

Fall 2004 Since 1969

#### Message from the President

Merle Starr

I think summer is over and several shows are as well. The best are yet to come. The L.A. Pageant is close and our annual at Des Moines is but a few short weeks away also.

I will be judging the Rochester, New York Pigeon Club again this year. I have high hopes for all these shows.

Andreas Meyer will be judging for the first time in America at the Pageant and Hans Schipper will be judging our annual again.

I took the liberty to order and have sent to Andreas one of Nancy Pinke's pigeon sculptures to be awarded at the German National to the fancier with the highest point standing at their meet . This will be decided by Andreas and who he has helping him with this award.. The German club has been in the past years presenting our club with very nice awards that have been awarded to our members., The members who have won these awards place high value on them.

I spoke with Andreas several weeks ago. He was very excited at this trip and really looking forward to it.

We will have our annual meeting at Des Moines this year. Bring along your ideas for some new business ideas.. I have several I want to discuss with the membership.

#### Secretaries Message

Elliot Yeske

Hello everyone our annual meet is all set for Des Moines Iowa. I hope to see many of you there. If you haven't heard the USC is bringing in Hans Schipper to judge our swallows. If you have not had the chance to see him judge before you would in for a treat as he is one of the best european judges there is. He is very friendly and tells us all in detail the points of our swallows. We will have a swallow auction as well at the prsent time I don't have the information as to what birds will be up for auction. One other item is that USC club bnads will be going up it will be discussed at Des Moines as to how much the bands are here all ready and can be mailed out after Dec. 26th. The bands are yellow in color and are plastic as the past years. We have 2000 muffed bands and 1000 clean leg bands for sale this year. At last I heard there should be a little over 100 swallows at the show in Des Moines. I hope that everyone had a great breeding season and that we will see some of the swallows you rasied this year at Des Monies. I will be able to take your band orders and dues as always at Des Moines. Hope to see you there.

### **News From Your Vice-president**

Perry Mueller

I thought I would take a few days off this summer and go up east to visit Merle and Tim Starr and boy was it worth it. What a collection of swallows they have. Tim has the largest collection of tiger swallows in the country. He has them in almost every variety and color. The last time I saw Tigers was at Lynn Hummel's home. But he only had a few. Tim had marked birds every where you looked, in every coop. His Barless unmarked birds were great also, and had intense color. I knew Merle would have a lot of birds but I never thought there would be so many quality birds there. His ash red and cream Silesians were the best I have ever seen. He has some wonderful clean legs in spot and fullhead markings that are out of imports. He has shields in most colors and the best red and yellow spangle fullhead swallows I have ever seen: Color, muffs, markings, it's all there. We had great weather and rural Pennsylvania was beautiful. One of the highlights of the trip was to visit Jim Moyer who has probably the largest book collection in the country. He also has several cook paintings of swallows and lots of pigeon memorabilia. The trip was a perfect ending to summer. Speaking of summer, we did not have much of one here in St. Louis. The weather was mild so

the birds kept on breeding right into August. The heat and humidity in July and August can stress the birds but this year we only had a few days like that. There has been some discussion about nominating our annual show site in the fall or winter bulletin to give the members and especially the judges some time to figure out there schedules. Let the officers know what you think.

Just out of curiosity, does anyone have an opinion about using cat litter on the floors of your lofts? I have been using ground corn cobs for a long time, but one of my lofts has a concrete floor and the cobs seem to get moldy in the summer. If I put them in thick, they get moldy. If I put them in thin, the concrete tends to become damp and smell like ammonia. I switched the litter to cat litter the other day and the floor dried up immediately, no smell or dampness. The droppings hit the cat litter and clinged right to it. Do you think there would be a problem if the birds ingest the litter? Will I have to change the cat litter more often, or can I just add to it occasionally? If you have any thoughts on this subject please write or e-mail me.

### National Young Bird Show Louisville, KY

Champion of the Show: Howard Angevine's Blue Barless, Thuringer Spot, Young Cock #627 Reserve Champion of the Show: Perry Mueller's Silver Barless, Silesian, Young Cock #0

Judge: Merle Starr,

Silesian Swallows (1	/)
Bob Benson	

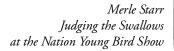
Bob Benson	YH668	HS Best Hen
Bob Benson	YH606	S
Bob Benson	YH604	S
Bob Benson	YH634	S
Perry Mueller	YH11	S
Lockhart	YH1358	G
Baker/Fragoman	YH0	S
Baker/Fragoman	YH55	G
Bob Benson	YC607	S
Bob Benson	YC615	S
Bob Benson	YC657	HS2
Bob Benson	YC611	S
Bob Benson	YC632	S
Bob Benson	YC635	S
Perry Mueller	YC1	S
Perry Mueller	YC0	HS1 Res Champ
Lockhart	YC1358	G



Perry Mueller's Reserve Champion Silver Barless Silesian



Howard Angevine with his Champion Swallow



Thuringer Spot (16)		
Gerald Kress	YH302	G
Gerald Kress	YH304	G
Gerald Kress	YH310	G
Perry Mueller	YH121	S
Perry Mueller	YH115	G
Perry Mueller	YH158	G
Howard Angevine	YH611	G
Howard Angevine	YH620	HS2
Howard Angevine	YH618	HS1 Best Hen
Gerald Kress	YC308	G
Perry Mueller	YC101	HS
Perry Mueller	YC122	G
Perry Mueller	YC108	S
Perry Mueller	YC137	S
Howard Angevine	YC619	HS2
Howard Angevine	YC627	HS1 Champion



Howard Angevine's Champion at NYBS Blue Barless Thuringer

## **Swallow Club Treasure's Report**

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Third Quarter November 30th, 2004	
Previous Balance	2,219.23
Income:	
Dues and Bands	220.00
Expenses:	
NPA Club Dues	20.00
Purebred Pigeon Ad	50.00
Nancy Pinke	59.00
Nat'l Pigeon Assn'(1st half of band order 2005)	450.00
Checking Service Charge(Aug, Sept, Oct Nov.)	12.00
Canadian exchange fee	3.00
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2,295.23

**Current Checking Balance** 

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Blue White Barred Saxon Fairy: George De La Nuez



Blue Black Barred Thuringer



Yellow White Barred Saxon Fairy: Leon Stephens



Black White Barred Saxon Fullhead: Frank Bailey



Blue Black Barred Silesian: Bill Griebel Jr.



Blue Barless Silesian



Red White Barred Saxon Fairy: Leon Stephens



Blue White Barred Silesian: Leon Stephens

# Report on the Swallows at the Pageant of Pigeons

Gary Romig



Monica & Andreas Meyer, Leon and Janet Stephens at the Banquet: Photo by Frank Bailey



Andreas Judging and Nate making notes on his comments: Photo Frank Bailey

This year the Pageant was a great show. Andreas Meyer of Germany came to judge. And, a lot of high quality swallow pigeons were shown. Swallow fanciers from in state and out came to the show. Many thanks should go out to all who helped put on the show. Bill Griebel Sr. & Jr., Nate Wayne, Leon Stephens & his wife Janet, Dave Holloway, Wayne Dorothy and his wife, Mike Cobb, Dave Harris, Bill Lawson George De La Nuez and many others were involved. A group of out of state Jr. fanciers came and showed.

There was a consistent high quality of birds in all the colors and types of Swallows. I managed to take a few pictures of the birds. I don't have individual data on their placement but I tried to pick the best in their class.

Champion was a black white barred fairy swallow shown by Bill Griebel Sr. Leon Stephens had many highly rated pigeons. His blue white barred Silesian was very nice and a treat to see this now rare color. Frank Bailey won for the best fullhead with a beautiful black white bar. It was rated Highly Superior. It is unusual for this color to be placed so high. Jay Beals won for best Thuringer and Dave Holloway showed some beautiful Clean legs in blue spangle but he put them away before I could photograph them.



Bill Griebel's Champion Black White Barred Saxon Fairy



Bill Griebel and Dave Harris: Photo Frank Bailey



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