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Gary Romig sits down next to a painting he just finished and now being displayed at the American Pigeon Museum. The painting, a replica of an old M.F. Cook painting that used to be in the office of the old American Pigeon Journal, features over 120 pigeons of all types. This painting is now in the conference room at the museum. "Doveland" another Cook replica by Gary is also in the museum.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mike Swanson

First of all I would like to thank all of the past officers for all of their hard work over the past couple of years. Additionally, thank you to all of the members who helped out at the NPA Oklahoma National. Thank you to the members who exhibited their birds as well. We had 107 Swallows shown by 14 different exhibitors from five different states! Additionally, to Gloria Weisgram, thanks for judging all day and an evening! You did lots of hard work!!

Our new Vice-President, Gary Romig, exhibited at the National as well, but more importantly he brought his

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2013 USC Annual Meet

by Gloria Weisgram, Judge

The 2013 annual meet had a few challenges. The show hall was poorly lit and our 107 bird entry was scattered in three different areas. With a group effort, we created a nice, large judging area and Gary Romig brought a beautiful custom sign that fit perfectly! We spent the day repairing cages, organizing the books, numbering cards to coops and enjoying each other's company. When we were finished, we ordered some pizzas and had a lively little party back at the hotel. It was a great first day!

The next morning, judging began promptly at 8 am. An "order of judging" list helped keep things moving.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *continued*

version of the Frank Cook painting to the American Pigeon Museum and Library in Oklahoma City. His painting was the talk of the National, not only by Swallow breeders but all breeders were talking about his impressive work! I consider Gary to be the best artist of pigeons in the world! He is a special asset to the United Swallow Club. Thank you for your decades of work and dedication to Color Pigeons and Swallows in the United States.

In this bulletin will be the minutes of the USC meeting at the annual show, so make sure you read them carefully as I am not going to repeat some of the topics discussed at the meeting. Since the meeting, I have contacted all of the executive committee to get some appointments made.

First of all, I talked to Dave Harris who was elected to take over the Western District Directorship. Dave said he would have to decline the position because of his health. Dave is a Master Breeder of Swallows and just won the NPA National last year! Dave's leadership will be sorely missed and I hope his health issues improve. I contacted Bill Griebel Sr. and he said he would be the Western District Director. I also contacted Bernd Licht of Canada because we did not have a Canadian District Director. Bernie graciously accepted the position. Then I contacted all of the USC's executive board and they were unanimously in favor of both of these directors.

Chris Auer has also accepted the job of election commissioner and other duties. Please get all of your nominations for the Annual Meet location and Annual meet judge to Chris Auer, Gary Romig or Mike Swanson within the next 30 days. Then we will put out a ballot for voting on the USC Annual meet location and judge.

In a related topic, if you want a USC District Meet please contact your district director for an okay. Ron DeClement and Steve Ripper are planning two meets with the Reading Club! Details will be forthcoming. Additionally, Denver could potentially have a Western District Meet as well depending on the show dates the Colorado club selects.

Elliot says there are about 150+ or - muffed bands left and 200 + or- Clean Leg bands left. If you can support Ron Smith with the website, anything helps!

Gloria and Perry had a very good idea at the National so when Swallows were brought up for judging with their coop card, they were returned to their original coop. To be sure this happened, Perry and Gloria labeled all of the swallow show coops with painter's tape and used a marker to write the coop number from the show card onto the tape prior to the judging. As a result, the bird went back into the same coop eliminating the possibility that a bird could be returned to a coop that may have held a sick bird. Also, some exhibitors put medication in their water cups, something you may not want in your bird's water. I myself put in Chlorhexidine (generic for Nolvasan) which is a disinfectant.

Also, Gloria posted a judging order for the different varieties and colors of Swallows. As colors and varieties were judged, she crossed them off when they were completed. The large poster assisted breeders in planning for when to bring their birds up and assisted in

expediting the process of judging 107 Swallows! Also, most exhibitors had other breeds they were showing that were being simultaneously judged. This process assisted everyone in knowing an approximate timeline of when their birds would be judged so they could watch the judging and bring their birds to the judging area. This also added a crucial element to the pacing of the judging!

Chris Auer called after the National to say he would like to put together the list of colors and varieties of Swallows raised by USC members --- Thanks Chris!

Please send this information to Chris his address-email is in the bulletin!

Act now and renew your dues! Your support through your dues sustains our club! Lastly a great big thank you to all of the USC members that have helped these last few weeks getting numerous things done! Remember to show and get at least one new member!

Annual Meet Story *by Gloria Weisgram continued*

Cathy Swanson recorded each rating and listed judging comments on the coop cards. Gary Romig was designated as the second opinion judge for E-rated birds. Starting with Fairies, it became immediately apparent that the quality of the birds was extremely high and competition would be fierce.

By noon, the judging of different colors and patterns for Fairies, Clean Leg Spots and Fullheads was completed and E-rated birds began to fill the holding pens. We broke for lunch. Mike Swanson gave a quick demonstration for anyone who wanted to learn the fine art of trimming birds. The remaining Silesian class was loaded with very high end Swallows including 33 Checkers. We picked up where we left off, going through the smaller classes first, leaving the more difficult Checkers for last. The judging was completed at 4:59 pm, with the show hall closing down at 5 pm. In summary, this was a very difficult show to get through quickly. I judged to the USC Standard, looking for the good qualities of a well-balanced bird. Quite a few birds fit that description and then it became all about the details.

The annual meet champion could have gone to any of the E-birds. They were all terrific examples of fine Swallows and some of them I suspect were winners of past shows. I chose the young Blue Check hen as the Champion bird because I felt she came out of the most outstanding group of the show. I gave the Reserve to the bird I felt had the best color of any bird in the show, a Black Barless Cleanleg.

I am very proud and honored to have judged such an incredible group of Swallows. Thank you to Cathy for doing such a great job recording, to Gary for your help and expertise and to Mike for making my trip so special and my judging job easier with your organization methods. Lastly, thank you to a great group of breeders and your outstanding exhibit of birds. It was a wonderful show to be a part of!

Photos by George de la Nuez from the 2013 Pageant of Pigeons



Champion Swallow, Best Young Swallow & Best Silesian
YC # 224 rated E-97, by Bill Griebel



Best Fairy Swallow OC #640 rated E-97 bred by Leon
Stephens



Best Saxon Swallow OH #1799 rated E-97 bred by Leon
Stephens



Best Thuringer Wing Pigeon OC #309 rated E-97 bred
by Jay Beals



Best Thuringer Swallow YC #353 rated HS-96 bred by
Tony Brancato owned and shown by Frank Bailey



Best Young Thuringer Wing Pigeon YH #2921 HS-96
bred by Dave Holloway

Judge: Werner Zahn

SILESIA SWALLOW – NON-CRESTED SAXON WING PIGEON (28)

Exhibitors: Frank Bailey, Steve Ball, Arnold Chaney, Bill Griebel Sr., Leon Stephens

Black White Bar

S-93	YH 1000	Chaney
S-94	YH 915	Chaney
S-94	YH 950	Chaney
I-90	OH 1385	Chaney/Griebel
S-93	YC 951	Chaney
E-97	OC 738	Griebel

Blue Black Bar

HS-96	YH 205	Griebel
S-95	YH 227	Griebel
S-95	YH 204	Griebel
S-94	OH 531	Griebel
S-95	OH 802	Griebel
S-93	OH 356	Griebel
S-94	YC 347	Griebel
E-97	YC 224	Griebel BY **
E-97	OC 163	Griebel
S-94	OC 11	Griebel

Blue Check

G-92	OH 58	Stephens
E-97	OC 617	Stephens

Red Spangle

G-92	YH 1428	Bailey
S-94	OC 1117	Bailey
G-91	OC 1122	Bailey

Red White Bar

G-91	YH 1410	Bailey
G-92	YH 1422	Bailey
S-94	OH 1155	Bailey
S-95	OH 613	Stephens
S-94	OC 1102	Bailey
S-93	OC 1485	Stephens

Blue White Bar

S-94	OH 639	Stephens
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FAIRY SWALLOW- CRESTED SAXON WING PIGEON (30)

Exhibitors: Steve Ball, Arnold Chaney, Bill Griebel Sr., Leon Stephens and George de la Nuez

Black Barless

HS-96	OC 570	Ball
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Black White Bar

G-92	YH 1008	Chaney
S-94	YH 926	Chaney
S-94	YH 210	Griebel
S-93	OH 1072	Chaney
HS-96	OH 10	Griebel
S-93	OH 928	Stephens
G-92	YC 1017	Chaney
S-93	OC 1073	Chaney
S-94	OC 1391	Chaney

HS-96	OC 182	Griebel
E-97	OC 637	Stephens
S-93	OC 737	Stephens

Blue White Bar

G-92	YH 4141	de la Nuez
HS-96	YH 4140	de la Nuez
S-93	YH 4143	de la Nuez
S-94	OH 1778	Stephens
S-93	YC 4142	de la Nuez
S-93	OC 2378	de la Nuez
E-97	OC 640	Stephens*

Blue Spangle

HS-96	OH 1914	Stephens
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Blue Barless

HS-96	OC 1344	Stephens
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Silver Barless

HS-96	OH 735	Stephens
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Red Spangle

S-94	YH 1415	Bailey
S-93	OH 641	Stephens
HS-96	YC 1404	Bailey*

Red White Bar

S-93	OH 1611	Stephens
S-95	OC 1600	Stephens

Yellow Spangle

HS-96	OH 650	Stephens
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Yellow White Bar

G-92	OC 1807	Stephens
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SAXON SWALLOW – FULLHEAD SWALLOW MUFFED (9)

Exhibitors: Bill Griebel Sr., Steve Ball, Frank Bailey, Leon Stephens

Black Barless

S-95	YH 171	Griebel
S-93	YH 92	Ball
HS-96	YC 75	Ball
E-97	OC 1852	Griebel

Black White Bar

S-94	OC 2027	Bailey
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Blue Spangle

S-93	OH 1824	Stephens
E-97	OH 1799	Stephens*
HS-96	OC 1839	Stephens

Silver Spangle

S-95	OH 563	Stephens
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NUREMBERG SWALLOW (3)

Exhibitor: Steve Ball and Bill Griebel

Black Barless

G-92	YH 286	Griebel
S-94	YC 352	Griebel
S-94	OC 548	Ball*

THURINGER WING PIGEON – CLEAN LEG SPOT SWALLOWS (14)

Exhibitors: Dave Holloway, Jay Beals, Eddie Ah Chong and Leon Stephens

Black Barless

S-95	YH 602	Beals
S-94	OH 514	Beals
S-94	OH 303	Beals
E-97	OC 309	Beals*
S-95	OC 1252	Beals

Blue Barless

S-93	YH 2915	Holloway
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Red White Bar

S-95	OH 3167	Holloway
G-92	OC 305	Stephens

Yellow White Bar

HS-96	YC 404	Stephens
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Silver Spangle Crested

HS-96	YH 2921	Holloway BY-(Clean Leg)
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Silver Spangle

S-94	OH 2339	Holloway
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Yellow Spangle

G-92	OC 3339	Eddie Ah Chong
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Yellow Check

HS-96	YH 2949	Holloway
S-93	OC 1571	Holloway

THURINGER SWALLOW – CLEAN LEG FULLHEAD SWALLOWS (4)

Exhibitors: Tony Brancato and Frank Bailey

Black Barless Plain Head

S-95	YC 728	Brancato
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Blue Barless Plain Head

G-92	YH 363	Brancato
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Blue Barless Crested

S-94	YH 369	Bailey
HS-96	YC 353	Bailey*

USC RATING SYSTEM

- E-97 Excellent
- HS-96 Highly Superior
- S-95 Superior
- S-94 Superior
- S-93 Superior
- G-92 Good
- G-91 Good
- I-90 Inferior
- NR Not Rated

* = Best in Variety

** = Best Swallow or Wing Pigeon

BY = Best Young Swallow or Wing Pigeon

United Swallow Club Western District Meet In Conjunction with the Colorado State Pigeon Club Winter Show Dec. 2013

Judge: Phil Gonzales. (34 Swallows shown)

SILESIAN SWALLOW – NON-CRESTED SAXON WING PIGEON (28)

Exhibitors: Mike Swanson, Frank Walsh, Rob Cranwell,
Eli Navant. Gloria Weisgram

Blue Check

HS96	YH 534	Swanson
S94	YH 501	Swanson
HS96	YC 633	Swanson Best Young Blue Check
S94	YC 589	Swanson
S93	YC 1487	Cranwell
HS96-1	OH 318	Swanson
S93	OH 732	Walsh
G92	OC 341	Walsh
G91	OC 360	Walsh
S93	OC 361	Walsh
HS96-1	OC 461	Swanson Champion Swallow
HS96-2	OC 398	Swanson
S94	OC 235	Swanson

Silver Check

HS96-1	YH 592	Swanson
HS96-2	YH 1167	Navant
G92	YH 565	Swanson
G92	YC 1482	Cranwell
HS96	YC 563	Swanson Best Young Silver Check
HS96	OH 207	Swanson
HS96-1	OC 342	Swanson
HS96-2	OC 1494	Cranwell
S94	OC 366	Navant Junior Award, Swallow or Color Pigeon
G92	OC 391	Navant

Blue Barless

HS96	OH 711	Weisgram
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Silver Barless

S93	YH 1105	Weisgram
S94	YH 482	Weisgram
S94	OH 383	Swanson
HS96	OC 389	Swanson

FAIRY SWALLOW- CRESTED SAXON WING PIGEON (6)

Exhibitors: Mike Swanson, Rob Cranwell

Blue White Bar

G92	YH 1490	Cranwell
HS96	YH 160	Cranwell Best Young Fairy Swallow
HS96	YC 4392	Cranwell
G92	OH 1073	Cranwell
HS96	OC 144	Swanson
HS96	OC 212	Swanson Best Fairy Swallow



Eli Navant receives the award for Best Swallow by a Junior.



Phil Gonzales receives the judges appreciation award from Mike Swanson & John Navant



Phil Gonzales judging a group of very nice blue check Silesian Swallows.

Members present: Chris Auer, Judine Nelson, Gary Romig, John Navant, Shawna Berndt, Rob Cranwell, Perry Mueller, Gloria Weisgram, Jay Beals, David Averbeck Jr., Mike and Cathy Swanson.

New USC President, Mike Swanson, called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. Mike expressed his thanks to Perry Mueller and the other USC officers for all of their past efforts and hard work. Mike thanked Gloria Weisgram for her hard work judging the birds. Everyone present joined in with their thanks, too. Mike shared his excitement about the opportunity to be USC President and shared his belief in establishing short-term and long-range goals as tools to sustain the vision, needs and opportunities for the club's members and our breed. Mike further explained although we were gathered to enjoy dinner and conversation he felt the meeting with so many different members present was a unique opportunity to clarify, nurture and proceed with potential goals! President Swanson clarified one of his first goals would be to revisit the USC Judging program with a fresh perspective to better meet the needs of our club members and the judging of our breed.

Gloria Weisgram expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to judge as it will always be a special memory. Gloria remarked on the quality and variety of birds exhibited.

First order of business centered on nominations for the USC Annual Meet. President Mike Swanson expressed the importance and his urgency in setting a show location, dates and judge to maximize the opportunity for club members to attend and show. Gloria motioned nominations remain open 30 days after the USC bulletin is published and then vote. Dave Averbeck Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jay Beals nominated to have the USC Annual Meet at the NPA National in Los Angeles (Ontario), January 29, 30, 31, 2015. Dave Averbeck Jr. nominated the St.

Louis Show January 9, 10th for the USC Annual Meet. The discussion proceeded to potential judges. Gloria Weisgram suggested prior to nominating an individual to judge, the person who nominates the judge assume the responsibility to ascertain their willingness and availability to judge. Mike Swanson added if needed, the election commissioner should also verify the availability and willingness of the judges nominated prior to the voting. President Swanson appointed Chris Auer to be the election officer. Gary suggested we explore obtaining a German judge for the NPA National in Los Angeles (Ontario). Jay Beals interjected the Southern California Color Pigeon Club is looking for a European judge(s) for the Los Angeles (Ontario) National.

Additionally, Mike Swanson suggested he wanted to appoint Frank Bailey to be publicity director for the *Pure Bred Pigeon Magazine* with his focus being only this publication with the purpose of creating the opportunity to showcase the United Swallow Club and swallows. Mike added having Frank Bailey focus on the *Pure Bred Pigeon* it would relieve Gary Romig of an additional burden. Also, in related business Gary Romig shared Ron Smith's efforts and leadership in creating the My Family chat room to promote swallows and the USC in an affordable and accessible way. Gary clarified the USC had fronted start-up money but participants in the site contributed money to defray expenses. As a result, a valuable communication resource was created and sustains itself for about \$25.00 per year. Mike Swanson said he would talk to Ron Smith and see if he would be a co-publicity director for the USC and work mainly with the chat room. Jay Beals recommended deleting old photos etc. to free up space and maintain the viability of the resource. Mike suggested Ron Smith could continue to monitor this resource and gauge use versus expenses.

Continuing with the focus of accessing resources, sharing the load and sustainability of the USC, Mike Swanson encouraged members present to submit photos, articles, news, current events within their loft/local club etc. to Gary Romig. Mike Swanson acknowledged the special resource we have in Gary Romig and his unending contribution to the United Swallow Club. Gary has been a unique resource not only for our club but also throughout United States in promoting pigeons through his artwork. Everyone present agreed we are blessed with Gary's professionalism and he is definitely a unique resource. Everyone agreed in their shared pride in his new painting and the opportunity to sustain his legacy in the Pigeon Museum.



The meeting group, arriving later were Chris Auer and Judine Nelson: Clockwise from John Navant in yellow Shawna Berndt, Rob Cranwell, Mike and Cathy Swanson, Perry Mueller, Gloria Weisgram, Jay Beals, David Averbeck Jr. Photo by Gary Romig

Other important topics included membership renewal. Shawna Berndt shared a personal example of a club she belongs to and their process for renewal reminders. Gary Romig clarified this process is currently in practice and that he highlights in red for members needing to renew as a reminder of the membership status. Bands were another important topic visited by members present. Perry Mueller explained the USC cost is 40 cents and we charge members 45 cents so the margin of profit is tight. He further explained don't wait until March to order your bands. Judine Nelson suggested members with a surplus of bands let other members know via our website so they can benefit from other members' surplus.

In other business Mike Swanson reported Dave Harris' current health could mean Dave could potentially decline the office of Western District Director. Mike said he would contact Dave and seek out his feelings.

Additional discussion focused on the National Young Bird Show in Louisville, Kentucky. Dave Averbeck Jr. will explore ways of having a possible USC "focus/event" as an energy source for encouraging and increasing participation in showing swallows at the Young Bird National. In related business Mike Swanson encouraged members to contact Gary Romig with details about any USC District Meets and awards so our membership could be aware of regional swallow shows.

Gloria Weisgram inquired about the possibility of creating an "E-Award" with the intention of recognizing the unique honor of this distinction. She shared the possibilities of a pin, patch or certificate. Chris Auer motioned to have Gloria pursue potential possibilities for an "E-Award". Gary Romig seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mike Swanson inquired about birds for the USC auction and Perry Mueller reported there were no birds for the auction. In other business Dave Averbeck Jr. suggested when new members join the USC they receive a list of resources for various colors they raise. Gary Romig suggested the creation of a "Swallow Locator Page". For example if a member joins and has black barless swallows they could connect with Gloria Weisgram about deepening their knowledge, the availability of birds etc. New members would get contacts of potential sources for their variety of Swallows.

Member Jay Beals inquired if the United Swallow Club has a Master Breeder program. Mike Swanson responded no the USC does not primarily because of the size of our club but more importantly because of the established Master Breeder program created by the NPA and the rigor within their program. He added it has a well-established process, selection committee and criteria for selection and recognition as a Master Breeder. Jay Beals thought it would be a good idea to have a "Presidents Award". Jay said he would get some ideas about this and get in contact with Mike Swanson.

Judine Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Averbeck seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Swanson

MESSAGE FROM THE USC SECRETARY

Elliot Yeske

Hello everyone, it is that time of the year again that we ask you to please send in your dues for our Specialty club. Remember our club is small compared to most clubs and needs all of your help to keep our club going strong. Our band sales are going well and as of right now I am sold out of the 11mm size for muffed birds and 30 left of the 8mm bands for the clean legs. Band prices did go up to 45 cents each and postage is \$3.00 for small orders and \$4.00 for large orders as I have to use a cardboard mailer for the large orders. The club still has some club patches, for sale, they are \$5.00 each. Shipping would be \$3.00 for the patch. In most cases I can mail a patch with the band orders. Dues are still only \$10.00 per year. Members not paid by March 15th 2014 will have to be dropped. We hope you will all stay with us.

USC Financial Report Jan-1-2013 - Dec 31-2013

Beginning balance:	1673.43
Income from Bands, Dues and show rebates.	2856.75
	4530.18

Expenses:	
Checking service fees:	41.00
Dave Harris - banner for National	17.00
Dave Averbeck - band refund	23.00
NPA - 1st ½ band order for 2014	540.00
Fee for checks ordered	29.51
Steve Ripper - band refund	7.00
NPA - club dues	20.00
NYBS - ad	50.00
Gloria Weisgram - Judge flight expense	437.10
Purebred Pigeon - ¼ page ad	432.00
Gary Romig - NYBS awards	30.00
NPA 2nd ½ band order for 2014	540.00
	2166.61
Ending checking balance	2363.57

A Few Words from the Central District

Dave Averbeck, Central District Director

Greetings from a cold Mid-west. The last couple of weeks here in St. Louis have been colder than normal. The birds are adjusting well and some are even laying.

Perry and I had a great trip to the Nationals in Oklahoma City. It was a great showing for swallows as we had over 100 birds in the show. Gloria did a nice job judging and definitely had her work cut out for her. She rated 7 birds "E". It was a great time to meet other breeders and catch-up with others that you haven't seen in a while. We had a great time hanging out and talking about the past as well as the future of our club and hobby.

With that being said, our club is making a strong effort to have a better showing at the National Young Bird Show in Louisville, KY. The show dates are October 24-25. The judge for the show is yet to be determined. Lets have a better show than we have had in the past. Thank you and I hope that you have a good breeding season.

Notes from the Western District Director

Bill Griebel Sr.

Our good friend David Harris was set to start the 2014 year as the USC Western Director. As we know David had health issues and has now decided that it would not be in his, and the club's best interest to continue. With David's blessing, our new president Mike Swanson asked me to step into the position. With the proper voting from the new board I have now accepted the position of Western District Director.

I want to thank David Holloway, our past Western Director, for all his work on behalf of our district and USC. Perry Mueller, our past USC President, is to be commended for his time and effort to the USC cause. And as for our new incoming President, Mike Swanson, I see good things in USC's future. We have wonderful depth in the USC's membership and the club just continues to

prosper and grow. Oh, and a special "Thank You" goes out to the glue that holds us together, Gary Romig.

As for Western District activities so far, Mike Swanson has requested a Western District meet with his Colorado State Pigeon Assn. There are many breeders of swallows in the Colorado area now so this will be a good meet. There will not be a Pageant of Pigeons this year because the Los Angeles Pigeon Club will be hosting the NPA Grand National in Ontario, CA which is near the Ontario Airport. We plan a large show of swallows and color pigeons with two judges working. We think there will possibly be over 400 or more birds entered at this show. There will be more details coming but the dates are January 29, 30, 31, 2015. Plan to be there, should be a great one. Contact me at griebel@att.net

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR OUR NEXT ANNUAL MEET LOCATION & JUDGE.

LIST OF USC CERTIFIED JUDGING PROGRAM JUDGES FOR ANNUAL MEET

1. Howard Angevine (not eligible as he is not a current member)
2. Steve Ball
3. Ron De Clement
4. Bill Griebel Sr.
5. Dave Harris
6. Perry Mueller
7. Steve Ripper
8. Gary Romig
9. Leon Stephens
10. Mike Swanson
11. Gloria Weisgram (not eligible; as she judged this year's NPA National in Oklahoma a USC Annual Meet in 2014)



European Judge: (write in)

Please send or email your nominations to our

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Photos from Oklahoma City National



Photo: George de la Nuez

The Only Fullhead in the Show. Perry Mueller's Blue White Bar YH #450 rated S-94



Photo: George de la Nuez

Blue Black Bar Silesian shown by Bill Griebel. YC #224
Rated HS-96



Photo: George de la Nuez

Champion Swallow and best young Swallow: Blue Check Silesian by Mike Swanson, YH #594 rated E-97



Photo: George de la Nuez

Top rated Silver Check Silesian by Mike Swanson, YH #649 rated E-97



Photo: George de la Nuez

Best Fairy Swallow Blue White Bar by Mike Swanson, OC #301 rated E-97



Photo: George de la Nuez

Reserve Champion Swallow, Black Barless Thuringer by Jay Beals, OH #303 rated E-97



Photo: George de la Nuez

Top Blue Barless Silesian by Perry Mueller, YC #897 rated E-97



Photo: George de la Nuez

Top Silver Barless Silesian by Mike Swanson, OC #350 rated E-97

Annual Meet - NPA Grand National, Oklahoma City, Jan. 18, 2014

Silesian Swallows (Saxon Wing Pigeons) (60)

Steve Dreitz	Black Barless	YH	#4131	S-94
Steve Dreitz	Black Barless	YH	#4137	G-92
Steve Dreitz	Black Barless	YH	#4134	G-91
Steve Dreitz	Black Barless	YH	#4136	S-95
Steve Dreitz	Black Barless	OC	#164	S-94

Dave Averbeck	Black White Bar	YH	#4730	S-94
Dave Averbeck	Black White Bar	OH	#989	S-93
Dave Averbeck	Black White Bar	OH	#599	S-94
Dave Averbeck	Black White Bar	YC	#4733	S-94
Dave Averbeck	Black White Bar	OC	#1414	S-93

Perry Mueller	Blue Barless	YC	#839	HS-96
Perry Mueller	Blue Barless	YC	#897	E-97
Perry Mueller	Blue Barless	YC	#857	E-97
Steve Dreitz	Blue Barless	OC	#632	S-95

Bill Griebel	Blue Black Bar	YH	#227	S-94
Kaylee Skistimas	Blue Black Bar	YH	#1917	G-92
Steve Dreitz	Blue Black Bar	YH	#4132	G-91
Kaylee Skistimas	Blue Black Bar	YH	#1907	S-94
Bill Griebel	Blue Black Bar	OH	#531	S-95
Bill Griebel	Blue Black Bar	YC	#224	HS-96
Bill Griebel	Blue Black Bar	OC	#137	S-95

Kaylee Skistimas	Blue Check	YH	#1913	S-95
Kaylee Skistimas	Blue Check	YH	#1914	HS-96
Mike Swanson	Blue Check	YH	#631	HS-96
Mike Swanson	Blue Check	YH	#529	E-97
Mike Swanson	Blue Check	YH	#594	E-97 Champion & BY
Mike Swanson	Blue Check	YH	#587	HS-96
Steve Dreitz	Blue Check	YH	#4135	S-94
Mike Swanson	Blue Check	OH	#347	HS-96
Frank Walsh	Blue Check	OH	#327	S-93
Frank Walsh	Blue Check	OH	#341	S-94
Frank Walsh	Blue Check	OH	#360	I-90
Mike Swanson	Blue Check	YC	#528	S-95
Mike Swanson	Blue Check	YC	#572	HS-96-3
Mike Swanson	Blue Check	YC	#589	HS-96-1
Mike Swanson	Blue Check	YC	#534	HS-96-2
Mike Swanson	Blue Check	OC	#461	S-95
Frank Walsh	Blue Check	OC	#361	S-95

Mike Swanson	Silver Barless	YH	#539	S-95
Mike Swanson	Silver Barless	YH	#512	S-94
Mike Swanson	Silver Barless	YH	#459	S-95
Mike Swanson	Silver Barless	OH	#421	HS-96
Mike Swanson	Silver Barless	YC	#538	S-95
Perry Mueller	Silver Barless	YC	#458	HS-96
Mike Swanson	Silver Barless	OC	#350	E-97-1
Mike Swanson	Silver Barless	OC	#175	E-97-2

Cranwell Lofts	Silver Check	YH	#1482	S-95
John Navant	Silver Check	YH	#1167	S-95
Mike Swanson	Silver Check	YH	#536	S-95
Mike Swanson	Silver Check	YH	#502	HS-96
Mike Swanson	Silver Check	YH	#592	HS-96
Mike Swanson	Silver Check	YH	#649	E-97
Mike Swanson	Silver Check	OH	#495	S-94
Mike Swanson	Silver Check	YC	#651	HS-96
Mike Swanson	Silver Check	YC	#542	HS-96
Mike Swanson	Silver Check	YC	#554	E-97
Mike Swanson	Silver Check	YC	#555	HS-96

Mike Swanson	Silver Check	OC	#1497	S-95
Mike Swanson	Silver Check	OC	#366	S-93
Mike Swanson	Silver Check	OC	#391	S-95

Saxon Fairy Swallows (Crested Saxon Wing Pigeons) (31)

Steve Dreitz	Black Barless	YH	4130	S-95
Steve Dreitz	Black Barless	YC	4133	S-93

Perry Mueller	Black Spangle	YH	467	HS-96-2
Perry Mueller	Black Spangle	YH	859	S-95
Perry Mueller	Black Spangle	YC	821	HS-96-1
Perry Mueller	Black Spangle	YC	851	S-95

Dave Averbeck Jr.	Black White Bar	OH	595	S-95-2
Dave Averbeck Jr.	Black White Bar	OC	178	S-94
Dave Averbeck Jr.	Black White Bar	OC	1353	S-94
Dave Averbeck Jr.	Black White Bar	OC	1409	S-95-1

Cranwell Lofts	Blue White Bar	YH	#4392	S-95
George de la Nuez	Blue White Bar	YH	#4141	S-95
George de la Nuez	Blue White Bar	YH	#4143	HS-96-1
George de la Nuez	Blue White Bar	YH	#4140	HS-96-2
Steve Dreitz	Blue White Bar	OH	#2983	S-95
Eli Serrano	Blue White Bar	OH	#636	S-93
Mike Swanson	Blue White Bar	OH	#100	HS-96
Mike Swanson	Blue White Bar	OH	#165	HS-96
George de la Nuez	Blue White Bar	YC	#4148	S-94
George de la Nuez	Blue White Bar	YC	#4140	S-95
Mike Swanson	Blue White Bar	YC	#601	HS-96-2
Mike Swanson	Blue White Bar	YC	#524	HS-96-1
Cranwell Lofts	Blue White Bar	OC	#1499	S-95
Eli Serrano	Blue White Bar	OC	#638	S-93
Mike Swanson	Blue White Bar	OC	#301	E-97 Best Fairy Swallow
Mike Swanson	Blue White Bar	OC	#454	S-95
Mike Swanson	Blue White Bar	OC	#181	S-95
Mike Swanson	Blue White Bar	OC	#395	S-95
Steve Dreitz	Blue White Bar	OC	#5080	S-95

Gary Romig	Red White Bar	YH	#4526	S-94-2
Gary Romig	Red White Bar	YC	#4573	S-94-1

Thuringer Wing Pigeons (Clean Leg Spot Swallows) (15)

Jay Beals	Black Barless	YH	#602	E-97
Jay Beals	Black Barless	OH	#402	HS-96
Jay Beals	Black Barless	OH	#303	E-97 Res. Champion-Best Thuringer
Jay Beals	Black Barless	OH	#514	HS-96
Jay Beals	Black Barless	OC	#309	HS-96

Perry Mueller	Black White Bar	YH	#103	S-94
Perry Mueller	Black White Bar	YC	#101	S-95

Ron Smith	Blue Barless	YH	#925	HS-96
Ron Smith	Blue Barless	OH	#1309	S-95
Ron Smith	Blue Barless	OC	#1455	HS-96

Ron Smith	Blue Black Bar	OH	#1451	HS-96
Ron Smith	Blue Black Bar	OC	#85	S-93
Ron Smith	Blue Black Bar	OC	#31	S-94

Perry Mueller	Red white Bar	YH	#116	S-94
Perry Mueller	Red white Bar	YC	#256	S-95

Saxon Swallows (Fullhead Swallows) (1)

Perry Mueller	Blue White Bar	YH	#450	S-94
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Photo: George de la Nuez

Black Spangle Fairy by Perry Mueller. YC #821, HS-96



Photo: George de la Nuez

Black White Bar Fairy by Dave Averbeck. OC #1409, S-95



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Red White Bar Fairy by Gary Romig YC #4573, S-94



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Red White Bar Thuringer by Perry Mueller YC #256, S-95



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Black White Bar Silesian by Dave Averbeck. YH #4730 S-94



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Black White Bar Thuringer by Perry Mueller YC #101, S-95

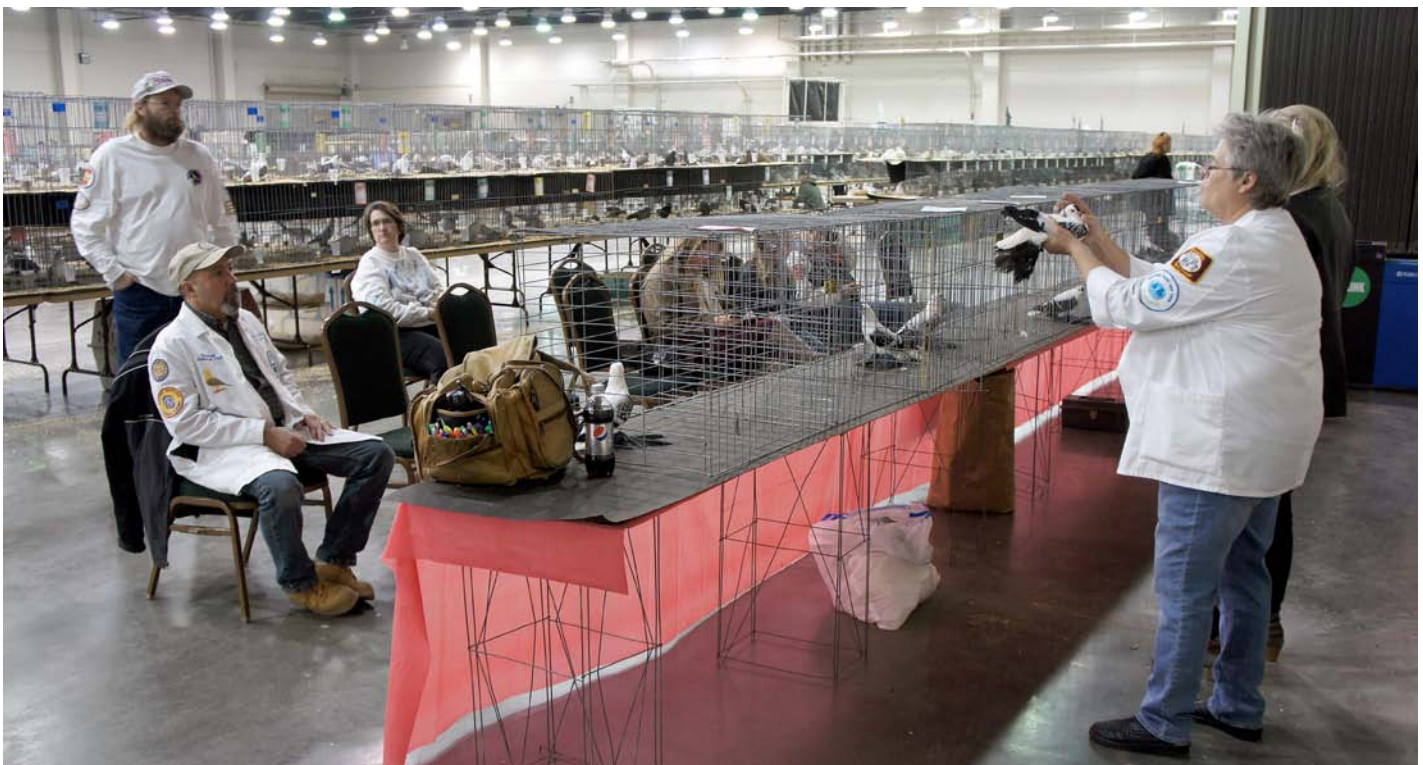


Above from the left: Gloria Weisgram, Judine Nelson, John Navant, Mike Swanson, George de la Nuez, Chris Auer, Perry Mueller, Dave Averbeck, Ron Smith, Jay Beals, Gary Romig, Cathy Swanson.

Left: Judine Nelson, Ron and Kay Smith.

Right: Mike Swanson receives the award for Champ Swallow.

Below: The show hall in Oklahoma City, Gloria judges Swallows, Rob Cranwell, Shawna Berndt, Perry Mueller and others look on.





Top Swallows are lined up and the Champ is picked. All 4 are "E" birds.

Leon Stephens presents Bill Griebel's awards.



Werner Zahn Judges Swallow and Color Pigeons at the Pageant. Frank Bailey, Arnold Chaney, Leon Stephens and Steve Brice watch



A view of Bill Griebel's pigeon houses and back yard with Leon Stephens, Werner Zahn and others waiting for the Sunday party to start

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