with us. One thing I was really amazed at was the cover. It shows a Champion white Jacobin owned by Louis Christener of Bay City, Mich. #950. It's the best I've ever seen or probably will ever see.

Getting back to the special, it's a wealth of information and has many good pictures that show what you should be looking for to breed. It shows the good and the bad points.

I would like to pass this on - to people who have problems with Raccoons. The makers of HAVE-A-HART has a new commercial trap, which is spring loaded, so the little rascals cannot get out. It really works like a charm! I've caught and resettled 13 coons in the last month, so hopefully this will nip any problems in the bud. Raccoons can really give you a bad time if you've ever had one get into a loft. You know what I mean.

I would like to extend a welcome to the E.J.A. new members and remind new and old members to please stay in touch with me. Any news you have would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, give me a call, 518-

329-6942.

Once again before closing, I would like to extend an invitation to anyone interested in raising Jacobins to join the Eastern Jacobin Club and come and show your Jacobins with us.

Helmet Happenings

by **BRUCE SCOTT**,
Richardson, Texas

Publicity Director
American Helmet
Association



Hope you and your pigeons have been having a good summer. I've taken advantage of my month off from writing this column for July, due to the APJ Special, by doing some remodeling of my loft. Most of us are never fully satisfied with our lofts, so part of the fun in our hobby is undertaking such projects. We never seem to have enough space for our birds. If you are lucky enough to have plenty of yard space for another loft, no problem. However, for myself and others like me, we have to make do with what we have by remodeling.

CULLING

Right about now, most of us are facing the annual glut of more young Helms than we can keep for very long. We are always anxious to weed out the losers, but as they say "haste makes waste" if you jump the gun too soon.

Everyone has their own system of grading young birds. One method, if you



1989 PLAINHEAD NATIONAL CHAMPION IN MIF & SIF
Roy McClung (right) showing Gerald Butler (l.) of Olney, Texas, his prize winning loft of Helms. — Photo by Bruce Scott, Richardson, Texas.

have the space, is to have two young bird sections in your loft. Before making any final decisions on who to cull, examine each bird and assign them to either pen A or pen B. In pen A will be the youngsters that seem to have the most potential. As the birds mature you'll be surprised at the changes that can take place. You will be switching and moving birds until you finally make up your mind on what to keep. The nice part about this method is you don't keep seeing the same birds in holding pen B, since you've been gradually weeding out the better ones to pen A. Also, by doing this you haven't prematurely culled any birds that you might regret later on. Once a bird is culled that's it, so be careful.

PLAIN HEADS

I've always raised Crested Helmets. However, I would see, over the years at various shows, the Plain Head variety. The shows would usually have a few birds represented by the same die hard members of the AHA. I would observe these curious Helmets, but never gave much thought to raising any. Well, ladies and gentlemen, I had my eyes opened this year at the Salt Lake City National where there were 130 entered!

The quality was good and the competition was very keen. Steve Mitchell of Kaysville, Utah, was the judge and at most shows, up to now, this was a minor assignment. Steve found out this was not to be the case this time. Steve judged all the color classes young and old very carefully. I did not envy his job, but he did finally pick the Champion owned and raised by Roy McClung of Seymour, Texas (see photo). Roy raised a dandy red young cock that sets the hallmark for the high quality Plain Heads have achieved.

I was impressed by the entire Salt Lake City National. The biggest impression on me were the Plain Heads, as I look back on the highlights of this show after several months. That show will be known as the time Plain Heads emerged as a major variety of Helmets and not to be taken lightly in future shows. Several of my friends in the club have indicated they are jumping on the band wagon this year with a pair or two. I predict we may see the record of 130 eclipsed at the next National if this keeps up.

NEW MEMBERS

Here are more new members in the AHA. Two of these folks are from Canada. It is great to see our club's growth with our good neighbors to the north. A great big welcome to: Mathew Maruscak, Wyoming, Ontario, Canada; David Stang, Edmonton, Alberta, Can-

ada; Sara Wacenske, Mead, Washington; Van Perry, Spokane, Washington; Andy Terracciano, Waterford, Conn.; Pam DeHart, Elizabeth, Colo.; Case Jackson, Abilene, TX; Richard Walkush, Waupaca, Wisc.; Dale and Victoria Foster, Sacramento, California.

STAN RYAN, JR. LETTER

"I'm happy to report that District Seven has made two point shows this year. Both the Garden State and the Reading Pigeon Shows qualify. The Garden State had 61 and the Reading had 85 Helmets entered.

"This may not sound like a lot to Helmet fanciers in other parts of the country but to me it is a great step. This is the first point show we have qualified for in the three years I've been District Director.

"This coming show season we will be adding the Reading Young Bird Show to our list of shows. I'm hoping that we can entice some of our American Helmet Association members from around the country. If we could get some of our most noted breeders out here I think we could bring out some more of our district members. It would be a great boost to us here in the East.

"If possible, could you mention a few District Seven members in the Helmet column. These members are true blue and have been great supporters of our district as well as some of them attending The National Young Bird Show and the National. Angelo Mangione, Mike Richardson, Mike Della Chiesa, Tony Patti, Bud Franklin and John Haber. Without this backbone I don't believe I would still be here as District Director. They have been great help and kept me going.

"This year I will be breeding from four pair of Helmets in blue and silver. Last year I was able to band 12 youngsters. After not banding a Helmet in three years, this sure made me happy.

"As was the case last year, the United Nun Club has again invited District Seven to join them at their Lawn Show. It will be held at my parent's home in the beautiful Catskill Mountains in upstate New York. The date will be the first Saturday after the Labor Day weekend. Along with the show, we put on a picnic type meal with hot dogs and hamburgers and salads. It really is a great time. Anyone who wishes to attend is more than welcome."

FLY PENS

Particularly, if you live in town and you are restricted from letting your Helmets fly free, be sure to compensate for this by having adequate fly pens.

Pigeons love to sun themselves, as well as having an area to bathe. This is in addition to the obvious exercise space afforded by having a fly pen for each loft.

I've seen every size and shape of fly pen over the years. Designs of fly pens depend to a large extent on how big the loft is and how much yard space you are able to dedicate for this purpose. Most fly pens have a roof and are up off the ground with what I call a "rabbit wire" bottom. In my yard situation, I don't have very large fly pens for my birds.

However, I'm going to try to rectify this by designing a somewhat larger fly pen arrangement this coming year. Needless to say, it won't be a dramatic change, but at the same time I hope to at least double the current size.

By the way, during the winter months I tack heavy gauge clear plastic over the fly pens. That way the plastic can cut down on the wind chill factor on a severely cold day. Otherwise, I would have a bad draft problem flowing from the bird's door to the fly pen through the loft. Pigeons can stand cold weather, but a draft can wreak havoc.

Obviously, most of my readers already know about the pros and cons about fly pen sizes, shapes, etc., but I thought my words would be of some help to fanciers just starting out with Helmets or any other breed for that matter. Oh yes, just one other reminder, be sure to use the smaller gauge chicken wire to prevent sparrows, mice, etc., from entering your fly pen and then into the loft.

In my lifetime, I've had fly pens first in Pennsylvania, then Michigan and currently in Texas. Each time they have been of different size and shape. In Pennsylvania, I could let my birds fly free, so my fly pen was kept to a minimum, mainly for their drinking water and room for their bath pans. In Michigan it was just the opposite, so I had considerably bigger fly pens to compensate for this. Now in Texas, I not only can't let my Helmets fly, but I also have the smallest yard space of the three locations. Therefore, let your local conditions dictate your requirements for the fly pen of your loft. If you have any fly pen design ideas that you'd like to share with the rest of us, be my guest and send me a photo that I can publish in *Helmet Happenings*.

SUBSCRIBERS

Nearly my entire career with pigeons has been in tune with the American Pigeon Journal. I started subscribing to

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the APJ in 1939, when the subscription rate was the huge sum of one dollar a year. Obviously, a lot has happened since then with our hobby becoming more sophisticated and inflation driving up the subscription rate. Regardless of the cost and other factors affecting the pigeon hobby, I have been a loyal subscriber over the years. It sure helps to keep you turned in to the hobby as a whole. Club bulletins are great and very necessary too, but it would be hard to imagine our hobby without the APJ year after year.

I have become more intimately involved in the APJ since writing my monthly Helmet Happenings. I welcome the opportunity to communicate with my fellow pigeon fanciers, especially those interested in Helmets through this column. I wish 100% of the Helmet fanciers subscribed, but alas there are those that don't. I think these folks miss a lot by not reading the APJ monthly. I encourage anyone I meet in the pigeon business to get on the band wagon. If they already subscribe, I'm sure they realize the value in this fine magazine. Myself and all those other club writers, that tirelessly submit our columns month after month, would like to think that our effort is paying off to stimulate interest in the particular breed we represent. All you have to do is subscribe and we do the rest.

Rumbler Report

by **TONY CABRAL**,
London, Ontario, Canada

How does free air fare to the National Pigeon Association Grand National sound? It may happen. The New England Rumbler Club is looking into such a program. Whoever wins Grand Champion at the N.E.R.C. Annual All-Age Show, where the American Rumbler Club holds its 1st District Show every year, would get free air fare to the N.P.A. Grand National wherever it may be held that year. Of course this would apply only to N.E.R.C. and A.R.C. members. The N.E.R.C. is working on the details and rules and I hope it goes through. It sure would be a good thing for the Rumbler breeders. Who knows it may all be set up for this show season.

Wesley Conover President of the A.R.C., is home now after a few weeks in the hospital. If you know Wesley then you know you cannot keep him down for long.

This year is election year in the American Rumbler Club. We have a few new breeders going for office. This is good for the Rumbler fancy, the more breeders that are interested in the run-

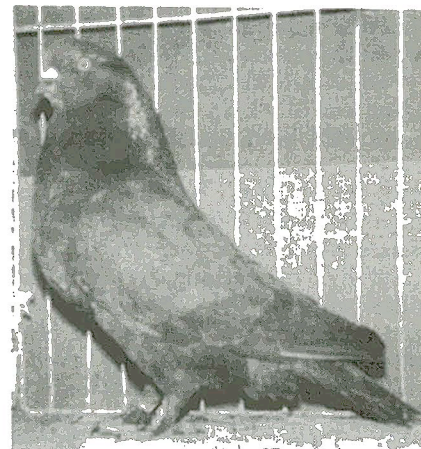
ning of the A.R.C. the better.

I often get asked about nest boxes. If you visit Rumbler breeders you will see all kinds of boxes in use. Over the last ten years, I have tried all kinds but the one nest box that has worked for me the last three years is the 12 inches by 12 inches by 5 inches high. I put a good 3 inches of hay on the bottom, this is what works for me.

One of the things I would like to get cleared up this month is that the Rumbler does not need feeders to raise young. The Rumbler is a good feeder and I will put them up against any breed. There is absolutely no need for feeders when it comes to the Rumbler. You may go to a Rumbler breeders loft and see a few pair of Homers but these are not used as feeders but as pumpers. We in the north have a short breeding season and with a few pair of pumpers we can get a few extra young from those good pairs. I myself have two pair of pumpers (Homers) that I have used the last two seasons, they are a great help to me. One of the rules I like to go by is not to take



Individual pen set up in the Rumbler loft of Tony Cabral, London, Ont., Canada. Each pen is 42"x42"x42".



RUMBLER
Black Old Cock bred by Wesley Conover.



RUMBLER
White Old Cock bred by Wesley Conover.

more than two rounds from a pair. So now that you know the truth about that, what is stopping you from getting into the Rumbler?

JULY NEWS

By now most of you should have those Champions on the floor, the breeders in the south always get a head start. By the time they are breaking up the Rumlbers, we, in the north, are just getting them to nest. The new Standard of Perfection has a lot of the membership thinking on how to mate the Rumlbers up. I mated up some pairs for 1990 that I know I would not mate up under the old Standard. We have had a few outsiders say that we went too far with the Ideal drawing and that we will never breed a Rumbler like the Ideal. The membership in the American Rumbler Club has the knowledge to breed such a Rumbler and it will be done.

Breeding reports coming in: Charles Clegg has about 45 on the floor, Paul Fuese has about just as many. No word

from the others, we will all find out at the National Young Bird Show. Here is the show line up so far for the 90-91 season.

3rd District Show, Woodstock, Ont., October 13/90, Charlie Powers - Judge. National Y.B. Show, Louisville, Ky., October 27/90, T.B.A. - Judge. 4th District Show, Columbus, Ga., November 3/90, Wes Conover - Judge. 2nd District Show, York, Pa., November 3/90, T.B.A. - Judge. 1st District Show, New Bedford, Ma., Dec. 9/90, Gordon Gilchrist - Judge. Annual All-Age Show - N.P.A. Grand National, Pomona, Calif., T.B.A. - Judge.

At most of these shows a Rumbler Auction will be held right after judging, so if you have been thinking of getting into the Rumlbers that may be the time to get a hold of a few. Until next month, keep breeding "The Bird With A Beautiful Face" and "Show Your Best and Leave The Rest." - Tony Cabral, 96 Speight Crescent, London, Ont., Canada N5V 3W8.

New York Combine News



by PETER P. FRATANGELO,
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For the past decade I have immensely enjoyed holding the position of Publicity Director, board member and judge for the New York Combine. The position of Publicity Director required me to write monthly articles which appeared in the American Pigeon Journal. It is now with much sorrow that I must announce to one and all my intentions to discontinue writing these monthly articles. Although I was never a writer I took on this responsibility because I felt someone had to present our breed of birds, the Domestic Show Flight, to other fanciers. The desire to make our birds known prompted me to make a 110% effort to overcome my lack of writing ability, in order to place our breed on the map.

The articles which all of you are familiar with was only one small segment of the job that I performed. I am also responsible for advertising in special publications; corresponding with other organizations; making travel arrangements for out of state shows; and preparing itineraries and all correspondence for our affiliate clubs. I must also mention the handling of the program "Flights Across America" where I worked closely with our President, Sal Gigante, and derived great pleasure from the results of our combined efforts. I will continue to perform the above mentioned responsibilities.

It is my sincere hope that each and everyone of you who took the time to read my articles in the New York Combine News received as much satisfaction as I did in writing them. I would like to think that I have given Domestic Flight enthusiasts an inside look at the many people that make up the New York Combine along with the top breeders in our club. My only regret at this time is that there are only 12 months and 12 articles and this did not allow me to include all of the hardworking and self-giving officers and members of our club in my articles as I would have liked to.

I would also like to take this time to say that our President, Sal Gigante, will continue this column on a monthly ba-

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Individual pen set up in Tony Cabral's Rumbler loft. Each pen is 42"x42"x42".



Gordon Gilchrist judging Rumlbers at the NYBS Oct. 29, 1988.

sis. So, based on my knowledge of his experience, and his record as being one of the top breeders, I feel Sal's contributions will have an impact on all of us. I also feel that because of his knowledge we will all benefit immensely, and my articles will probably seem as though they were written by a fledgling.

So in closing I would like to say that I am proud to be part of the finest organization in the land. I will continue to lend my efforts for the betterment of this club for as long as possible. I know that the progress we have made comes from the combined efforts of its hardworking board of directors and members alike and their ideas. I will continue to donate my time to the club as necessary to insure the continued success of this fine organization. I thank each and everyone of you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to serve the New York Domestic Flight Combine in his manner.

FLIGHTS ACROSS AMERICA

With the new year 1990 this program is already off and flying. The first to receive the beautiful Domestic flight is John Heppner of Vista, California. Both John and Southern California really lucked out since the Domestic he received are from the loft of our President, Sal Gigante. As everyone knows, Sal is one of the Combine's top breeders so there will be some impressive birds now being bred out there in Southern California. Anyone interested in obtaining any of these beauties through this program can do so by phone or letter by contacting:

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THE UNITED ENGLISH TUMBLER CLUB

Tumbler Talk

by ROBERT H. SMITH,
Manchester, Calif.

Here is Judge Jim Bush's interesting comments on the Black and White Self CL's he judged at the NCTS in Reading, Pa., January 1990.

"Dear Bob: Thought I would send you a few of my thoughts on the birds, which I judged at the Reading Show.

"White Self Classes: Very large classes with the quality quite good. The young hen class of 28, the largest class and overall the most impressive class. All 15 birds which placed were of top quality. The top five birds were very balanced tumblers of the proper body size, style and with good round heads and nice beaks. 1st through 5th could have easily been placed in any placing, each was of equal quality. A very enjoyable class of tumblers to judge. I would like to own any of these birds. First place bird was bred by Frank Garcia, 2nd and 3rd to Gene Pardini, 4th place to Vinny DeGrado and 5th to Larry LaRoch.

"Young cocks, 16 entered, 1st place bird to E. Mingo, a real top quality white, an easy winner, way ahead of the rest of the class. Wonderfully balanced bird hard to fault, was also my choice for best young white. 2nd and 3rd, 4th and 5th placed birds very similar in quality, wonderful, powerful head and beaks, but lacking in fullness of body and too tall. 2nd place, Don Zimmerman, 3rd Harry Paustian, 4th Vinny DeGrado, and 5th Paul Budnik.

"Old hens another very impressive class of tumblers, 22 entered. The top three were very hard to pick from. Each different but of top quality. The winning old hen, best white of Gene Pardini. Although too big and tall (tumblers are to be 9" and 10" tall and long) a bit narrow in body, is probably one of the best headed and beaked tumbler I've ever had the pleasure to handle. If she was shorter and better in body, she would have won Champion of the show. All of the top three places were won by Gene Pardini, 4th by Paul Budnik and 5th by Gene Pardini.

"Old cocks, 25 shown, top 10 birds very good quality. Although I would like to see a little more power in the old cocks, top birds were well balanced, good round heads with short wide beaks.

Some of the beak settings were not as good as the best old hens. 1st old cock Don Zimmerman, 2nd Tony Olszewski, 3rd Gene Pardini, 4th Harry Paustian, 5th Ron Haddleton.

"Black Sells. Although the classes were very large I felt quality was not as good as in past years, as to the depth of quality in the class.

"Young Hens. 13 entered, top 3 birds very similar, good balanced birds. The winning hen won on balance and style, a pleasing bird shown by E. Steinman, 2nd place very powerful bird but very short in face and too heavy in beak, shown by Roland Teed. 3rd place by Al Cooley. Very nice balanced hen, nice type, good feather and color, good body. Very fine in beak. Had the beak been short and the correct shape, she would have been 1st place, 4th Fred Drumm, 5th Jim Stehr.

"Young Cocks. 14 shown. 1st and best yg black, Roland Teed. Very nice tumbler, good round skull, nice body and nice show type. A bit gray in color, but still good enough to be a easy winner. 2nd and 3rd Gene Pardini, 4th Al Cooley and 5th Fred Drumm.

"Old Hens. 15 entered. 1st and 2nd birds very good, easy winners, both shown by Fred Drumm. The winning old hen went on to win best black and champion of the show. 3rd and 4th by Al Cooley and 5th Carl Wissler.

"Old Cocks. 19 a good class of birds, top five birds very good black self cocks. Winning old cock, excellent skull and beak and setting, best shaped beak and setting of all the blacks shown, needs more body size, a little too narrow in chest. Still was an easy winner shown by Carl Wissler. 2nd cock. Powerful headed and beaked tumbler. Beak setting and eye placement is off. Still a very impressive tumbler by Fred Drumm. Pushed close by two cocks. 3rd and 4th of Lee Sirota. Good powerful well balanced birds. Beak setting and eye placement a bit off, 5th Al Cooley.

"A note on the blacks. There were a large number of blacks shown with very short beaks but not the correct shaped mandible nor correct settings nor eye placement, very short in face.

"Next month, Bob, I'll send you my comments on the Self Muffs that I judged. Best wishes to all for a grand new year. - Yours in the fancy, Jim Bush."

I was happy to have the judge's comments on these classes as I believe it is important for all the exhibitors to understand what influenced him to make his decisions. It is important to hear what the judge saw that he did and did

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not like because in this way, we can learn what needs working on and what doesn't in our birds. If you read carefully, there were some common faults in some of these classes. The judge commented on birds being too tall, lacking in body width, improper beak shape, improper beak setting and too short faced (wrong eye placement).

I'm sure that we all realize that these are problems we all face in our endeavor to improve the breed, and we all need someone in this case, the judge, to tell us what he sees. Rather than criticizing the judge because he doesn't pick them the way we thought they should be picked, we should thank the judge for trying to do the best job he can and for telling us how he saw them and why he made the selections he made.

I recommend reading Frank Garcia's article, "A Few Thoughts On Judging," in the April issue of the APJ, he hits the nail on the head. One recommendation he makes is a training program for all judges and the United English Tumbler Club is going to make the effort to implement such a program.

LOFT NOTES

Saw Fred Drumm in early April and he had 20 banded, great start! His new home in San Diego County is a beautiful place high on a hill overlooking a large valley.

Adrian Walker, Sooke, B.C., Canada, has a few out thus far, still a little early.

Heard through the grapevine that Jim Bush has 50 banded including some Black Self CL's again.

Frank Garcia tells me he is having a fine early season with 17 youngsters in Balts and White Self CL's.

Mike Knaggs (Malton, Yorkshire) has some Balts and Whites and Richard Knaggs has some young Muffs out of his recent imports already.

Henry Jaeger has some Mealies and Creams out already.

The Stehr's have just a few now hatching. It's cold in Minnesota as usual.

I'm having a good start, 18 banded and another round of eggs under feeders.

Don Copeland had some barred birds on the floor but no luck with the White Self thus far.

I'd like to hear from YOU with any news. Write me at P.O. Box 275, Manchester, CA 95459.

Classified Ads Get Results!

King Trivia

by JUNE TRONE,
American King Club
Publicity Director
Meredosia, Ill.

I banded 48 babies as of May 31, only one white one, so hopefully there will be more soon.

Lloyd and I visited with Fred and Jeannie Schneider, Ill., not long ago and Fred said he has some extra nice babies.

This should be the last day of work for Waunita Marlette as she is retiring so she and Jim can enjoy the sights while traveling. She recovered from a heart attack and is doing fine and looks really great too.

Ed Miller, Ark., had another bout with his lungs and was afraid he would have to give up the birds again and his doctor gave him a shot of Cortisone and it brought him right out of it. My respiratory doctor gave me a shot of Aristocort and it sure helped me a lot. I still wear my mask outside, but I can breathe much better. Thank God for good doctors who care.

Lloyd has been in the hospital for two weeks now and we don't know how much longer. The doctors said he has a chemical imbalance in his blood so they are giving him medication to raise his blood level to where they think it should be. He seems to be feeling pretty good and is looking great with his reconstruction operation of his nose and throat, etc. He is breathing much better and has lost 50 pounds and has 30 pounds to go. In the meantime, I have his 17 chicken pets, plus the Kings, cats and now a baby kitten he brought to me that Mamma cat seemed to abandon and the other babies died, so I have company when I'm in the house. He takes a bath with me every day and is doing just fine. I'm sure the doctors will send Lloyd back to work as soon as they get his blood level straightened out.

As usual, we got a lot of nice cards, letters and phone calls from Jack and LuCinda Butler, CA, and she also sent a picture that she took while in Ariz. (her homeplace) of Egon and Margaret Thiel and Richard and Monica Serventi in front of the Thiels' King loft. LuCinda said it is really beautiful, everything is automatic too. Margaret wrote not long ago and said they were adjusting to the Arizona weather as they were originally from Canada.

I'm lucky to get lots of nice letters full of goodies (forms) from Lenore

Spais, Wisc. Av has been retired for several years and is busy working at several jobs besides the Kings and then they have lots of beautiful canaries each year too. It's nice to have good friends who care.

I got an extra nice long letter from Peggy Horn, Texas, they have Doc's 95 year old Mother with them so she has her hands full with all her church work and gardening and flowers and etc., and she calls Doc a workaholic. It's hard to believe that Doc is 70 when he seems so much younger. Peggy says she is doing better and Doc is having problems trying to get his blood pressure down, without drugs that produce other complications. I know what you mean. My blood pressure used to be real low and since the operations in '87, it has been too high with drugs. A new doctor has changed medications on me and I do believe it's helping a lot. I don't have many headaches, now.

Doc got Peggy a Sheltie puppy to love, for her birthday. I don't think anyone can resist a baby anything. Doc sold a lot of his kings so he just has a few pair and is producing some extra nice ones too. He has a cock that seems to be the best he ever raised, so I'm sure they will win at all the shows they go to. Doc is having fun with his experimental Modenas too. They had their Hobby House remodeled where they have a lot of pigeon meetings. That's wonderful, they are so active, no wonder they seem so young.

It's always so good to hear from so many wonderful pigeon friends, thanks for writing, calling and coming to visit.

Don't forget our Midwest King Club Picnic is here on September 9.

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Pictured left to right Egon and Margaret Thiel, Monica and Richard Serventi. - Photo from June Trone, Meredosia, Ill.

Merle Meyer, Ill., is the new Secretary of the Wisconsin King Club and the dues are \$5.00 per year.

The Heart of Illinois Pigeon Club held their annual Picnic at the Gene and Mary Springer home, Morton, Ill., on May 28. Their Annual Show will be on October 14 at the Peoria, Ill., Fairgrounds.

The Jacksonville Area Pigeon Show will be November 3 at Jacksonville, Ill., Nichols Park Pavilion.

The Annual AKC 2nd Dist. Show will be held at New Berlin, Ill., with Midwest King Club hosting it and the Black King Club also showing with us.

The Wisconsin King Club will hold a show on Sept. 16, Slinger, Wisc., with D.C. Warner as judge.

The Bay Area King Club, CA, had a Young Bird Show on June 10, at their clubhouse on the property of Eugene Martin.



Here it is June 27 and by now you should be getting your youngsters ready for the lawn shows. Your local lawn shows are good places to show those young that you think are going to be Champions. Get them used to the show cages and strangers looking at them, plus it is good to support your local clubs and maybe make a new friend while you are at it.

To date: I have banded 84 young Muffs in most colors. My Sells in Red, Yellow and Black look good, as do my Almonds. Where I am disappointed is in my Beards and Barred Muffs. I did band several Beards, or should I say young out of my Beards, after a slow start, but few are good enough to show. I only banded a couple of Barred and they are too late to be in condition for the shows. I am waiting for my Whitesides to go through a moult, in order to see if any will have White on their wing butts.

For those who do not know it, Whitesides and Rosewings are normally Self colored until they go through a moult, at which time the white on the wings start showing. (If it is going to).

NEWS!!

For a change I have some mail to report on.

Keith Lee, from South Africa, wrote

to ask about Almonds and to tell me that Stewart Patterson will be visiting the U.S.A. sometime this year. Keith breeds Clean Legs, but thought I could help him with his Almonds. I will give him Frank Brienzi's address, as what little I know about Almonds, Frank has taught me. Stewart visits in the States from time to time and takes Tumblers back to South Africa on his return trip. I understand that he has helped Tumbler Fanciers improve their bird a great deal. Several years ago, I saw some pictures of some of Stewart's Tumblers and they looked like they could compete with some of our best.

Dick Krueger, from California, wrote that he just purchased a couple of paintings by John Glynn, done in 1930. One is of a Black Rosewing Muff and the other a Black Self Muff. I have a Red Muff by John that was done in 1936 and Danny Raposa once told me that he has a Yellow Muff that was done the same time as mine. The one that I have was passed on to me by John Adrean and it was given to him by John Glynn himself. Dick said that some of John Glynn's work was made into post cards.

Dick stated, "I can also understand your feelings for wanting to preserve the 'Muffed Tumbler Club of America,' but I honestly believe that the new 'United English Tumbler Club' will benefit the 'Muff Fancy,' much more adequately." Once more I want to set the record straight. I was not opposed to the merging of the various Tumbler Clubs, I did not, and still do not think that we were ready to go ahead with the merger. I think we had some of the best people in the hobby working on the merger, but I don't feel that we completed our work. I would not have served on the committee, if I did not believe in the project. One person told me that if the Muffed Tumbler Breeders wanted to, we could take over the new club. My answer to this was that this was one of my reasons for opposing the merger, it is too easy for any one faction to take over.

Since the merger, I have brought it to both Jim Stehr Sr., and Bob Smith's attention that the new club is made up of Muffed Tumbler and Clean Leg Tumbler Breeders, not C.L., Muff and C.L. Marked Breeders. This is how Bob referred to those who make up the new club. The Bald and Beard Club was made up of both Muff and C.L. Breeders, not just C.L.

I have promoted the United English Tumbler Club in this column and I have urged those interested in forming a new Muffed Tumbler Club, to give this new

club a chance. If after at least a year, I don't feel that the new club will benefit the Muffed Tumbler Breeders and if there is enough support for a new Muffed Tumbler Club, I will endorse the new effort and then only if the new organization is set up to avoid the pit falls of the old Muffed Tumbler Club.

Gary Gammel, from Iowa, said that his birds did not do too well with the temperature going up and down during the breeding season. He did have some young Muffs banded and several more in the nest, as of June 4.

Robert Burk, from New York State, wrote to tell me that he banded three young Muffs and had more on eggs as of May 28. Bob wanted to remind me of the Pigeon Fanciers of Rochester's Lawn Show, Sept. 9. If you are interested in showing, you can reach Bob at: 3219 State St., Caledonia, NY 14423. Bob talked to Tim Stajkowski, from Bay City, MI. Tim told Bob they were getting ready for the National Championship Tumbler Show.

Also from the Rochester Area, I received a letter from Dennis Quackenbush promoting their up coming show on Sept. 9. Dennis was off to a slow start, but he did have one young Muff banded. If you can make it to their show, I'm sure the people of the Rochester Club will make sure you enjoy yourself.

Gary Pack, from Illinois, said they were busy on the farm, but took time out to drop me a line. He said he had good results with his ad in the A.P.J. and it was good for making contact with new breeders. Gary offered to pay half the dues to the United English Tumbler Club, to anyone who purchased birds. Lee Soltwisch took advantage of this offer. Gary said that he will work to promote the new club, but if all else fails, he will work to organize a new Muffed Tumbler Club. He said, "My season is off to a cautious start. Not large numbers but a few quality prospects." He also mentioned that he would like Jim Stehr Jr., to send me the old Muffed Tumbler Club information, so we can keep our history in place. (I would like to hear from the people who received birds from Gary. Let me know a little about yourself and your Muffs).

I received a call from Dave Emmrich, from Bay City, Michigan. Dave said the Show dates for the N.C.T.S. are January 24, 25, and 26. It will be held at the Bay Valley Inn, there will be free transportation to and from the airport, it has a heated pool and the rates are \$55.00 for one or two people. Anyone who attended the last show in Bay City, know

these people know how to put on a good show, so make your plans now to attend. (Thanks Dave for the information. You do know your Tumblers would look better with feathers on their legs!)

Jim Bush, from California, wrote to give me some comments on the Muffs he judged at Reading. Black Self Muffs: Old Cocks, winning bird shown by Bob Witte. Good Muffs, nice station and style, good out look, nice skull and beak. (Was also Best Black). 2nd by Jerry Wissler. Very powerful pigeon, wonderful skull and feather. Would not show and a little long in beak. First two Old Black Hens very similar in quality - nice tumblers. 1st - Bob Witte, 2nd - Jerry Wissler. Very nice class of young hens. Top four birds quality Tumblers. Good skulls, beaks, body and type. Muffling was nice. The winning young hen was Best Young Black and Best Young Self. Shown by Jim Stehr. 2nd to Bob Witte, 3 and 4 to Tom Evans and Bob Witte. The yg. Cocks were a little weak in power and size for cocks. Not the quality of the other Blacks. 1st Jim Stehr, 2nd Jerry Wissler.

White Self, O.C. 1st and Best Old to Jim Stehr. Nice balanced bird, showed nice, good outlook, a little long in beak, but a real quality Tumbler. 2nd and 3rd by Jerry Wissler, right behind the winner. Better in beaks, but not the outlook of the winner. O.H. - 1st Jim Stehr, a real sweetheart of a hen, real nice bird, well balanced, good muffs, nice skull and beak. (Note: this bird was carrying an egg, otherwise she would have gone farther in the finals.) 2nd to Richard Lujan, a good quality bird. Y.H.'s - 10 shown. Nice quality class. 1st and 2nd to Richard, 2nd to Jerry Wissler, 4th to Corky Packard, 5th to Robert Poloway. Y.C.'s - Richard Lujan 1st, outstanding white Muff, good body, style, muffs, excellent beak and skull. A real top bird, but his eyes were a little dark, but weighing the points, an easy winner. Was also Best white. 2nd Jerry Wissler. (After all the months without news, I cannot believe that I am going to say that I will continue Jim's comments next month because I am running a little long).

CLUB NEWS!!

The Upper Midwest Tumbler Club, Spring Bulletin, by Gary Gammel arrived in May. The U.M.T.C. Annual Show will be in Des Moines, Iowa, on December 8, at the Veteran's Auditorium. If you are interested in joining the club, or showing with them, you can contact Gary at: 3945 E. 32nd St., Des Moines, Iowa 50317. Yearly dues are \$3.00.

The United English Tumbler Club Bulletin also arrived in May. This effort is put out by Ron Des Lauriers and Jim Stehr Sr. The club is setting up committees to run the various functions. President Bob Smith listed his nominations for the various positions. The official ballot results were listed with the officers being: President - Bob Smith, C.L. V.P. - Bill Blair, Muff V.P. - Carl Wissler, Membership Secretary - Bob Wood and Election Commissioner, - Johnny Blaine. Anyone interested in joining can send their dues to: Bob Wood, 8209 NW 31st St., Bethany, Okla. 73008. Dues are \$10.00.

In closing for this month, I want to thank those who took the time to send me some news and remind the rest of you, that if you have not written to me in the past year, do it now. One letter every year from everyone who breeds Muffs will fill this column each month. My address is: Box 157, Memphis, NY 13112.

Shortface Gleanings

by WARREN MAURER
Franklin Square, N.Y.

Trust everyone had a successful breeding season and have one or two possible winners. It seems every time you get an outstanding one, something happens and it dies, well you're not alone, you have company. Tony Montello of Staten Island had some uninvited people to his loft and they made off with all his Ancient Cap cocks. You might say it was kids but would they be picky and only take the cap cocks? I only hope Tony is able to find them and also the creepers.

Had a very nice letter from my mentor in Germany, Gunter Dahlem. He writes his breeding season was successful (what else for him) and although the blacks did not do too well, the reds have showed all kinds of promise. His wife Ursula also did well with her Tigered Ancients. From Germany also had a nice letter from Karl Bergman, the Elbingerman, and he too had a fine breeding season.

A phone call from Wil Valentyn of Penn., he says although he started out poorly, it looks like another good season. My friend John Ferrara called and he has raised over 20 Viennas, some good, some not so good. Bob Powell said he has a few Helmets on the floor

and several eggs due to hatch shortly. If other years are any indication, Bob will have a terrific bird for the shows.

Am surprised my friend Bruce Gaudin hasn't called and told me about how his breeding season with the E.S.F. Tumblers turned out. Want to surprise people at the shows this year Bruce? Dave Fhagen has stopped the Budapest breeding and is now concentrating on his Viennas. Dave is a good breeder and we can expect to see some good birds from him at the shows this year.

A lot of breeders have been having trouble with the youngsters not getting out of the shell this year, I wonder why? Have they been putting Iodine in the water which helps or is it something that we are not aware of? A call from California finds my friend Bill Mackey on the line and he is telling me he cut down on all his breeds and just has only the best of each. Bill was the type that just couldn't cull his birds as he had plenty of room for them all. Now I expect to see much better birds from him as he can concentrate on the lesser amount of birds. Good move Bill!

Now as for my own season, a lot better than last year. So far there are 20 banded Ancients and Berliners with a few more in the nest too small to band. Some look fairly good and some so so, but then they all look better after the moult. So now I need to hear from you about your season.

July News

Another short face fancier has arrived on the scene and the proud parents are Ursula and Gunter Dahlem of West Germany, our new edition is named Jonah and am sure he will grow up to raise Ancients just like Mom and Dad. Congratulations! Gunter found time in his letter to say he has five youngsters that he feels will be above average, what else is new?

Had a call from John Sabotka and he says he has some Moorheads for sale and possibly some Ancients too. Well I guess John has come to the conclusion too many birds can cause trouble in the loft and wants to cut down. Tony Montella of Staten Island stopped over to see my new additions and said he has some S.F. Baldheads to get rid of, making sure to let me know they are stock birds. I put this in because of the many calls I've had in request of S.F. Baldheads that I could not help out.

Then from California came a call from Bill Mackey. He said he has cut down on all his short face and kept only the best of each breed. He has many

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breeds including Ancients, Moorheads, English and Ganzels among them. Bill would like to have a Short Face Special in 1992 and wanted to know if I would take care of the East Coast fanciers. I replied I would gladly do it if he would get the ball rolling and I'm still around. This will be a great thing for the short face and hope the fellows support it as they should.

Wil Huebel of Little Ferry, N.J., has a few English on the floor and several in the nest as well as a few Budapest too. Wil said he hopes to raise about 40 English and 20 Budapests. Hope you reach your quota Wil. Heard Gabe Ronga has quite a few Budapest and Short Beakers on the floor with many in the nest. Then John Ferrara has said his Short Beakers are really starting to produce and now is looking forward to the best season he has ever had with the hopes that one of them will be a winner!

I am interested in joining the Berliner Club and will look forward to any literature and particulars if they would be sent to me. This will be short as not too many fanciers got in touch with me this month, I sure hope this changes.

Write or call: Warren Mauer, 966 Oaks Drive, Franklin Square, New York 11010, 516-352-6230.

Mondain Matters

by EARL GOLDING,
Waco, Texas

The Dan Davis Promotional show will be held at Breeders Arena in Stephenville, Texas, Dec. 1-2, and Paul Cook, who will host the show and its coordinator, says the these will be "Getting Acquainted With You."

The show is being held to generate funds for the National French Mondain Association. It is also to be held in honor of Dan Davis, who has served so faithfully as the organization's secretary for so many years.

"With the French Mondain breed's rapid advancement toward the standard of perfection in the past few years," Cook says, "we feel this show will be a unique opportunity to put the nation's top breeders under one roof at one show."

Cook said there will be a limited entry of 300 birds, "and we sincerely feel this will be one of the finest fields of Mondains assembled at any show."

He said many of the top breeders from throughout the country have already committed to be on hand. Les Heisserman, Mt. Holly, Jew Jersey, will

be the judge.

Cook, who is president of the Texas French Mondain Club which will join him in hosting the show at his show facility in Stephenville, said he expects a good turnout of pigeon folks from around the country who have been considering joining the family of Mondain breeders.

"To help these people obtain all the information on this show we have many regional contacts. Any breeder who would like to know all about this show can contact one of these men and they'll be sure that you receive a brochure on the show giving all details."

He said the brochures will soon be printed, "and we will mail these to anybody we know who now has a connection with Mondains." The brochures will be available in mid-October.

Everything possible is being done to make this a class show, and one which offers those coming from throughout the country many incentives. One of those is that people coming from distant places will be picked up at the DFW Airport, driven back and forth from their motels to the show, treated to meals at Breeders Arena, and returned to DFW for their flights home when the show is over. "We have two vans and drivers ready to provide this service. We want to give visitors the VIP treatment," Cook said.

The theme of "getting acquainted" will be stressed very strongly in the printed brochure for the Promotional show. It is designed to further solidify a growing number of major breeders and their strong commitment to increasing the popularity of the French Mondain pigeon. After years of being very lightly promoted, this big, blocky, beautiful bird has caught the fancy of more and more breeders during the last two years. Where once the National French Mondain Association would have no more than 80 members, its rolls were nearing 130 by May of this year.

This has been made possible by the Mondain pigeon getting some exposure. Long-time breeders of this bird have always known of the potential for growth, but only during the last couple of years has there been a united, concentrated effort on the part of so many to seriously work toward that end.

Now, more than one Mondain breeder believes it is very possible this bird can eventually become the No. 1 breed of all.

Cook expects the National Club's membership will eventually grow to as many as 500 breeders. "And when we

get to that number . . . and we will . . . we are going to shoot for 1,000."

In spite of this rapid growth in the popularity of the breed, there are still some top names in this hobby who haven't met. Some see each other only every three or four years. "So the 'Getting Acquainted' theme of this show is important," Cook said. "This will be an excellent opportunity for it."

The show will also feature quality donated birds, from lofts of the country's greatest breeders and show winners, which will be in the auction.

"We would really like to hear from pigeon folks who have some interest in French Mondains. People we don't know about and don't have on our lists."

If you happen to be among this list of folks, listed below is the roster of regional contacts. Write any of them and you will receive a brochure which will give all details of the Dan Davis Promotional Show, Dec. 1-2.

The contacts are:

John List, 11722 S. Millard, Chicago, Illinois 60655; Les Heisserman, 211 Stokes Ave., Mt. Holly, New Jersey 08060; David Millwood, 8903 Langley Rd., Bakersfield, Calif. 93312; Earl Thibideaux, 15103 Olde Tavern Ct., Houston, Texas 77068; Elwood Hammitt, RR 1, Box 368, Jobstown, New Jersey 08041; Paul Strametz, 18965 Malguerra Ave., Morgan Hill, California 95037; Earl Golding, 525 N. 35th, Waco, Texas 76710; Paul Cook, P.O. Box 113, Stephenville, Texas 76401; and David Hurt, 414 Ebbitide Lane, Belton, Texas 76513.

MIDWEST MONDAINS

John List reports the season had a rather slow start for many breeders in the Midwest. "I usually band around 45 to



SHEBA

Pictured above is Sheba, a two-time Grand Champion French Mondain hen, owned by Earl Golding, Waco, Texas. She is a half-sister of Grand Champion Cleo. — Photo by Earl Golding.

50 birds a year. This is out of ten pair of individuals and two pair of spares. Some years I break up in early July and others in late September. Obviously the July years are much more prolific."

John said that as of mid-May, his year was running behind usual schedule and this also was apparently the case with Jack Leach, Ed Bakhaus, Cory Dalman, and Gordon Ver Hulst."

List had heard from Larry Ketterer who was hoping for a more active roll in the Midwest Club in the future.

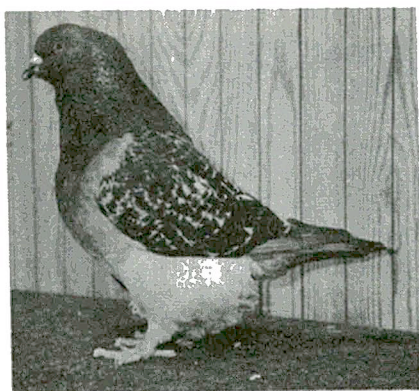
New members of the Midwest French Mondain Club include Kenneth Probst, Lemay, Missouri; John Sawatzky, Trevor, Wisconsin; and Gerald Knus, West Bend, Wisconsin.

Ed Bakhaus, 711 Indiana Ave., Beecher, Illinois 60401 is president of the Midwest Club. John List, 11722 S. Millard, Chicago, Illinois 60655 is the president. Contact either of these officers for complete info about the club and its 1990 show schedule.

MONDAIN SHORTS

Two Belton, Texas, breeders are putting together some top-of-the line all-wire individuals. Buck Walker and David Hurt are putting their combined efforts into one loft at Buck's. Both were off to good starts. By the third week of May, Hurt reported raising "lots of birds" and Buck had already banded 24. Buck's big priority is to produce a family of Recessive Reds and Recessive Yellows.

In Houston, Earl Thibideaux was raising some birds and was especially high over the prospects of red and white AOC out of an Ash Red Check from the Hutchison bloodline, obtained from Paul Cook last fall, and from the white hen, The Duchess, obtained from Earl Golding in November.



FRENCH MONDAIN

Blue Cock #89-4215 was Champion Young Cock in the Texas French Mondain Club's first show of the year at Breeders Arena. — Photo by Earl Golding, Waco, Texas.

Kenneth Hutchison, who lives in Whitney, Texas, says he's raised the best prospect he's had in a long time. It is a blue check, which he thinks is a cock. "I think this might be the bird which will make me have more interest when they are judging the Parade of Champions in some of our future shows," Kenneth said. Kenneth plans to retire a little over a year from now when his son Jamie graduates from college. He says he intends to become very serious about raising good Mondains when he does retire. "Also, at our last show at Breeders Arena, Jamie told us he thought he would raise some Mondains and show them when he gets out of college. That really pleased me." Kenneth's dad, W.L. Hutchison, Waco, has been one of the hobby's major breeders for several decades. His brother, Weldon, is very active in the club but does not have Mondains.

Paul Cook will judge French Mondains at the National Young Bird Show in Louisville, Kentucky, on Oct. 27.

NOTE

We'd appreciate hearing from you about Mondains in your area. Write: Earl Golding, 525 N. 35th, Waco, Texas 76710, or call 817-752-2388.

Hungarian Giant House Pigeon Newsletter

by TONY BRANCATO,
Santa Maria, Calif.

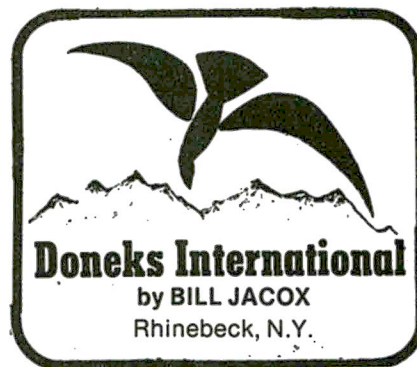
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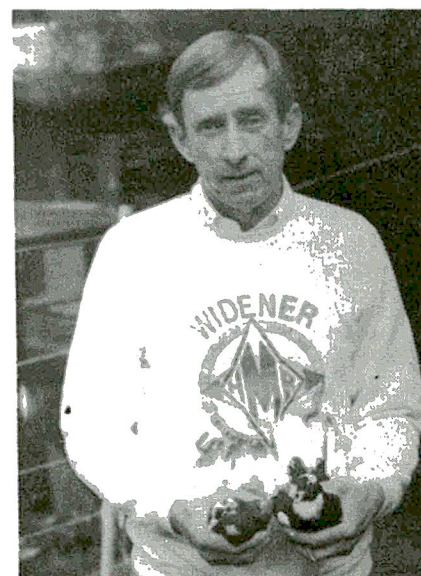
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Update: June 23rd. It's summertime and the living is easy! This warm weather suits me fine. Of course, the Doneks like it too! I look forward to going out back each morning and watch my Doneks do what they are bred to do. It's a "blast!"

Here are a few experiences that should be shared with all. This year I bred one of my best performing hens. When the pair went to nest and sat on eggs the hen seemed to lose her desire to fly. Now I know this may not seem like a big deal, but with Doneks their fly up is relatively short and the trip down is REAL SHORT. Also, when she DID decide to go up she would start down without waiting for the signal. It was discouraging. I thought maybe I should separate the pair and break up the nest. That helped! But she still showed some laziness. Now, I have been putting this bird up two to three times a day with some high flying Tipplers and she is almost back to shall we say normal. I chose to fly her with Tipplers because I knew if I put her up with Doneks she would teach THEM to start

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Don Devilbiss with two Doneks. — Photo by David Devilbiss.

down without a signal. So, with the Tipplers, if she starts down no one follows, she flies right back up and joins them again. I wait a few minutes and put out my dropper and down she comes. Also this year I have been letting my Doneks fly a little more before bringing them down. I don't want to PROGRAM THEM to gauge time and height and judge WHEN THEY should start down. I rather keep them "thinking."

Let's go to the mailbox - I received letters and calls from a multitude of folks since my last article. Here's a few: Koce Talev, Stojce Trajonowski, Boris Stojanowski, Don Stender, Frank Smart, Dave Redden, Tim Bacopoulos, Jerry Lilliot and there were many others. We heard from Hawaii and from Bahrain which is on the Arabian Gulf. Doneks International is indeed International.

I got a letter from Don Devilbiss, Chadds Ford, Delaware. Don just got started in Doneks last year. Here in the photo are the first six Doneks he raised and he reports that when the first Donek made its drop from the sky he jumped for joy!!!

Don says he has seven more coming in the second round that are four weeks old and all four pair are on eggs again. Don is definitely off to a good start and will have plenty of good times with his Doneks for a long time to come. Thanks, Don!

Well, it's time for me to go for now. If you want to write - please do - if you would like a reply send a "stamp," no envelope. Bill Jacox, 12 Ackert Hook Rd., Rhinebeck, NY 12572.



Don Devilbiss with his young Doneks.
- Photo by David Devilbiss.

Carneau Gleanings

by VICTOR STOLL
Finger, Tenn.

This has been a great breeding season here on the farm. I have already banded around 193 Carneau youngsters and 60 Runt youngsters. Many breeders have separated their birds and put another breeding season behind them. My pens are full this year and I will have to cut back on my breeders. In fact about half of my present breeders will be sold.

In breeding Carneau we all like to see a large bird, 32 to 36 oz., but we dislike the long wing flights and loose feathers.

The massive head and neck are features that set the Carneau (as a large breed) apart from other large breeds as the Kings, French Mondain and the Giant Runt. We have led the field in this respect so that breeders of other large breeds have used the Carneau to get the large head and neck on their breed.

We are also working hard for a tight feathered bird that is short, blocky, wide breasted and compact. The French Mondain has these features and leads the field in this respect.

We do not want to lose the upright station of the Carneau nor the intense red color or black or yellow. The recessive red in Carneau is outstanding so the Carneau as a breed has only four solid colors, White, Red, Black and Yellow. The Carneau breeders do not want O.H.C. birds which are plainly birds with mixed colors. We trust our Standard will continue to promote the four solid colors only. In times past the dun was also recognized but those days are past. No one is breeding Dun at present to my knowledge.

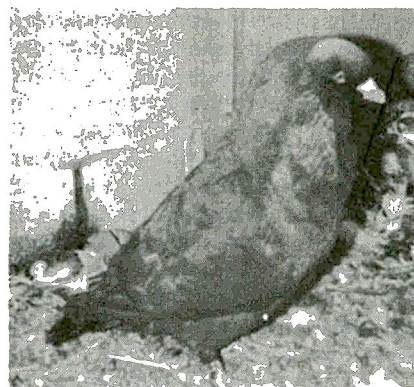
In the last article in the A.P.J. we had the winners of the 1990 National and the Carneau breeders who were present at the National in Salt Lake City. Let's all work together to promote the Carneau breed and get more Carneau in the hands of new breeders.

It is a utility breed bred for beauty and also provides meat for the table. This months photos are featuring a nice Red Cock 47-88. Notice the upright station and compact body.

July News

We are having great weather the past few weeks and my Carneau are hatching young all over the place.

It seems that they really learned how to get in high gear. We are still often



CARNEAU

A beautiful specimen, Red Cock #47-88, bred and owned by Victor Stoll, Finger, Tenn.

asked, "Just what is a Carneau pigeon?" The beautiful Carneau pigeon has always been considered a utility breed and weighs around two pounds each which is a large pigeon. We might ask what the word UTILITY means? My dictionary defines it as something useful or has a good purpose in life.

In the Carneau pigeon this simply means they were used for food on the table and today squab meat is considered a delicacy. The Chinese are very fond of squab meat.

But the popularity of squab meat has faded in the United States and so also as a breed the Carneau has all but faded and faces extinction today with only a handful of breeders and these are breeding for show purposes for the most part.

It is my opinion that the Carneau breed (Carneaux) are the most colorful and beautiful of all utility breeds and there is no reason it should take a back seat to other utility breeders. No indeed, it should be leading the way in pigeon circles and if we increase the breasts and thighs of our Carneau we should have no



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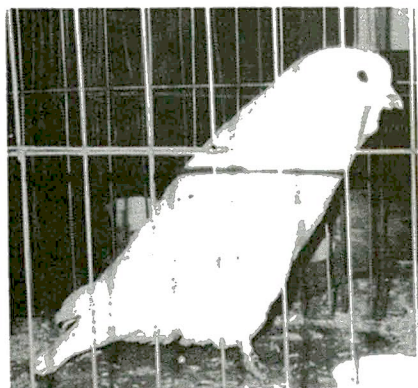


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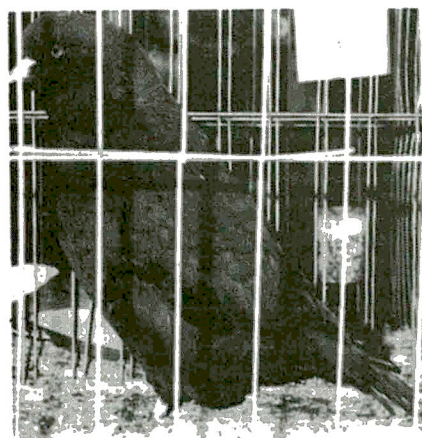
In the Carneau Section are (l.-r.): Denby Williamson, Jeane Hoyal, Irene Dirth, Ryan McCalmon and Dave Camomile.

problem getting the Carneau to weighing around 36 to 40 oz.

I received a letter from Steve Cook and he sent me some excellent photos of three Carneau in three colors, all winners at the National in Salt Lake City,



RESERVE CHAMPION CARNEAU
White Old Cock #379 was Reserve Champion Carneau at the Salt Lake City Grand National January 1990.

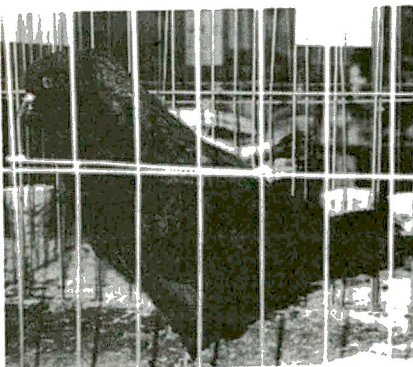


CHAMPION CARNEAU
Red Old Cock, #620, was Champion Carneau at the Salt Lake City Grand National Jan. 1990.

Utah.

Steve also sent an excellent photo of the Carneau breeders who were at the show.

We got news that Luther Masserang is having surgery. Hope he comes along good. See you next month. — Victor Stoll, Rt. 1, Box 664, Finger, Tenn. 38334.



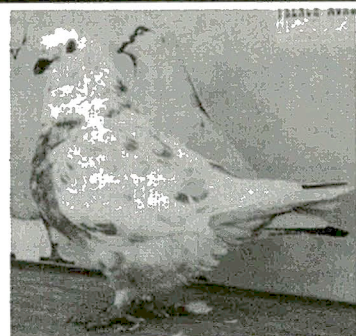
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Obituaries

IN MEMORY OF NICK FROBOUCK

On January 10, 1990, the pigeon world lost a mountain of a man. Nick Frobouck passed away after a long bout with cancer.

Western Pennsylvania will never be the same in the pigeon world until someone adopts the "Big Brother" image that Nick projected. That will be a difficult task as many of our exhibitors are one dimensional and nationally acclaimed in our hobby: Will Valentyn-Short Face, Harold Strawniak-Helmets, George Petro-Rollers, Bob McKee-Fantails and Vic Cardillo in Modenas.

Ol' Nick showed Frills the past two decades but loved all breeds and actively promoted them. I saw the time he bought an entire stud of Baldhead Rollers, brought them home and gave them to a local breeder because Nick knew the man would enjoy them. This type of generosity happened more than once.

Nick touched many lives in the pigeon game and made an impression and a friend with every new acquaintance. Many is the pigeon fancier who, as a novice, said, "I got my start in pigeons because of Nick."

Always philosophizing and adamant in his feelings about the raising of Frills if I heard "short and cobby" once, I heard it 100 times in the 20 years I knew Nick.

It has been an honor to have known



The late Nick Frobouck, long time Frill promoter.

Nick Frobouck and to have called him my friend; and as long as there is a feather in my back yard, the memory of Nick Frobouck will live on. —Submitted by Tom Berich, Elizabeth, Penn.

ABE BOGAN

I'd like the fancy to know of the passing on of Abe Bogan of Spokane, Washington. This fierce pigeon lover originally came from Brownsville, Brooklyn, where Mike Tyson, the former boxing champ, also flew birds. Abe loved Bronze Show Tipplers and high class Domestic Show flights as well as English Long and Short Faced Tumblers.

When he returned from service in the Army he was the original owner of the Veterans Bird Store on Petken Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. But the call of his heart brought him and his beloved wife, Lorraine, back to Spokane, where he stayed these many years racing some great Homers and also breeding the fancies, his first love.

I have kept in touch with him these 50 years and found him both fierce and loyal. Those who remember him shall miss him. I'm one that knew him for the good guy he really was and I shall miss him.

He was a cousin to Norman Lear of T.V. fame. —Submitted by Alex Rawson, Staten Island, New York.

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Oct. 6 - Indian Fantail Club of America Meet, Dunn County Fairgrounds Recreation Center held with West Central Wisc. Club All Variety Show, Menomonie, Wisc. Contact: Ron Bien, Rt. 6, Box 61, Menomonie, Wisc. 54751. 715-235-2186.

Oct. 6 - Western Pennsylvania Roller Club All Age Show, URC - PRC District Point Show. Fayette Co. Fairgrounds, Uniontown, Pa. Judge - Fred Altman. Show Sec. - George Petro, 108 Devan Ave., Uniontown, Pa. 15401. 412-437-9971.

Oct. 6 - Southeast Iowa Pigeon Club Pigeon Show held at Southeastern Community College Grounds, Hwy. 34 and 406, Gear Avenue, West Burlington, Iowa. Info: Wes Pfadenhauer, RR 4, West Burlington, Iowa 52655. 319-392-8177.

Oct. 6 - West Central Wisconsin Pigeon and Poultry Club All Variety Show, Dunn County Fairgrounds, Menomonie, Wisc. Contact: Larry La Gesse, Rt. 1, Box 137, Bloomer, Wisc. 54724 or Ron Bien, Rt. 6, Box 61, Menomonie, Wisc. 54751.

Oct. 6 - Lincoln Hills Pigeon Club Fall Show. Sec. Dave Dougan, Route 2, Huntingburg, Ind. 47542.

Oct. 7 - Annual Fall Meet of the National Chinese Owl Club, Spiller Woods State Park, Mt. Zion, Ill. Judge: Mark Lufkin, Middleboro, MA. Contact: Ray and Pat Scroggins, Box 102, Mt. Zion, Ill. 62549.

Oct. 7 - Iowa Flying Roller Club First Annual Young Bird Show in conjunction with the Iowa State Pigeon Association Show in Perry, Iowa, held at the National Guard Armory. For more details contact: John R. Hawxby, Box 91, Hartford, Iowa 50118.

Oct. 7 - Reading Young Bird Show held at 4-H Complex, Reading, Pa. For more information, contact: Terry Fick, RD 3, Box 4126, Pine Grove, Pa. 17963.

Oct. 7 - Nassau-Suffolk Pigeon Fanciers Club Baby Show, American Legion Hall, Carleton Ave., Central Islip, N.Y. Specialty clubs welcome. Contact: Pete Valentine, President, 516-277-1087 or Barbara Beer, 2nd Vice President, 194 Lido Prom West, Lindenhurst, N.Y. 11757, 516-226-3534.

Oct. 7 - Long Island Show Homer Assn. Young Bird Show held in conjunction with the Nassau-Suffolk Pigeon Fanciers show, Knights of Columbus Hall, Carleton Ave., Long Island, N.Y. Contact: Joseph Ognibene, 1735 W. 8 St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Oct. 7 - Nassau-Suffolk Pigeon Fanciers Club Annual Baby Show, Knights of Columbus Hall, Carleton Ave., Central Islip, N.Y. For entry blanks and information: Barbara Beer, 194 Lido Prom West, Lindenhurst, N.Y. 11757. (516-226-3534) or Pete Valentine, 8 Andrew Ave., Islip Terrace, N.Y. 11752 (516-277-1087).

Oct. 7 - Iowa State Pigeon Assn., Young Bird Show, National Guard Armory, 2930 Willis Ave., Perry, Iowa. Contact: Howard Hart, Show Secretary, P.O. Box 38, Lanesboro, Iowa 51451. 712-656-2253.

Oct. 7 - Tri-K Pigeon & Bantam Club Bird Fair, Kankakee Co. Fairgrounds, Kankakee, Ill. For information: Guenter Wenzel, Rt. 1, Box 502, Grant Park, Ill. 60940. 815-472-2238.

Oct. 7 - The Long Island Show Homer Assn. Annual Young Bird Show held in conjunction with the Nassau-Suffolk Annual Baby Show. For information: Thomas Zarek, 1397 Penataquit Ave., Bayshore, N.Y. 11007. 516-665-9509.

Oct. 13 - London Poultry and Pigeon Assn., NPA State Meet, Woodstock, Ontario, Canada Fairgrounds. Tony Cabral, Sec., 96 Speight Crescent, London, Ont., Canada N5V 3W8.

Oct. 13 - Roller District, URC, PRC, IRC point show, Indianola, Iowa. Judges: David Johnson, Ray Scroggins. Contact: John Putney, Box 36, Ackworth, Iowa 50001.

Oct. 13 - Mid-America Exotic Auction, Horton, Kansas. Over 20 varieties of pigeons at the auction. For info, Dennis Allen, 913-873-3161.

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Oct. 13 - Garden State Variety Pigeon Fanciers Assn. Open Young Bird Show, American Legion Hall, 540 Shaler Blvd., Ridgefield, N.Y. Show Secretary: Chester Grimes, 6800 Columbia Ave., 4Q, North Bergen, N.J. 07047.

Oct. 13 - "Lumberyard" Young Bird Show, English Trumpeter Club of America, Cottonwood, Minn. Show Secretary: Orin DuChien, 1323 W. River St., #12, Monticello, Minn. 55362.

Oct. 13 - Young and Yearling Show, Utah Pigeon Club, State Fairgrounds. For entry blanks or information, contact: Ed Bills, 8389 W. Powell Ave., Magna, Utah 84044. 801-250-0634.

Oct. 13 - Southern Illinois Pigeon Club Annual Fall Show, Bridgeport, Ill., City Park Pavilion. For info, contact Beulah Paddick, 618-936-2559.

Oct. 13 - "Double Crown" Show, Monroe Grange Hall, Southeast, Troy, Ohio. Judge, Shawn Anderson, Piqua, Ohio. Entry fee \$1.50. Send entries to: Doug Branson, 1111 Marwood Dr., Piqua, Ohio 45356.

Oct. 13 - Beaver Pigeon & Bantam Club Annual Show, hosting the Wisconsin State Pigeon Assn. Show for 90. For information, Mike Smith, Show Sec., N4960 Cty. Tr. T.T., Columbus, Wisc. 53925. 414-887-2396.

Oct. 14 - Southern Illinois Pigeon Club, NPA State Meet, Bridgeport, Ill. Beulah Paddick, Sec., 111 Sycamore St., Summer, Ill. 62466.

Oct. 14 - Heart of Illinois Pigeon Club Annual Fall Show, All Breeds, held at Exposition Gardens, Peoria, Ill. Sec. Dennis Vogel, Rt. 1, Box 112A, Miner, Ill. 61759. 309-392-3160.

Oct. 14 - Beaver Pigeon & Bantam Club Fall Swap. For more info, Mike Smith, Show Sec., N4960 Cty. Tr. T.T., Columbus, Wisc. 53925. 414-887-2396.

Oct. 14 - New York Combine Domestic Show Flight Club, 15th Annual Young Bird Show, Polish National Hall, 64th Street and 56th Road, Maspeth, N.Y.

Oct. 14 - Port Huron and Michigan Pigeon Associations Annual Young Bird Show, Perch Point Conservation Club Marine City, Michigan. Jim Palmer, 2905 N. Range Rd., Port Huron, Mich. 48060.

Oct. 20 - Western Turbit, Frill and Owl Club sectional Young Bird Show held in conjunction with the Western National Young Bird Show, Portland, Ore. Contact: Vickie Casey, P.O. Box 1142, San Martin, Calif. 95046. 408-683-4384.

Oct. 20 - 6th District Meet, National Chinese Owl Club, Portland, Ore. Contact: Keith Casteel, 24506 NE 53rd St., Vancouver, WA 98682.

Oct. 20 - Cairo Variety Pigeon Club 18th Annual Fall Classic, All Breeds encouraged. For information: Gary Newkirk, 5101B Kings Highway, Saugerties, N.Y. 12477, 914-246-5403.

Oct. 20 - Western National Young Bird Show, Portland, Ore. Contact: Keith Casteel, 24506 NE 53rd St., Vancouver, Wash. 98682. 206-256-9264.

Oct. 20 - Indian Fantail Club of America Meet with Western National Young Bird Show, Portland, Ore. Contact: Paul Clow, 12500 NE 81st St., Vancouver, Wash. 98682. 206-256-2948.

Oct. 20 - Cairo Variety Pigeon Club 18th Annual Fall Classic for young and old birds, St. Johns Hall, Greenville, New York. Show Sec.: John T. Rao, P.O. Box 47, So. Westerly, N.Y. 12163. 518-966-8484.

Oct. 20-21 - Central Fantail Club 2nd Annual Young Bird Show, Howe, Michigan. Ed Karnish, Sec., 3532 Vinton St., Omaha, Nebr. 68105.

Oct. 21 - 1st District Meet, National Chinese Owl Club with the Lebanon Valley Pigeon Fanciers.

Oct. 21 - 1st District Modena Meet, Lebanon Area Fairgrounds, Cornwall and Evergreen Rd., Lebanon, Pa. Show Secretary Titus Hostetter, 155 Rocherty Rd., Lebanon, Pa. 17042. 717-273-4633. Judge: Willi Richert.

Oct. 21 - Lebanon Valley Pigeon Fanciers Young and Old Bird Shows, Lebanon Area Fairgrounds, Cornwall and Evergreen Rd., Lebanon, Pa. Entry fee: \$2.00 a bird. Show Sec. Robert Haas, 1009 Jay St., Lebanon, Pa. 17042. 717-273-5116.

Oct. 21 - Mid-Indiana Swap Meet, north side of I-70 at Cloverdale Exit. For information, 317-795-6703.

Oct. 21 - Southern Minnesota Pigeon Assn. Inc., Bill Tyler Memorial Fall Classic, Austin National Guard Armory, Austin, Minn. Contact: Ted J. Conradt, RR 1, Box 32, Lyle, Minn. 55453. 507-325-4507.

Oct. 21 - Tri-County Fur & Feather Club Small Animal & Bird Swap Day, Junction Highway 154 and Blacktop P, Liberty Community Building, Vandalia, Mo. For information: 314-735-2748, 314-594-3819.

Oct. 27 - Gene Bryant Memorial National Young Bird Show, National Chinese Owl Club, to be held with the NYBS, Louisville, KY. Member in Charge: Bob Lenz. Judge: Max Cartmill. Show Sec. - Rita M. Courtney, P.O. Box 21, Milton, KY 40045.

Oct. 27 - Great Lakes Fantail Club Show in conjunction with the National Young Bird Show, KY. Fair and Exposition Center, Louisville, KY. Entries close Oct. 3, 1990. Mail all entries to: N.Y.B.S., P.O. Box 21, Milton, KY. 40045.

Oct. 27 - The Atlantic Coast Show Homer Assn. Annual Show.

Oct. 27 - Minnesota State Pigeon Assn. All Breed, All Age Show, Livestock Arena, State Fairgrounds. For more info, contact: Rick Burdine, 612-786-0621.

Oct. 27 - National Young Bird Show, sponsored by the Louisville Pigeon Club. Show Secretary: Rita M. Courtney, P.O. Box 21, Milton, KY 40045.

Oct. 27-28 - 7th District Meet, National Chinese Owl Club, Watsonville, CA, with the Great Western. Judge: Mike Lopez.

Oct. 28 - Empire Short Face Pigeon Club Baby Show, Polish National Hall, 61-60 56th Road, Maspeth, N.Y. 10:30 a.m. Show Secretary: David Phagen, 154 Oak St., Medford, N.Y. 11763. 516-289-5047.

Oct. 28 - Long Island Domestic Flight Club "Baby Show", Richard Street, Islip, New York. Show Sec.: Angelo Cavallo, 60 Martin Road North, Bethpage, N.Y. 11714.

Oct. 28-29 - Santa Clara Valley Pigeon Club Great Western Pigeon Show, Santa Cruz Fairgrounds, Watsonville, Calif. Contact: John DeCarlo, 408-683-4406.

Nov. 2-4 - Short Grass Pigeon All Breed Show, Rapid City, South Dakota. Free banquet, silent auction and a lot of fun. Giant Homer Judge: George Lechner. For information, Jerry Goetz, 5320 Solitaire Drive, Rapid City, SD 57701, 605-393-1879.

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Nov. 3 - 4th District Meet, National Chinese Owl Club, Hutchinson, Kansas, with the Kansas Pigeon Association Show.

Nov. 3 - Western Michigan Pigeon Assn., NPA State Meet, Borcula, MI. Brad DeWys, Sec., A-6164, 145 Ave., Holland, MI 49423.

Nov. 3 - Great Lakes Pigeon Assn. 35th Annual Show, American Legion Park Building, Grant Park, Ill. Send entries or inquiries to: Betty Hess, Club Sec., 3436 Sally Drive, Steger, Ill. 60475. 708-755-9476.

Nov. 3 - Chattahoochee Pigeon Festival Annual All Age Show, Chattahoochee Valley Fairgrounds, Columbus, Ga. Contact: Max Baxley, 2075 Lee Rd. 201, Salem, Ala. 36874, 205-291-1649.

Nov. 3 - "All Ohio" All Age Roller Show, Sidney, Ohio, Fairgrounds. Judges: Mike Carroll, George Petro. Entry fee \$1.50. Send entries to: Shawn Anderson, 5480 Levering Rd., Piqua, Ohio 45456.

Nov. 3 - Jacksonville Area Pigeon Club Show, Nicholas Park Pavilion, Jacksonville, Ill. Sec.: Eddie Kirkpatrick, 174 So. Mechanic St., Winchester, Ill. 62694. 217-742-5741.

Nov. 3 - White Rose Annual Winter Show, York Fairgrounds, York, Pa. Both old and young birds accepted. Entry fee \$1.50 for all varieties. Contact show secretary Darla Stover, RD 2, Felton, Pa., for further information.

Nov. 3 - Colorado State Pigeon Assn. Annual All Breed Young Bird Show, Adams Co., Fairgrounds, 8755 Henderson Rd., Brighton, Colo. For more information, Jim Hagan, 10714 Moore Circle, Broomfield, Colo. 1-303-469-6173.

Nov. 3-4 - Nassau-Suffolk Pigeon Fanciers Club "Long Island Classic" (Open Show), American Legion Hall, Carleton Ave., Central Islip, N.Y. Specialty Clubs Welcome. For information contact: Pete Valentine, President, 516-277-1087 or Barbara Beer, 2nd Vice President, 194 Lido Prom., Lindenhurst, N.Y. 11757. 516-226-3534.

Nov. 4 - Maine Pigeon Assn. 50th Anniversary Show to be held in Kennebunk Port, Maine. Contact: Andy Wallace, 121 Main Ave., Portland, Maine, 207-797-4347.

Nov. 4 - Milwaukee Metro Pigeon Club Annual Fall Show. Kettle Moraine Bowl, one mile west of Hwy. 41 on southeast corner of Hwys. 60 and 175, Slinger, Wisc. Show Sec.: Jay C. Dillon, S51 W30921 Old Village Road, Mukwonago, Wisc. 53149.

Nov. 4 - Central New York Pigeon Club Annual Fall Show, Polish American Citizens Club, Syracuse, N.Y. Show Sec. Jim Bristol, Box 87, Littlefield Rd., Camden, N.Y. 13316. 315-245-1149.

Nov. 7 - Chattahoochee Pigeon Club, NPA State Meet, District 4, Columbus, GA. Ruth Boxley, Sec., Rt. 1, Box 553-C, Salem, AL 36874.

Nov. 9-10 - Gurney Breeders Show and Convention, Columbus, GA. For info: Hal Conn, 6625 W. Seven Rivers Dr., Crystal River, Fla. 32629. 904-795-6257.

Nov. 10 - 3rd District Meet, National Chinese Owl Club, Tallmadge, Ohio. Judge: Terry Fick, Pine Grove, Pa. Contact: Alan Easterday or John Hoffman, 770 Woodland, Wadsworth, OH 44281.

Nov. 10 - Dixie Fantail Club Show will be with the Tennessee Pigeon and Dove Club Show in Columbia, Tenn.

Nov. 10 - South Texas All Variety Pigeon Club Fall Show. Information: David Workman, 5901 Weber, #1702, Corpus Christi, Texas 78413.

Nov. 10 - Northern South Dakota Pigeon Club All Breed Show, Brown County Fairgrounds, Aberdeen, S.D. - Gene Eisenbeisz, Sec., 1133 18th Ave. NE, Aberdeen, SD 57401.

Nov. 10 - Tennessee Pigeon and Dove Club All Age Dove Show, NPA State Meet, Columbia, Tenn. Contact: George Schutt, P.O. Box 482, Madison, Tenn. 37116.

Nov. 10 - NEOB&FA Annual Show, hosting the Ohio State NPA Meet, Summit Co. Fairgrounds, Tallmadge, Ohio. Chris Spreitzer, Show Secretary, 1214 Munroe Falls Ave., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221. 216-928-7349.

Nov. 10 - Fond du Lac All Variety Pigeon Club, Inc., Annual All Age Show, Fond du Lac Co. Fairgrounds, Fond du Lac, Wisc. For info, contact: William Murkey, Show Sec. 414-748-7147.

Nov. 10 - The Tennessee Pigeon and Dove Club Annual All Age-All Breed Pigeon and Dove Show, National Guard Armory, Columbia, Tenn. Contact: James Burns, Rt. 1, Box 181, Santa Fe, Tenn. 38482. 615-682-2905.

Nov. 10-11 - Arizona Pigeon Club's 49th Annual Phoenix Pigeon Show, NPA State Meet, Arizona State Fairgrounds, Phoenix, Ariz. Contact Show Sec.: Lynda Christensen, 2438 E. Fairmount, Phoenix, Ariz. 85016. Phone 602-955-4722.

Nov. 10-11 - American King Club 2nd District Show, Black King Club, hosted by Midwest King Club, Sangamon Co. Fairgrounds, New Berlin, Ill. Sec., June Trone, Rt. 1, Box 129, Meredosia, Ill. 62665. 217-997-5970.

Nov. 11 - North Central Iowa Pigeon Assn., Annual Show held in conjunction with the Central Fantail Club 4th District Meet. Contact Don Young 525-576-3900.

Nov. 11 - Central Fantail Club 4th District Show, Fort Dodge, Iowa. Contact Dick Ury, 2634 Stanton, Des Moines, Iowa 50321.

Nov. 11 - The Pigeon Fanciers Association of Rochester, N.Y. Annual All Breed Winter Show, Monroe County Fairgrounds, Rochester, N.Y. For more info, Robert Burk, Show Supt., 3219 State St., Apt. 2, Caledonia, N.Y. 14423. Ph. 716-538-2557.

Nov. 11 - Philadelphia-South Jersey Pigeon Assn. All Age Show, Burlington Masonic Lodge, Rt. 541, Burlington, N.J. Show Sec. Les Heisserman, 211 Stokes Ave., Mt. Holly, N.J. 08060. 609-267-4604.

Nov. 11 - High Point Pigeon Club Annual All Breed, All Age Fall Pigeon and Dove Show, NPA State Meet, Oak View Recreation Center, High Point, N.C. 27260. Write: Thurmond Michael, 813 Mark St., High Point, N.C. 27260. 919-882-3273.

Nov. 15-17 - Western Turbit, Frill & Owl Club sectional all-age show held in conjunction with the Pageant of Pigeons, Pomona, Calif. Contact: Vicke Casey, P.O. Box 1142, San Martin, Calif. 95046. 408-683-4384.

Nov. 17 - Hammond Pigeon Fanciers Assn. 27th Annual All Breed Show, Hammond National Guard Armory, 2530 173rd St., Hammond, Indiana. Also hosting: Indiana State Meet of NPA, Annual Meet Midwest Roller Club, Annual Meet Midwest French Mondain Club; Annual Meet American Pouter & Cropper Club, Annual Meet National German Trumpeter Club. Joseph Phillips, Sec., 1105 Garfield St., Hobart, Ind. 46342, 219-942-3704.

Nov. 17 - Big Country Pigeon Fanciers All Breed Show at the Breeders Arena, Stephenville, Texas. For more information, contact: Joretta Haas, Rt. 3, 134 Bryant Rd., Clyde, Texas 79510. 915-893-5004.

Nov. 17 - New England American Show Racer Assn. held in conjunction with Little Rhody Pigeon Fanciers Assn. 1st District Meet of American Show Racer Assn. Judge: Amos Hodson. For information contact: Mike Conway, 17 Julio Drive, Shrewsbury, Mass. 01545.

Nov. 17-18 - 59th NSRPAShow, held at Yonkers Raceway, Yonkers, N.Y.

Nov. 17-18 - Little Rhody Pigeon Fanciers Assn. 27th Annual Winter Classic, NPA State Meet, District 1, R.I. Racing Club Hall, Kenyon Ave., and Julian St., Pawtucket, R.I. Show Sec. John Harrison, 410 Marion Rd., Middleboro, Mass. 02346.

Nov. 17-18 - Virginia Pigeon and Dove Assn. Fall Show, NPA State Meet, held in conjunction with the Virginia Poultry Breeds Assn., Virginia State Fairgrounds, Richmond, Va. Show information, Mrs. Jo Ryan, 3028 Bowling Green Drive, Virginia Beach, Va. 23452. 804-340-0162.

Nov. 18 - Bayshore Variety Pigeon Club Annual Show. Contact: Jerry Miraglia, 62 Charleston Spring Rd., Freehold, N.J. 07728. 201-462-3379.

Nov. 23-24 - 55th Annual Winter Show, Turner Hall, All Variety, Watertown Pigeon Club. Contact: Nancy Kehl, N570 Cty. Trk. M, Watertown, Wisc. 53094. 414-261-1741.

Nov. 23-25 - Indian Fantail Club of America 100 Point Meet with Northwest Winter Classic, Tacoma, Wash. Contact: Paul Clow, 12500 NE 81st St., Vancouver, Wash. 98682. 206-256-2948.

Nov. 24 - Greater Atlanta Pigeon and Dove Club, NPA State Meet, District 4, Atlanta, GA. Gary Duncan/Barry Magnusson, Sec's., 4600 Suwanee Dam Rd., Suwanee, GA 30174.

Nov. 24 - Conroe Classic, All Age Pigeon Show, sponsored by Houston Pigeon Club. For information: Mike Melvin, 7810 Garden St., Houston, Texas 77012 or Willie English, 1321 No. Bolton, Jacksonville, TX 75766.

Nov. 24 - Central Iowa Pigeon Club All Breed Show, hosting District Indian Fantail Club Meet. Contact: Pam McCullough, Show Sec., 2501 West Main, Marshalltown, Iowa 50158. 515-752-7575.

Nov. 24 - Indiana Pigeon Club's 71st Annual All Breed Winter Show, NPA District Meet, Memorial Building at Lions Delaware Co. Fairgrounds, Muncie, Indiana. Ray Hoover, Show Sec., RR 3, Box 224, New Castle, Ind. 47362. Ph. 317-332-2541.

Nov. 24 - National Modena Club 4th District Show, Austin, Minnesota. For information and entry blank, contact: Del Clausen, Rt. 1, Box 46, St. Ansgar, Iowa 50472. 515-326-4719.

Nov. 24 - FAIRCOURT 1990-25th Anniversary Show sponsored by the Fairfield Co. Pigeon Fanciers Assn. Specialty Clubs welcomed. Additional information can be obtained from club secretary, Joyce Cap, 36 Wendy Rd., Milford, Conn. 06460, or telephone 203-877-6600.

Nov. 24-25 - New York Combine Domestic Show Flight Club 15th Annual Young and Old Bird Show, Polish National Hall, 64th St. and 56th Rd., Maspeth, N.Y.

Nov. 24-25 - Mid-America Fantail Club Annual Meet, Austin, Minnesota. Contact person: Don Vaughn, 1204 33rd St., West Des Moines, Iowa 50265. 515-223-7454.

Nov. 25 - Long Island Show Homer Assn. Annual Show, held at Islip Terrace, Long Island, N.Y. Show Racer Judge, Jack Fix. Non-Flown Judge, Frank Grumka. For info, Joseph Ognibene, 1735 W. 8 St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11223.

Nov. 25 - The Long Island Show Homer Assn. Annual Old Bird Show, Islip Homing Pigeon Club. Special classes for race birds. Jack Fix of Calif., will judge Show Racer classes. For information, contact: Thomas Zarek, 1397 Penatquit Ave., Bayshore, N.Y. 11007. 516-665-9509.

Nov. 29-Dec. 2 - Premier Show, Utah Pigeon Club, State Fairgrounds. For entry blanks or information contact: Ed Bills, 8389 W. Powell Ave., Magna, Utah 84044. 801-250-0634.

Nov. 30 & Dec. 1-2 - Utah Pigeon Club, NPA State District 7 Meet, Salt Lake City, Utah. Ed Bills, Superintendent, 8389 W. Powell Ave., Magna, Utah 84044.

Dec. 1 - Central Fantail Club 5th District Winter Show, Enid, Okla. Eugene Altpeter, Judge. Contact person: Tom Pritchett, Box 34, Fairmont, Okla. 73736.

Dec. 1 - Mid-Michigan Pigeon Fanciers Winter Show, Demonstration Hall, M.S.U. Campus, East Lansing, Mich. Linda Chavez, Sec./Treas., 517-641-6461.

Dec. 1 - Worcester County Pigeon Assn. Inc., 31st Annual Winter Classic All Breed Show NPA District 1 Meet. Contact: Mark Pringle, 1148 North Road, Dayville, Conn. 06241, 203-774-2197.

Dec. 1 - "Buckeye Classic" All Breeds Show, Butler Co. Fairgrounds, Hamilton, Ohio. Presented by Southern Ohio Pigeon Assn. Show Chairman, Joe Grau, 605 Middleboro Rd., Oregonia, Ohio 45054.

Dec. 1 - Saginaw Pigeon Assn. Winter Show, Bay Co. Fairgrounds, Canteen Building, Livingston St., Bay City, Mich. Sec., Jerry Weiler, 270 So. Lincoln Rd., Bay City, Mich. 48708. 517-892-6249.

Dec. 1 - Delmarva Pigeon Club Winter Show, Messick Community Building, Delaware Route 14 West, Harrington, Delaware. Show Sec.: Walt Studte, 1004 Dogwood Ave., Woodhaven, Millford, Delaware 19963. Ph. 302-422-9385.

Dec. 1-2 - Carolina Pigeon Club Annual All Breeds Show, Greenville, S.Car., Cleveland Park Gym. Cash prizes and trophies. Write: Richard Georgiana, 207 Ripple View Dr., Clemson, S.Car. 29631, for entry and info.

Dec. 2 - Anthracite Concourse Old Bird Auction, Summit Station Fire Co., Summit Station, Pa. Starts 1 p.m. More info, Dave Thomas, 26 S. Belliet St., Frackville, Pa. 17931. 717-874-2659.

Dec. 2 - Empire Short Face Pigeon Club Open Show (any age), Polish National Hall, 61-60 56th Road, Maspeth, N.Y. 10:30 a.m. Show Secretary: David Phagen, 154 Oak St., Medford, N.Y. 11763. 516-289-5047.

Dec. 7-8 - English Trumpeter Club of America Annual All Age Meet in conjunction with the ISPA, Des Moines, Iowa, Veterans Auditorium. Contact person: Orin DuChien, 1323 W. River St., #12, Monticello, Minn. 55362.

Dec. 8 - 4th District Meet, National Chinese Owl Club, Des Moines, Iowa, with the Iowa State Pigeon Association's Annual Show. Judge: Jim VanNatta, Amboy, Ill. Contact: Howard Hart, P.O. Box 38, Lanesboro, Iowa 51451.

Dec. 8 - The Iowa Flying Roller Club All Age Show with Certified Spinners class at the Iowa State Pigeon Association Show in Des Moines, Iowa, held at Veterans Auditorium. For more details contact: John R. Hawxby, Box 91, Hartford, Iowa 50118.

Dec. 8 - Oklahoma Pigeon Association Annual All-Age, All-Breed Pigeon Show, NPA District 6 Meet, Heart of Oklahoma Exposition Center, Shawnee, OK. Specialty clubs showing: Helmet - District Four; Central Tumbler Club - Sectional; National English Trumpeter - State Meet; Oklahoma Giant Homer - State Meet. Contact: Wayne L. Haws, 16505 SE 44 St., Choctaw, OK 73020, (405) 391-3678.

Dec. 8 - Portland, Or., NWPFA Winter Show, All Breed, All Age. Contact: Keith Casteel, 24506 NE 53rd St., Vancouver, Wash. 98682. 206-256-9264.

Dec. 8 - Indian Fantail Club of America 100 Point Meet with NWPFA, Portland, Ore. Contact: Paul Clow, 12500 NE 81st St., Vancouver, Wash. 98682. 206-256-2948.

Dec. 8 - Garden State Variety Pigeon Fanciers Assn. Annual Open Show, American Legion Hall, 540 Shaler Blvd., Ridgefield, N.J. Show Secretary, Chester Grimes, 6800 Columbia Ave., 4Q, North Bergen, N.J. 07047.

Dec. 8 - Sheboygan Lakeshore Pigeon Club Annual All Age Show, Sheboygan Falls, Wisc. Contact: Ron Hass for more details, 529 David Ave., Sheboygan Falls, Wisc. 53085. 414-467-2343.

Dec. 8 - National English Carrier Club Annual Meet held in conjunction with the Iowa Pigeon Assn., Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Robin Neil, 106 Elk Dr., Great Falls, Mont. 59404. 406-761-3679.

Dec. 8 - Iowa State Pigeon Assn. 65th Annual All Age, All Breed Show. Specialty Clubs invited. Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Howard Hart, Show Secretary, P.O. Box 38, Lanesboro, Iowa 51451. 712-656-2253.

Dec. 9 - Florida Gulf Coast Pigeon Club Open All Breed, All Age Show, Knights of Pythias Hall, 2522 - 30th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Fla. Contact: Thomas, Vivinette, Show Sec., 3275 - 57th St. North, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33710. 343-9750.

Dec. 9 - Maryland Show Racer Winter Show, Hamilton Pigeon Club, Baltimore, Maryland Show Racers, Unflown, Record and Diploma Classes. Charles Bullock, 314 N. Marilyn Ave., Baltimore, Maryland, 301-687-7254.

Dec. 9 - Mohawk Valley Variety Pigeon Club 2nd Annual Fall Show for old and young birds to be held at the Town Hall, Town of Florida (3 miles south of Amsterdam, N.Y.). For entry blanks, info, contact: Tom Metallo, 20 Clinton St., Amsterdam, N.Y. 12010. (518) 842-5263.

Dec. 9 - Michigan and Port Huron Pigeon Associations Annual All Age Show, Perch Point Conservation Club, Marine City, Mich. L.K. Zienert, 53150 Sula Dr., Utica, Mich. 48087.

Dec. 9 - Long Island Domestic Flight Club "Open Show," Richard Street, Islip, New York. Show Sec.: Angelo Cavallo, 68 Martin Road North, Bethpage, N.Y. 11714.

Dec. 9 - Palmetto State Pigeon Club All Breed, All Age Show, NPA State District 4 Meet, Poultry Building, State Fairgrounds, Columbia, S.C. Carroll Elmore, Sec., 129 Laverne St., Sumter, S.C. 29150. 803-773-8181.

Dec. 14-15 - Colorado State Pigeon Assn., Annual All Breeds Winter Show, NPA State District 7 Met, Adams Co. Fairgrounds, 9755 Henderson Rd., Brighton, Colo. For information, contact Jim Hagan, 10714 Moore Circle, Broomfield, Colo. 80021. 303-469-6173.

Dec. 14-16 - St. Louis Metropolitan Pigeon Fanciers Assn., Winter Show. Show Sec., Keith Wamhoff, 1517 Doris Dr., St. Louis, Mo. 63138.

Dec. 16 - Anthracite Concourse Annual Show, Summit Station Fire Co., Summit Station, Pa. Entries: 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Show starts 1 p.m. For more info, Dave Thomas, 26 S. Balliet St., Frackville, Pa. 17931. 717-874-2659.

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Jan. 5 - Midwest International Pigeon Show, Fremont Pigeon Club 47th Annual Winter Show, Sandusky Co. Fairgrounds, Fremont, Ohio. Jim Feasel, Show Sec., 2373 Co. Rd. 181, Clyde, Ohio 43410. 419-639-2935.

Jan. 5 - Valley Pigeon Club Annual Winter Show, Christ Lutheran Hall, 223 W. Parkway Ave., Oshkosh, Wisc. Contact: Mike Dorman, 667 Frederick St., Oshkosh, Wisc. 54901.

Jan. 6 - Empire Short Face Pigeon Club Futurity Show, Polish National Hall, 61-60 56th Road, Maspeth, N.Y. 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 11-13 - Reading All Age Show held at The Inn at Reading in Reading, Pa. More information, contact: Terry Fick, RD 3, Box 4126, Pine Grove, Pa. 17963.

Jan. 11-13 - Central Fantail Club Annual Meet, Earl Clark Fantail Classic, Omaha, Nebr. Contact: Ed Karnish, 3532 Vinton St., Omaha, Nebr. 68105.

Jan. 12-13 - 1st District Meet, National Chinese Owl Club with the Reading Winter Expo, Reading, PA. Judge: Jim Moyer.

Jan. 13 - Long Island Domestic flight Club "Futurity Show," Richard Street, Islip, New York. Show Sec.: Angelo Cavallo, 68 Martin Road North, Bethpage, N.Y. 11714.

Jan. 17-19 - National Chinese Owl Club Annual Meet at the NPA Grand National Show, Pomona, California.

Jan. 17-19 - "California Shortface Classic" held in conjunction with the NPA Grand National, Pomona, Calif. Contact: Vickie Casey, P.O. Box 1142, San Martin, Calif. 95046. 408-683-4384.

Jan. 17-19 - National English Carrier Club Western District Meet held at the NPA Grand National, Pomona, Calif. Contact: Robin Neil, 106 Elk Dr., Great Falls, Mont. 59404. 406-761-3679.

Jan. 17-19 - NPA Grand National, Los Angeles Co. Fairgrounds, Pomona, Calif. For additional information, contact show secretary Frank Barrachina, P.O. Box 1268, Yucaipa, Calif. 92399.

Jan. 20 - New York Combine Domestic Show Flight Club Futurity Show, "The Golden Futurity," Polish National Hall, 64th St. and 56th Rd., Maspeth, N.Y.

Jan. 25-26 - Central Jacobin Club Annual Winter Show pending at Bay Valley Inn. Show Sec., Tim Stajowski, 1413 S. Raymond St., Bay City, Mich. 48706.

Jan. 25-26 - Bay City Pigeon Fanciers 54th Annual Winter Show, Bay Valley Hotel, Show Sec.: Tim Stajowski, 1413 S. Raymond St., Bay City, Mich. 48706. 517-893-9642.

Jan. 27 - New York Combine Golden Futurity Show, Polish National Hall, 64th St., and 56th Rd., Maspeth, N.Y.

Feb. 3 - Nassau-Suffolk Pigeon Fanciers Club Futurity Show, Knights of Columbus Hall, Carleton Ave., Central Islip, N.Y. For entry blanks and info: Barbara Beer, 194 Lido Prom. West, Lindenhurst, N.Y. 11757. (516-226-3534) or Pete Valentine, 8 Andrew Ave., Islip Terrace, N.Y. 11752. (516-277-1087).

Feb. 18 - Nassau-Suffolk Pigeon Fanciers Club Futurity Show, American Legion Hall, Carleton Ave., Central Islip, N.Y. Specialty clubs welcome. Contact: Pete Valentine, President, 516-277-1087 or Barbara Beer, 2nd Vice Pres., 194 Lido Prom., Lindenhurst, N.Y. 11757, 516-226-3534.

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