

A Note Of Appreciation

We, in the American Giant Homer Association, appreciate this opportunity to bring before the pigeon fancy this Special Edition on the American Giant Homer.

No breed of pigeon has ever developed so swiftly and gained such success and prominence as the Giant Homer. In a few short years we have seen it developed from an American Creation into a beautifully headed bird with a compact body. Quite a few of the specimens of the breed shown at the National Pigeon Association's Annual Show in St. Paul, Minnesota, in January approached the Standard of Perfection.

The success of the breed can only be measured by the successes of the breeders. We are fortunate to have in the Association many outstanding breeders who not only are willing and able to develop the breed in the known patterns and colors but are striving to develop it in the rare colors as well.

We want to thank Frank H. Hollmann for this wonderful opportunity to put information on our breed in front of all pigeon fanciers both young and old. His co-operation has been most helpful and we are indebted to him for his efforts to help the entire pigeon fancy.

I want to personally thank all the members who sent in articles, photos and ads. Without their help this Special Issue on the American Giant Homer would not have been possible.

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Co-Ordinator Giant Homer Special

Ron Costa of Metairie, La., writes: "Although not a Trumpeter fancier, the Special was excellent reading."

William H. Kiel of Brenham, Texas, died suddenly as a result of a heart attack on December 31. He was a prominent breeder of French Mondains. He was about 76 years of age.

Tom Barnhart of Tiffin, Ohio, who served as the judge at the District Meet of the German Beauty Homer Club at the Fremont, Ohio, show, tells us that Vic Bernard of Columbus, Ohio won the Champion German Beauty Homer with an ash red bar old cock, and not Paul Steiden, as was reported in the article on page 307 of the May issue.

Dr. Sam Peavey of Louisville, Ky., President of the NPA, writes: "I appreciated very much the April issue. Yes, it is thrilling to see what youthful vigor and outlook can do. The Trumpeter Special is a real tribute to an exciting and dedicated group of fanciers. We should all be very proud of them. I know we are. I still think the old-timers are wonderful guys, but I am sure we all want to move these younger fanciers into positions of leadership in NPA just as fast as we possibly can. Let's let them know how much we welcome and appreciate their ideas and efforts as exemplified in the beautiful Trumpeter Special. They are a credit to the Pigeon Fancy."

Earnie Sumerall of Tulsa, Okla., Sec.-Treas. of the English Trumpeter Club of America, writes: "On behalf of the English Trumpeter Club of America I would like to congratulate you on putting out such a fine magazine as the April Trumpeter Special. Never have we got so much response to our club and breed since the April Special was sent out. Letters have been flowing across my desk continuously asking for more information about the English Trumpeter Club of America. As our club and breed is growing steadily to one of the top breeds and organizations in the U.S.A. and Canada, I know your fine work in publicizing the English Trumpeter will long be remembered."

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