

# Newsletter of the United Swallow Club

Summer 2008

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## Message from the Secretary

*Elliot Yeske*

It has been kind of slow this time of year as I have not heard from many members lately. I have been in contact with Perry Mueller from time to time, he is having a good year with many young swallows. Nate Wayne has many young yellow Fairy Swallows from this years hatch but has not rasied very many reds this year. Here things are going okay with some young black spangle fullheads rasied this year. I am glad to see this as I am trying to keep this breed going and there are not many in the US. I also have quit a few blue black bar thuringer wing pigeons this year.

The club still has a few bands for sale if anyone needs a few more to finish up the year they are 35 cents. The National young bird show is coming up in October the entry from for that show will be in this news letter.

All for now take care everyone and I hope that you had a great breeding season.

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## Central District News

*Bob Benson*

It's late July; the breeding season is over (that was a fast six months). Did your pairing selections prove to be good ones?

I've banded a large number of birds - too many to feed or house. As usual the molt will be a major factor in deciding which birds will go to Louisville. At this point I feel there are six to ten swallows of Louisville quality.

Speaking of Louisville I would like to see one hundred swallows displayed, that would be a fine show! I know the price of gas is out of sight as are hotel/motel rates but I hope to see many breeders there.

Also, be sure to vaccinate for PMV this fall as some breeders have lost birds when they didn't vaccinate. The best breeders are victims as well.

Tim Kvidera has written an excellent article on this subject. (See the next page)

## President's Report

*Perry Mueller*

Summer is here. I hope everyone has had a chance to raise some show winners. I've had a good year and now am in the process of shutting the breeding down.

Bill Griebel was elected to judge our Annual Meet in Des Moines this December. Bob Benson is that district's Director and will be the member in charge. If you have any questions about the show, please feel free to contact Bob.

I'll be going to the National Young Bird Show in October. We will be having a district meet there again. Merle Starr will be our member in charge and Tim Starr will be the judge. That show is always a good time with lots of members from all over the US participating. Hopefully, \$4.00 gas prices won't affect the show.

I've got a few responses about our Constitution and Bylaws. I haven't been able to put the time I wanted into that project this summer so I'll be working on it at a later date.

Did everyone raise a few fullheads? I raised a few blue white bars and hope to be showing one or two this Fall. Remember to help promote that breed. Let's see if we can gain more interest in them by putting a few in the show this Fall.

That's all for now. Take care, enjoy the remainder of the season!



*Blue Fullhead owned by Ben Kocken. Photo by Ben Kocken.*

## Message from the Vice President

Mike Swanson

I've talked to a few Swallow breeders and it sounds like all of them are having a great year. I've banded a little over two hundred color pigeons so far and plan on breaking them apart August 1st.

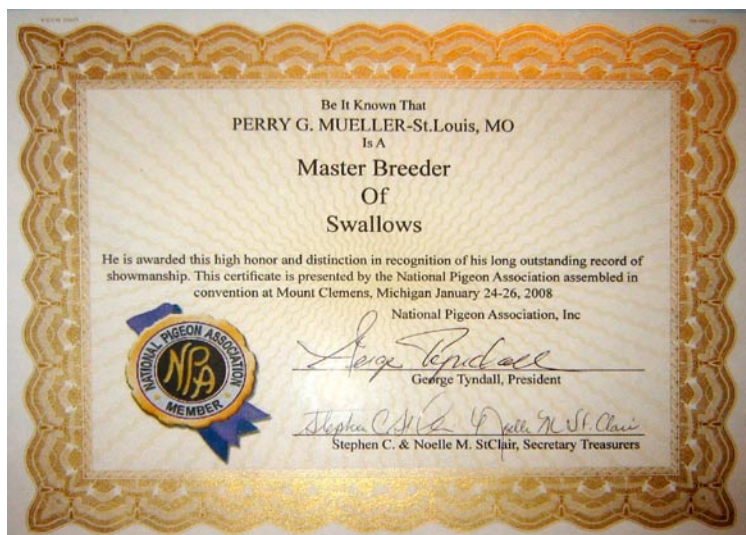
Hopefully, I'll get a couple of nice ones after the molt. I've talked to both Bill Griebel and Leon Stephens and they are having a great year raising birds. Also, they informed me that I was voted the honor of judging the Pageant of Pigeons November 20,21,22, 2008.

The Pageant is always a great show for Swallows and many other color pigeons of excellent quality. Additionally you have a lot of the color pigeon breeders to talk to and learn from. Mike Lerp called and said he was judging the Archangels. Mike will have his work cut out for him and he can anticipate a group of quality Archangels.

Des Moines, Iowa, the site of the USC Annual meet, is also an excellent show with quality birds and quality breeders as well! Bill Griebel was voted to judge this meet. Hopefully, I'll get my birds ready and show in Des Moines; it is always a great time. Let's just hope the weather cooperates this year! I know how much Bob Benson likes icy roads.

Also I would like to congratulate Perry Mueller on becoming an NPA Master Breeder of Swallows last year! I remember going to visit Perry's loft in the 70s with Dr. L.E. Hummel. As Doc Hummel and I were driving to Perry's House, Doc said Perry was going to be an excellent breeder of Swallows. He was right! I know Doc would be very pleased with Perry's expertise in Swallows and his commitment toward promoting the USC in many different capacities.

Hope all of you are having a great season and hope to see you at some of the shows!



## Loosing at Russian Roulette - HURTS

By Tim Kvidera

I am sure that you all have heard of the "game" of chance where a single bullet is put in the cylinder of a revolver, the cylinder spun before the player puts the gun to his head and pulls the trigger, allowing chance to determine his fate.

Well, we pigeon breeders have our own version. For a couple decades there has been an effective vaccine to combat PMV. But it only works if you use it. Don't leave it just sitting in the refrigerator like I did.

Over the years it is easy to become complacent. If you have not had it, or heard from close friends who have experienced the virus, vaccinating eventually becomes a lower priority. Having to go through the hassles and time involved to catch and inject all of ones birds takes a conscious effort.

You skip, or forget, one year and nothing happens. The next year rolls around and before you know it the shows are upon us and oops forgot to vaccinate again. All was well after missing last year so it will be fine to let it slip again. And before you know it a contagious case of complacency has set in.

But as long as there are others with the same apathy there is the opportunity for the chamber to be loaded when you allow your birds to be exposed to others, directly or indirectly. And you will not know the difference between the "CLICK" or the "BANG" until it's too late. The outcome can be devastating. Not only loss of good birds and generations of building up your stud, but some projects that may never be re-started.

The time "saved" by not vaccinating will pale in comparison to the hours of anguish in watching more birds successively develop the symptoms, with many of them perishing or having to be put down. Add to that the time to thoroughly clean and disinfect the loft and it will be much easier to find those "round-to-its" in the future and assure your birds are adequately protected with a vaccination. "

One of the rationales that I used when not getting around to vaccinating was the 1 - 2% vaccination losses I always experienced when shooting the birds in the neck. There always were birds that I really did not want to loose. After hearing good reports from others who, have used it, this year I tried the cavity between the leg and side of the body and had no losses in the 250 birds vaccinated. It is also a method that can easily be done as a one person operation.

Sure, the price of the vaccine has doubled recently, but the costs of not using it can be significantly higher.



# National Young Bird Show

## October 18, 2008

Pavilion - Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center  
Louisville, Kentucky

Entry Fee: \$5.00

Mail all entries to:  
NATIONAL YOUNG BIRD SHOW  
P.O. Box 21  
Milton, KY 40045

Make checks and money orders payable to:  
NATIONAL YOUNG BIRD SHOW

Canadian entries: US money orders only  
No Canadian postal money orders

Entries must be postmarked by Post Office on or before: **September 24, 2008** No postage Meters.

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see booklet for color number - use number for color

DO NOT USE BACK OF ENTRY SHEET

Please group your birds by sex or color number order.

Exhibitor number (sec. use only)

Clubs: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Exhibitor  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print - used for next year's mailing list

Quantity	Cost	
_____ Entries @ \$5.00 each	\$ _____	
_____ Sales coop @ \$20.00 each (limit 3 coops - 8 bird limit)	\$ _____	paid in advance only
_____ Parking Pass @ \$7.00 each include self-addressed <u>STAMPED</u> envelope	\$ _____	
	\$ _____	TOTAL



## PHOTOS

**Right:** Frank Bailey's recently completed loft and garden.

**Below:** Two baby fullheads raised by Frank this year. Frank is very happy with the length of the back bar on these youngsters.

**Bottom:** Two pictures of some 2008 Red White Barred Fairy Swallows bred by Gary Romig (Still molting).





# Thuringer Swallows from Europe. Photos supplied by Ben Kocken

Thuringer Color Pigeon Club show in Germany GestungHausen Jan.2007 and Verden Jan.2008



*Best Black Thuringer at a recent show. Judged by Ben Kocken. Owned by Dirk Wolfram.*



*Best Blue Check Thuringer at a recent show in Europe.*



*Blue Black Bar Thuringer Owned by Ben Kocken. Ben achieved German Master Breeder with this bird.*



*Yellow Barless Thuringer owned by Ernst Fleisman*



*Ben Kocken's Best Blue Barless Hen rated HV 96*



*Silver Barless Plain Head owned by a young breeder, Daniel Rist. Ben judged this bird best in it's class.*



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## United Swallow Club Financial Report 2nd Qtr.

May, June July, 2008

<b>Beginning balance:</b>	<b>2752.06</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
From bands, sales	105.65
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Monthly checking fee May, June, July	9.00
USC Band Order	450.00
<b>Ending statement balance:</b>	<b>2398.71</b>

*Right:  
Black Fullhead owned by Ernst Fleisman  
Photo by Ben Kocken*



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Swallow & Wing Pigeons (Spot Swallows) Winners at the 2007 United Swallow Club Annual Meet • San Bernardino, CA.

Silver White bar Fairy Swallow by George De le Nuez • Best Fairy Swallow & Best Young • HS96  
Blue Spangle Fullhead Swallow by Leon Stephens • Best Fullhead • HS 96

Black barless Thuringer Wing Pigeon by Jay Beals • Best Thuringer • HS96  
Blue Black Bar Silesian Swallow by Bill Griebel Sr. • Champion in Show • E 97

*Artwork by Gary Romig*