

UNITED Swallow Club



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Election Results!!!! The USC Annual Meet Dec 9-10 Des Moines, Iowa The Judine Nelson Memorial Show!



Judine Nelson; January 2014, USC Annual Meet In Oklahoma City. Photo: Gary Romig



E-97 Black Fairy Swallow Photo: George de la Nuez Zwönitz Show January 2016. Shown by Reiner Wolf

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Spring 2016

Mike Swanson

The voting is finished for the location of the United Swallow Club's annual meet and judge. Congratulations to Des Moines, Iowa and to Hans Schipper as the judge for the show! The show is shaping up to be a fantastic meet! What makes a show a great experience is how everyone comes together to help, the great swallow fanciers and of course the birds. Lots of great times are always had when you have old friends getting together, the opportunity to make new friends and of course the judging and getting seeing everyone's birds! One thing is for certain about the United Swallow Club, when problems arise, people pull together and "make it happen"! Hopefully, this year will be free of any avian flu closures.

Dave Averbeck, Central District Director, and USC member Gloria Weisgram are working together as the

members in charge of the Annual Show. Please give them a call and let them know of any help that you can give them and if you can donate to the club auction. Here again the auction is the mainstay for the monetary needs of the club. Remember to not limit your support and donations to just birds. Also think about books, artwork, and pigeon supplies etc. as items that can be contributed to the auction at our annual meet in Des Moines. One person's "extras" can be another's treasure! Also if you have awards to put up to be awarded to birds at the annual meet please send all monies to Elliot Yeske, USC club treasurer. If you have other awards let Dave Averbeck or Gloria Weisgram know so the awards can be included in the premium list. Nate Wayne has also offered his help to pick up Hans Schipper and bring him to the Des Moines show, thanks Nate!

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Mike Swanson

The United Swallow Club Annual Meet in Des Moines, Iowa will be dedicated to Judine Nelson. As you know Judine passed away last spring. Judine was a very big supporter of swallows for numerous decades and held offices in the United Swallow Club including secretary/treasurer. Judine raised numerous colors and markings of swallows over the years. Last year he still had black white bar and black spangle Fairy Swallows. If any members have anything to write about Judine the next couple of bulletins would be an ideal time to do so!

Also, I contacted Nate Wayne to ask him if he would be the chairperson for overseeing the Swallow Standards for the USC to make sure it is up-to-date and if anything needs to be added or changed. Ironically it was April 14th and I'm sure Nate was swamped with tax returns for his clients. Nate never missed a beat and indicated he would be glad to help do this. If you have any concerns or suggestions please let Nate know or contact one of the standards committee members. Now is your time to voice any concerns or suggestions.

A big thank you goes to Chris Auer chairperson for the USC Constitution and By-Laws committee. The revisions and up-dating has passed. The up-dating was very much needed as parts were decades old and definitely needed revising. Also thanks to all the USC members who gave their support and ideas for these changes. Chris made numerous phone calls and emails working to get the needed votes to get this to come to fruition. Thanks Chris and committee members Dave Averbeck, Ron DeClement and Leon Stephens and members that contributed for all your hard work!

Now is a great time to set-up a district meet or meets in your district. All of our district directors are more than willing to help you out if you would like to set one up! All you have to do is ask! The more we show and provide opportunities for fanciers to see our beautiful swallows we create opportunities to bring in new breeders to our club! Another benefit of more district shows is providing opportunities to club members to add to their judging resume and create opportunities to become certified judges!

Election Results!!!!

Election Commissioner, Chris Auer

I would like to start out by thanking EVERYONE who took the time to vote (approximately 2/3 of the members in good standing voted) on the Annual Meet (site and judge) along with the updated Constitution and By-Laws.

Here are the results:

Annual Show location: Des Moines received 90% of the votes.

Annual Show Judge: Hans Schipper received the majority of the votes.

Updated Constitution and By-Laws: Passed with approximately 95% of the votes cast were for acceptance. (A personal thank you to all!!!)

Again: Thank you for voting and see you in Des Moines.

Certified judge Bill Griebel, as many of you know, is the certified judging chairperson. Bill is eager to help you with the process of becoming a certified judge. Don't hesitate to contact him for support and to answer any questions you might have or anything that you would like to have addressed in the judging process.

Gary Romig is also working on banners for each of the USC districts for the upcoming show season. The USC is definitely fortunate to have such a dedicated person and artist supporting our club. Again Gary was in the midst of assembling the show catalog for the Pageant of Pigeons and was trying to finish it and I asked him if he would be on the committee for the swallow standard. Gary gladly volunteered to help, thank you! Again everyone's willingness to contribute and work for the USC is an indicator of the quality of our members and a testimony to our organization!

A couple of final notes, I would personally like to thank Brian Goodwin, USC member from New Mexico, for all of his excellent help with importing color pigeons from Europe this past year. Brian is a quality fancier and was always there for Cathy and I during the importation process.

A reminder if you are not getting your USC bulletins through email please send Gary Romig your email address. Email simplifies the bulletin process and you'll enjoy the quality of the colorful product while saving the club time and money. One last note, last year Judine Nelson had such a simple solution for members needing more bands. If you have any extras this summer let members know you have extras! Have a great year raising your birds!



Mike & Cathy with Paul Heyn in Germany

More USC Officers for 2016-2017

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Secretary/Treasures Report

Elliot Yeske

Hello everyone, I hope all is going well with the breeding season. I want to thank all of the members that renewed their membership. We are sold out of the 11 mm size bands for 2016, I do have 90 of the 8 mm bands left to sell for the clean leg birds. They are 50 cents each with \$4 for postage and the mailer we use. I have just sent in our club order for next year for 2017 bands I hope everyone will keep us in mind for the band needs for next year as well.

I look forward to be able to attend more shows this year as I am now retired and can get away for the shows. I plan to go the Louisville show this fall, I have only been that show once and I am over do to see that show again. Hope to see a lot of you at shows.

United Swallow Club Financial Report Nov 2015-April 2016

Beginning balance **\$4132.28**

Deposits (dues, bands, rebates) 1973.00

Expenses:

Bill Griebel (Annual Judge's room fee) 71.20

Nate Wayne (Judge's Air Fare) 204.60

USPS (postage for band orders) 33.28

NPA (2nd ½ 2016 bands) 472.50

Charles Webb (band refund) 29.00

Leon Stephens (band refund) 38.00

NPA (½ of 2017 bands) 437.50

Checking Fees for Nov, Dec, Jan 7.50

Ending Checking balance **\$4811.70**

Western District News

Bill Griebel

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We are happy to announce that the Western District will have two district meets this show season. It was decided by the swallow breeders in the Pacific Northwest to hold a meet with the NPA show in Vancouver, Washington on January 12, 13 & 14, 2017. Frank Bailey will be the member in charge so if you if you have questions Frank is the go-to guy. I believe Mike Cobb, one of our Certified Judges Program trainees, will be judging this meet.

January 12, 13 & 14, 2017 Grand National Pigeon Show

Will take place in Vancouver, Washington.

Show Contact Person:

Orrie Moore

19517 Bay Road KPS

Longbranch, WA. 98351-9677

Phone: 253.884.3852

http://www.npaua.com/npa_grand_nationals/2017.html

We here in LA decided to again have a Western District meet of the Pageant of Pigeons. There is a new date so be aware of that. Because we are trying to save money, it was decided to have the judging done by our local members. Veteran Certified Swallow judge Steve Ball was selected to be the main swallow judge and a second judge(s) from the group will be selected to work with Steve. Additionally, the two USC Certified Judge trainees, George de la Nuez and Mike Cobb, will also work with Steve on their Observation requirement.

Pageant of Pigeons December 1, 2 & 3

(Thu-Sat) at the

Ontario Convention Center, California

<http://www.losangelespigeonclub.com/>

Red White Bar Fairy Swallows for Sale

I am offering a good price for several breeding pairs



Gary Romig

gromig@unitedswallowclub.com

520-394-2174

The USC Annual Meet will be at The 90th Iowa State Pigeon Association Show An NPA Western Regional Show



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The Judine Nelson Memorial Show!

Judge Will Be: Hans Schipper of Holland

Click the link below to go to the Iowa State Pigeon Association
for more information on the Web

<http://www.iowastatepigeonassociation.com/Pages/ISPADecemberShow.aspx>

Contacts for the show and any questions:

Dave Averbeck, Member in Charge
Plus Mike Swanson and Gloria Weisgram,

Mike Swanson will be handling the Auction of birds, supplies, artwork & memorabilia and everyone is encouraged to donate.

USC annual meeting

Will be held Friday evening at the USC preferred hotel followed by a dinner.

Preferred Hotel for United Swallow Club

Best Western Altoona Inn
300 34th Ave. NW
Altoona, IA 50009-2369
Phone 515-967-2400

Hotel recommended by Iowa State Pigeon Association

1050 6th Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50314
Phone 515-283-0151 Do not use the national reservations line.
When making Reservations, please be sure to tell them you are with the Iowa State Pigeon Association Annual Show in order to get the group rate!!!!

2016 OFFICIAL Entry Form

Iowa State Pigeon Association

90th Annual Show

December 9th and 10th, 2016

Iowa State Fair Grounds

Des Moines Iowa

Entry Deadline Postmarked November 2nd 2016

Entry Fee: \$5.00 per BIRD

Late entries must be postmarked by November 9th, 2016

Late Entry Fee: \$6.00 per BIRD

Make Checks Payable to Iowa State Pigeon Association

CREDIT & DEBIT CARDS NOW ACCEPTED-see bottom of page

NOTE: Do not use **YEARLY** unless your breed specifies that it be judges **YEARLY** classes.

Exhibitor #	
Exhibitor _____	
Address _____	
City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____	Jr. Exhibitor's age _____
Email _____	
I make the entries below subject to the rules of this show	
Signature _____	
Date Received _____	
Amount Rec'd _____	Ck/MO# _____

Do not use	Young Hen	Young Cock	Yearly Hen	Yearly Cock	Old Hen	Old Cock	Breed	Color	Band #	Genetics
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<p>Send Entries To; Jan Nyhus, Co-Show Secretary 412 East First Street Huxley, IA 50124-9444 Phone; 515-231-1561 Email; grandnanajan@gmail.com Or jjdemro@gmail.com</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Quantity</p> Show Entries @ \$5.00 per Bird _____ Birds Genetics Entries @ \$5.00 per bird _____ Birds Late Entries @ \$6.00 per bird _____ Birds 4-bird for sale holes @ \$10/hole _____ Birds Gift Card Raffle Tickets @\$5.00ea _____ Tickets Anniversarv Show Patch @ \$3.00ea _____ Patches	
ISPA 2016 Dues (Junior 1-yr \$10, 3-yr \$25) (Senior 1-yr \$15, 3-yr \$40) (Family 1-yr \$18, 3-yr \$50)		
Check here if you are sending your birds via US Postal Service <input type="checkbox"/>	Total Remittance <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>	

Do not use	Young Hen	Young Cock	Yearly Hen	Yearly Cock	Old Hen	Old Cock	Breed	Color	Band #	Genetics
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FOR ADDITIONAL BIRDS ENCLOSE A SEPARATE SHEET

*****JUNIOR COMPETITION*****

(Birds must also be entered above- NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR JR COMPETITION)

ISPA Membership Form;

New ___ Renew ___ Adult ___ Junior ___ Family ___ 1- Year (2017) ___ 3-Year (2017, 2018, 2019) ___

County of Residence for Iowa Residence _____

If Family Membership, Name of Second Adult in Family _____

NAME

AGE

If Family Membership, Names and ages of all children;

_____	_____
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_____	_____

Breeds Raised _____

Credit or Debit Card Payment Name as it exactly appears on card; _____

Type of card (VISA, MC, Etc.); _____ Card Number _____

Card Expiration Date; _____

Cardholder's Signiture; _____

From The Next Generation of Swallow Breeders

Bill Griebel



A picture and artwork from 7 year old Lukas Smith from Dallas Texas. Elliott Yeske contacted me about Lukas and shortly after that Gary Romig called to ask if we could do something. Lukas was asking for fairy swallows so I called George de la Nuez to see if he had a pair of blues. George had a hen and suggested I talk to Leon about a male and the pair was set. Lukas has now named them Bluefoot and Spot. He is now a member of the USC and looking forward to more birds in the Fall.

Photos attached. He was very excited as you can see. He said wow blue and white my favorite!

I told him how the three of you worked together to help him and he said you mean their like a pigeon team? I said yes to help you!

So thank you very much. He's going to send all of you a thank you drawing of the birds.

Luke on behalf of Lukas





FRIENDS, FOOD AND FUN IN ZWÖNITZ

By Mike and Cathy Swanson

A collection of friends at Jurgen and Petra Schwind's winter barbecue

The remain in your seat sign is clearly posted overhead, the rustle of everyone gathering their belongings while the stewardesses scurry about gathering trays and drinks as that distinct sound of the plane's flaps resonates within the cabin signaling our destination is near. Clearly the in-flight movies provided a very needed distraction for the extremely long flight, for Mike a James Bond movie marathon and for Cathy *Bridge of Spies* established a wistful look at the past while a new adventure awaited us upon landing.

The green landscape below covered in a new blanket of snow captured our imagination. We were eager to land in Frankfurt and find our next gate for departure to Dresden. Awaiting our departure for Dresden we grew restless after sitting for so very long, over TEN HOURS in all so Mike explored the concourse. As he came closer into view he was engaged in an animated conversation. I thought to myself he found a friendly local to answer our many questions. As the moving stairway brought him into focus I thought mmmmm his new acquaintance looks so very much like USC member Steve Ball and sure enough who would we encounter in the Frankfurt terminal but Steve Ball, Bill Griebel & George de la Nuez!! Sure enough although we are thousands of miles from L.A. and Denver we all have managed to be on the same connecting flight to Dresden, the world IS truly small! Our wait and flight proved to be short considering all that we had to talk about and share. Upon landing in Dresden we each set off to our own car rental vendor and quickly realized driving in Germany was an adventure, to say the least. Clearly having the GPS speak English was a definite plus and we headed south for our apartment just outside of Zwonitz.

The scenery, the crazy drivers and the architecture of the region mesmerized us. Our accommodations in Homersdorf, a village just a few kilometers from Zwonitz, were delightful. The countryside was lit up with Christmas lights as everyone was still observing the Christmas season. The lights everywhere added to the visual interest abundant everywhere! When we arrived at our apartment in Homersdorf, the young owner was pleasant and excited for us. She had indicated our friend, Paul Heyn, had been by weeks earlier making sure our accommodations were in order! Paul lives in nearby Ehrenfriedersdorf and is a world champion Saxon Whitetail breeder.



Menno Apperlo with his World Champion Ice Pigeon

Our first day in Zwonitz meant waiting for the arrival of all the entries, so we took a fun trip with world travelers Elliot Yeske and Nate Wayne to Seifin a village near the Czech border. This village is known for its woodcarvings, ornaments and Christmas paraphernalia. We had a grand time. We enjoyed the scenery, the shops and the amazing food. That evening we were invited to a winter barbecue at the home of Petra and Jurgen Schwind. What a fun filled evening. The winter barbecue was just the appetizer! Then we all moved inside for more wonderful food, laughter, beer and wine. The gathering of over twenty-five verified friendship and laughter are universal languages. We left Petra and Jurgen's filled with special memories.

Arriving at the showroom in Zwonitz provided a special treat of enormous proportions. Color pigeons everywhere and the breeds we so love. We have never seen so many ice pigeons in one location, what a visual treat. The variety was equally present in the Saxon Whitetails. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves walking up one aisle and down the other. Over three thousand Saxon Color pigeons with the exception of the clean-leg ice pigeons shown in conjunction with the ice pigeon meet. It was challenging to absorb all that was there! While enjoying ourselves as we looked in awe from aisle to aisle we were delighted to renew friendships with exhibitors and judges in attendance. In the showroom it was clearly evident an enormous amount of thought, planning and presentation for the event had taken place. Flags representing the countries of the exhibitors were proudly displayed creating a special ambience and flare for those in attendance. Without a doubt the room was filled with loads of amazing birds and special friends, what fun. Everyone was so welcoming and so eager to make our time in Zwonitz special we were definitely indulged and spoiled.



The Showroom at Zwönitz January 2016

Another element clearly evident in the showroom was the pride, camaraderie and recognition of the community resources, the judges and their deep knowledge as an integral resource to the improvement of our hobby. We've never toasted a "pigeon event" with champagne at 10:00 A.M. what fun and revelry; this ritual added to the excitement and specialness of the event. We had so many special conversations with so many special people providing us with insight into them, their country and their commitment to their pigeons.

More fun was still in store that evening at the banquet. Again the universal language of laughter, great food, friends and of course great music and dancing added to the specialness of the evening. Clearly shots of the Jagermeister didn't impact our perspective nor diminish our skillful dancing! We enjoyed our conversations with old friends and our new friends as well. New friendships with Axel Nestler and his wife Janet, Gotthard Einhorn and wife Lisa, daughter Simone and Gotthard's granddaughter Iris added to the banquet fun!

One of our goals for our trip was to connect with breeders we had contacted prior to our arrival in Zwonitz. These breeders had indicated they would bring birds for us so we could import them back to our loft. During our forty plus years in pigeons we've only introduced a handful of new birds into our breeding program. So our goal was to acquire birds to increase the vitality of our birds. Thankfully we had support and guidance throughout this process from USC member, Brian Goodwin. His knowledge made the importation process smooth and uneventful. Additionally Hans Schipper and Andreas Reuter provided us with support as well by contacting many of these breeders on our behalf. Importing birds added still another dimension and excitement to our trip. These breeders were generous in the birds they brought. We were immediately provided support from Axel Nestler, one of the judges, with a location to house our birds prior to the arrival of the courier. We appreciated Axel's willingness to provide this support even though



Mike Swanson with Axel Nestler (holding a Saxon Stork) in the Showroom at Zwönitz

he was buried with responsibilities in association with the show. Axel's humor and positive attitude was infectious. The courier arrived just as they said he would. It was if the van dropped from the sky and landed in the little village of Zwonitz. Then in just a short time off the shiny silver van drove with our birds headed to quarantine and eventually to our loft!!

We were astounded with the efficiency of the results of the show! Exhibition cards were marked, the catalog was distributed so we could review the birds with an informed perspective. We eagerly reviewed the results and congratulated exhibitors on their World Champions! Then everyone dissipated and we said our reluctant goodbyes. Later that evening we joined Nate Wayne and Elliot Yeske at the Waldhaus, an inviting refuge in the forest just outside of Zwonitz, for more festivities with an amazing collection of pigeon fanciers including old friendships and new friends as well. The evening was filled with the most amazing food all prepared and served by a husband and wife in an intimate setting. Again the laughter, fun and food served to create more special memories. We sang, we laughed and we ate for hours, what fun! Then we all scattered in our separate directions.

Once the show had ended we had special opportunities and invitations to visit pigeon breeders we've known and respected for numerous years. Early the following morning we visited Klaus Burkhardt's loft in Schmolln. Our caravan of vehicles including Elliot Yeske, Nate Wayne, Hans Schipper, Monica and Manfred Gitz and the two of us converged at Klaus's loft. His beautiful home is in a spectacular setting and his numerous lofts of color pigeons were a visual treat. He clearly invests lots of hard work into his lofts, their upkeep and his record keeping; habits that produce world champions! Both he and his wife were welcoming, humble and warm. We enjoyed a special lunch in their pigeon club's meeting room, adjacent to their house; still another indicator of the region's commitment to the pigeon hobby.

Later that day, our new



Klaus Burkhardt feeding his birds in one of his lofts during our visit.

friend Axel Nestler picked us up at our apartment and joined us for a special evening with Reiner and Christina Wolf in Schonfeld. We so enjoyed our visit, the amazing dinner, champagne and tour of his lofts. The refinement of Reiner's birds stood out and the separation of their bars is a trait clearly evident in Reiner's birds and definitely a focus of his. We laughed and listened to special stories and Axel Nestler delivered us safely home. It is an evening we fondly remember. Reiner's son and grandson added a special dimension to the evening, too.

Good friend, Paul Heyn and his wife Renate created a special and unique opportunity for a trip to Dresden the following day with their good friend Jert. Jert and

Paul drove us to Dresden and we toured the historic city and ate an amazing lunch in an historic cafe on shores of the Elbe River. The stories and history of this city is a testimony to the resilience of the people in this region. We were in awe of the history, stories and countryside. Knowing we are avid hunters Paul planned a short side-trip to Moritzburg the castle where the story of Cinderella originated. Jert's persuasive charm provided us special access to the amazing dining hall filled with embellished European red



One of the dining rooms at the castle in Moritzburg

stag mounts over 300 years old. We left with reluctance and then scooted off to Meissen a short distance away. The cobblestone streets, the chiming bells and amazing shops created still more special memories. As the sun was setting Jert and Paul drove us back to Ehrenfriedersdorf for a special dinner with their wives Renate and Heidi. We were overwhelmed by the day's events and their generosity of time in taking us to Dresden, still more opportunities for more special memories.

On our last day in Zwonitz, we visited the local shops and ended our stay with still one more special evening with more of our new friends, Chris and Simone Laube, their daughter Iris and Simone's parents Gottard and Lisa Einhorn in Chemnitz. Even after a long day at work Simone picked us up at our apartment and we had at amazing dinner at their home in Einsiedel near Chemnitz. The Einhorn extended family is so warm and friendly. Lisa and Simone prepared an amazing meal. Again we laughed, we fortified our new friendship with stories, great wine and food and a special visit to Gotthard's amazing loft of birds. His childhood stories, Lisa's warmth and infectious smile made the evening filled with more special memories. Their family's property and their barn filled with all the historic farm implements and equipment added to our evening's adventure. We reluctantly left and Chris thoughtfully returned us to our apartment. The next morning we departed for Dresden for our flight home.

As the plane approached Denver and again that distinct sound of the plane's flaps echoed in the cabin we were eager for home yet pleasantly content with our experiences from our journey to Zwonitz.



Cathy in front of our apartment in Homersdorf.



Gottard Einhorn's loft in Einsiedel



Iris Laube, Mike and Cathy Swanson, Gottard Einhorn, Simone Laube, and Lisa Einhorn at the Einhorn-Laube home for dinner. Photo by Chris Laube



Christine and Reiner Wolf, Axel Nestler and Mike Swanson at Reiner and Christine's home for dinner

More Photos from Mike & Cathy Swanson's Trip to Zwönitz



Klaus Burkhardt holding his World Champion yellow white bar Fairy Swallow



Andreas Reuter holding his World Champion Black Spangle Saxon Shield



Hans Schipper & Cathy Swanson in the Zwönitz Showroom



Heinz Hentschel and Mike hold World Champion Red Saxon Whitetails



Left to Right: George de la Nuez, Rudi Hiemer, Bill Griebel, Cathy Swanson, Monica Meyer

Swallows from the World Championship Color Pigeon Show in Zwönitz Jan. 2016

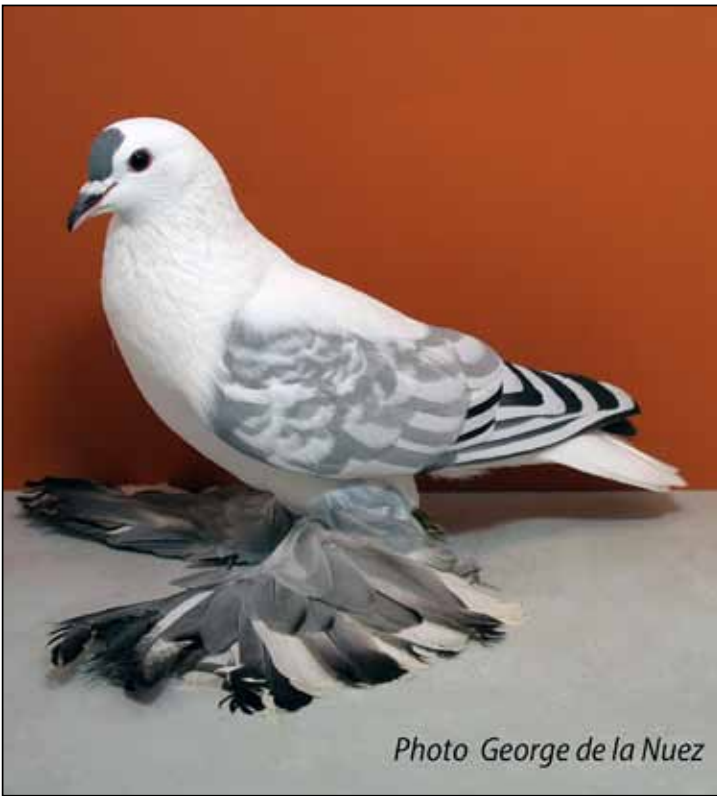


Photo George de la Nuez

Blue Bohemian Wing Pigeon; Valentine Grasl, Rated E-97



Photo George de la Nuez

Blue WB Saxon Wing Pigeon; Cor van der Post, Rated E-97



Photo George de la Nuez

Black WB Saxon Swallow



Photo George de la Nuez

Blue WB Saxon Swallow; Ulrich H, Rated E-97

Swallows from the World Championship Color Pigeon Show in Zwönitz Jan. 2016



Photo George de la Nuez

Black WB Saxon Wing Pigeon; Rudi Kreher, Rated E-97



Photo George de la Nuez

Black WB Saxon Wing Pigeon; Reiner Wolf, Rated E-97



Photo George de la Nuez

Blue Black Bar Saxon Wing Pigeon; Jurgen Sohl, Rated E-97

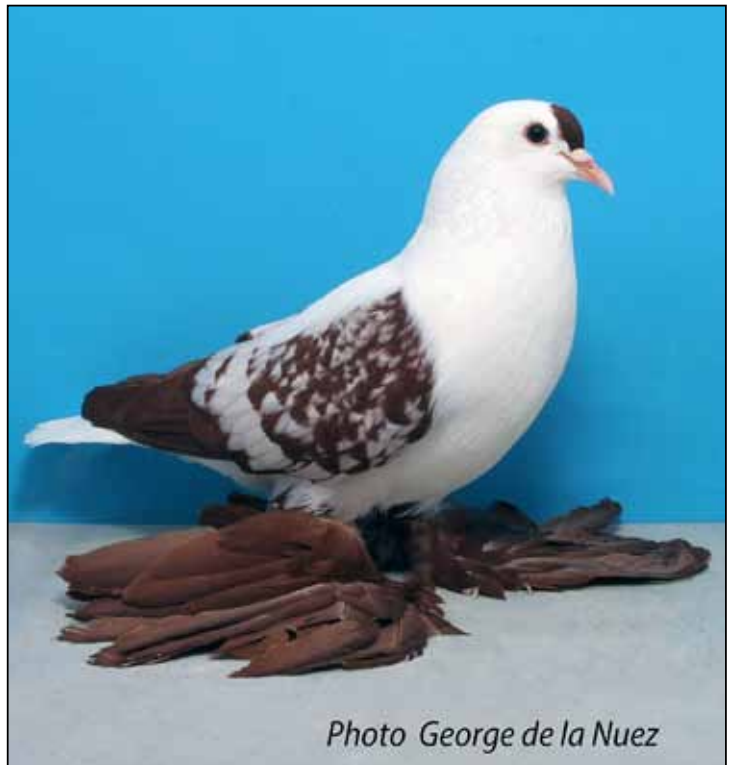


Photo George de la Nuez

Red Spangle Saxon Wing Pigeon; Gitz Meyer, Rated E-97

Swallows from the World Championship Color Pigeon Show in Zwönitz Jan. 2016



Photo George de la Nuez

Yellow Spangle Saxon Swallow; Horst Schmidt Rated HS-96



Photo George de la Nuez

Yellow WB Saxon Swallow; Falko Harnisch, Rated E-97



Photo George de la Nuez

Red WB Saxon Wing Pigeon; Andreas Reuter Rated S-95



Photo George de la Nuez

Black Spangle Saxon Wing Pigeon; Rajmund Mlynek, Rated E-97

Swallows from the World Championship Color Pigeon Show in Zwönitz Jan. 2016



Photo George de la Nuez

Red Spangle Saxon Wing Pigeon; Stephen Groschupp Rated E-97



Photo George de la Nuez

Red WB Saxon Wing Pigeon; Christian Zenker , Rated E-97



Photo George de la Nuez

Red Check Saxon Wing Pigeon; Wendelin Heidrich, Rated E-97



Photo George de la Nuez

Yellow WB Saxon Wing Pigeon; Manfred Gitz, Rated E-97

Our visit with Dave and Sandy in Washington State

Photos and story by Bill Griebel

My gal Rose and I took a trip to the state of Washington to visit our long-time friends Dave and Sandy. Dave had been asking me to come up and visit and we finally made it happen.

Arriving at Poulsbo after a 2 hour shuttle bus ride from SeaTac Airport we were amazed to see Dave get out of his car and walk towards the bus without the aid of a cane or walker. Dave had a stroke some time earlier and had to use a cane to walk but now he is walking without those

items, it was fantastic to see!

We spent many hours looking at the city, going out to dinner, looking at Dave's knife collection (very extensive) and generally talking about the pigeon fancy, swallows and looking at his birds. Dave has cut down drastically but the quality is still high as you can see in the photos. Oh, and they have a new addition to their family, a new puppy named Benny who was all over the place.

Thanks Dave and Sandy for a great trip!



Thomas Hellmann & Bill Griebel



Red White bar Saxon Swallow

I was texting Thomas Hellmann of Berlin, Germany talking to him about the death of his good friend Rudi Stephan. Rudi was quite a renowned all breeds judge and breeder of Blue Black Bar Fullheads. The discussion then turned to old color pigeon photos and this is what Thomas had to say:

Hi Bill, I think I promised that I would look through some of my old junk for older pics of Saxon Colour Pigeons. I don't have the originals or prints anymore of these photos (had them on loan for scanning from a friend in England), but at least we have them. Though these are undated, other photos in this batch were dated between 1929-1934, so I think it is fair to assume these hail from the same era.

The breeder of the Saxon Breast was a man by the name of Reindl from Rosenheim. All these photos were taken by Rudolf Zacharias from Regensburg.

From what I could see on the photos, none of them were retouched, ie. they were natural depictions of what was to be seen back then. Hope you enjoy them.

Thomas Hellmann

When I looked at the photos it reminded that color pigeons have not changed much over the years. Medium, medium, medium then and now. What has changed is "refinement". Better color, better bars, better muff size and shape, etc. Thanks Thomas



Yellow Spangle Plain-headed Wing Pigeon (Silesian Swallow)

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Saxon Moon Pigeon



Blue White Bar Crested Saxon Wing Pigeon



Saxon Breast Pigeon

Another way to keep the babies warm

Bill Griebel



I remember recently reading somewhere a story either by or attributed to Gloria Weisgram about keeping youngsters warm on cold nights. It may have been through Mike Swanson but the idea was to use a pocket hand warmer to keep the babies warm. I thought what a good idea and fairly inexpensive.

I get a subscription to the German magazine *Geflügel Zeitung*. In one of the issues was an article about nest heaters. Along with my article are two photos showing these nest warmers. Interesting to see the nests with the heating pads, an electrical cord to an adjustment to set the heat level and a plug to hook into the electrical system. I don't know the costs but it sure could help start the breeding season earlier for those in cold climates.

In a large breeding program the German nest heaters seem to be the ticket for an earlier start or when a sudden snow storm comes through but I like the simplicity and the economical aspect of Gloria's pocket warmers.

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