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USC Annual Meet awarded to Southern California Show Dec. 2010! Message from the President **Details on the Annual Meet**

Perry Mueller

Fall is upon us and I hope everyone had a good breeding season. Now is the time to concentrate on getting your show team together. We had two show sites nominated and one judge declined. The show went automatically to Los Angeles. The Southern California Color Pigeon Club is putting on a show in December and the judge will be Rudi Stephan of Germany. Our annual Swallow Meet will be held in conjunction with it. Look for the entry form and show rules in this bulletin. If you have any questions, you should call Bill Griebel.

We will be having a Western District Meet at the National in San Diego with Dave Holloway being the member in charge. A Central District Meet at Des Moines, with Nate Wayne being the member in charge. An Eastern District Meet at the National Young Bird Show, myself being the member in charge. Hopefully, you will be able to attend one or more of these shows.

Something new we have been working on is a club patch. I'm working with Gary to put the final touches together. We are hopeful it will be out before the show season begins.

Check the USC website for entry forms to the Annual Meet and for other show information. www.unitedswallowclub.com

The Big Sun Classic Show

Jesse Espinosa

December 10 and 11, 2010 at the Citrus County Auditorium in Inverness, Florida. Entry fee will be \$3.50, with a \$1.00 per bird rebate to our swallow club. Swallow

Judge will be Stephen Ripper. Entries must be postmarked by December 1. Contact: Jesse Espinosa 130 Lincoln St., St. Augustine, Florida 32084 Cell #1-904-377-0477

Perry Mueller judging an Archangel at last years Pageant



Bill Griebel

The Southern California Color Pigeon Club is proud to co-host the Annual meet of the United Swallow Club on December 11 and 12, 2010 at the home of Lenny Mefferd of Hacienda Heights. The Judge for this show will be Rudi Stephan of Morlenbach, Germany.

We will judge the Color Pigeons on one day and the Swallows on the next. The larger number will be judged in Saturday. We expect roughly 250 to 300 birds. The entry fee will be \$2.50 per bird and your entry should be sent to Mike Cobb who has his address is at the top of the entry blank. An important note: make checks payable to Mike Cobb (not the So. Calif. Color Pigeon Club). The awards will be done again this year by Gary Romig and many of the awards will be donated by members. All groups of Swallows, Color Pigeons, German Trumpeters, Frillbacks and Schmalkaldeners are welcome.

On Saturday Jay Beals will cook lunch for us and the club will charge a nominal fee. On Sunday we will conclude the judging and have a get-together at the home of Bill Griebel. As usual if you plan to attend this show plan to stay until Monday so you can attend the Sunday party.

If you plan on sending you birds to the show you can send them to Bill Griebel on Wednesday, December 8, 2010. No sooner, please, I will be in Germany. If you need a place to stay Leon Stephens, Mike Cobb or myself can help with that. I will set my lofts up so that there will be a place for your birds for the duration of the show. Lofts will be disinfected and shavings on the floor – just let me know ahead of time.



Red Barless Thuringer Wing Pigeon from last years Pageant

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Southern California Color Pigeon Club & United Swallow Club Joint Annual Meet ENTRY FORM

The meet will be held on December 11 & 12, 2010 in California at the home of Lennie Mefferd, 15515 Garo Street Hacienda Heights, CA 91745. Open to all Swallow Pigeons, Color Pigeons, Frillbacks, German Trumpeters and Schmalkaldeners. **The Judge will be Rudi Stephan of Germany**. Please include \$2.50 per bird entered.

Send entries and check (made out to Mike Cobb) by Nov. 26, 2010 to: Mike Cobb, 4023 Fairman St. Lakewood CA 90712.

Breed	Color	Age/Sex	Band No.	\$2.50 /bird
Use more entry froms if needed - Put total amount of your birds entered here + entry fee @ \$2.50 a bird				

Name: _____

Address: _

Message from Vice President

Frank Bailey

This bulletin is bringing closure to our 2010 breeding season. The interaction I have had both far (Europe) and near (here at home in the USA/Canada) is that it was a very good season for us Swallow fanciers. For me, it was my best season yet for breeding: Blue Black Bar, Blue Barless and Red White Barred Saxon Fullhead's. Many of us find excitement in seeing a young bird or two that shows us some early promise of being something real special - I hope that each of us are pleased with them after their junior molt.

I have learned that members of the SCCPC group in Southern California (Bill Griebel, Leon Stephens, Steve Ball and others) has gone to great lengths to organize and host an "All Color Pigeon Show" in December. They have asked a high profile license European judge to attend this show and as I understand it, they have received confirmation that he will attend. So this should be a great opportunity for you to exhibit and view some beautiful birds. Plus take in some of that wonderful sunshine when it's winter for the rest of us. I highly endorse and applaud them for hosting this show. Get a hold of Bill or Leon and learn more about this upcoming event.



Ice Pigeon shown at last years Pageant. Owner: Leon Stephens.



Experimental color in Saxon Field Pigeons: copper blue wing white barred. 2010 YC bred and owned by Gary Romig



3 Photos of Perry Mueller's crop of young for 2010. Black Spangles, Blue and Silver Barless.



Blue black bar Silesian swallow at the 2008 Pageant. Bred and owned by Bill Greibel

From Andreas Reuter - revised language conversion frequently used swallow pigeon terms - English/German

Pigeon-	Tauben		
Swallow-	Schwalbe (Flügeltaube / Schwalbentaube)		
Cock-	Taubert / Täuber/1.0		
Hen-	Täubin/0.1		
Young-	jung		
Old-	alt		
Baby-	Jungtier (nach der Schlupf Taubenküken – after hatch)		
Big-	groß		
Small-	klein		
Loft-	Taubenschlag		
Perch-	Sitzstange		
Nest-	Nest		
Breeding box-Nistzelle			

Numbers

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weiß
blaufahl
gelbfahl
lavendel

Frank Bailey sent this photo of his baby red white bar Saxon fullhead in March 2010. Frank wrote at that time: "now I will wait 6 months." So, Frank how does he look today? Pattern-With-Spangle-Chekered-Barless-Bar-

Body-Non crested-Crested-Double crested-Rose-Spot-Full plate/cap marking-Wing-Back-Heart-Neck-Tail-Breast-**Belly-**Eye-Eye cere-Beak-Wattle-Feather-Muffs-Hock-Legs-Feet-ToesMuster, Zeichnung mit weißgeschuppt / geschuppt gehämmert ohne Binden / hohlig Binden

Körper / Form /Figur glattköpfig mit Rundhaube / kappig doppelkuppig Rosetten Schnippe Platte (Fullheads) Schwingen Rücken Herz Nacken Schwanz Brust Bauch Auge Augenrand Schnabel Schnabelwarze/Warze Feder Latschen Sprunggelenk Läufe, Beine Füße Zehen



Frank Bailey Comments on the Blue White Bar Fairy Below

I find it fascinating to observe some of the differences in what Europe is looking for and has elected to give high marks to.

Below is a very nice bird that achieved very high marks at a very respectable show in 2009 and has been featured in magazines and show reports.

Here we can see a little different Blue White Barred Fairy Swallow than we see in the USA (not saying one is better than the other, but we can see some differences here).

- Darker in blue color (it is a hen so we can expect it to be a little darker) but it is still a shade or two darker than we are seeing
- A little more width on the bar edging than we see here
- Nearly all of their birds in this class are showing red eye cere now
- Lower beak color is very reddish-pink and flows well with the eye cere coloring
- Bars are a bit wider and perhaps a little less refinement being observed than we see here in the states
- The neck mane on this bird is very full and powerful and yet still offers the audience some "elegance" and note: (no hatchet mark "division in feather direction" in the neck)
- Nice crest height
- A very nice oval shaped skull (with no flatness being observed)
- It appears to be smaller than ours (I am being told that Europe is now favoring smaller birds in both Saxon's and Thüringer's – and over the past couple of seasons many breeders have begun eliminating breeding stock and any young birds they believe too large in size) – this size issue is a major topic at all the meetings in both the Thüringer and the Saxon Swallow and Shield Clubs. Flatness on the top of the skull is the other heavily discussed item.



HSS 2009 in Gunzenhausen, Germany Saxon Wing Pigeon, blue with white bars v SVB (Patrick Wörn, Gärtringen-Rohrau) Photo: Thomas Hellmann

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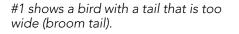
The Judges Corner

By Bill Griebel

Over the years the members of the United Swallow Club have done a great job eliminating bad (open) backs from their show team and their breeding stock. Our qualified judges and our European judging friends continue to make us aware of this problem. Over the last several years I've been looking at a new issue, I have been studying tails on our color pigeons.

In my travels to various pigeon shows and swallow meets around the U.S. and in Europe I have noticed some color pigeon groups displaying a wider than normal tail. Commonly known as broom tail or wedge tail these birds show a tail that is narrow at the rump and flairs out at the end of the tail. The proper width of a tail is usually one and onehalf tail feathers as seen from the top of the bird. Garv Romia has created two illustrations that depict what I am talking about. The first showing the broom tail and the second showing the proper tail width.

In my opinion this fault is not as offensive or disruptive as a bad back but I feel that our judges should give this fault some consideration and most importantly we breeders should strive to eliminate it from our breeding program. Let me know what you think.



#2 shows a bird with proper tail width (1 1/2 tail feathers wide)



Color Pigeons/Swallows for Sale from Jessie Espinosa 130 Lincoln St. • St. Augustine, FL 32084 • 904-377–0477 jesse.esp2009@gmail.com

Birds I have for sale: silver spangle Starlings, blue whitebar and spangle Starlings, dun whitebar and Kaki Starlings, gold blue wing white bar and spangle, white flight Archangels, Copper blue check and blue barless Archangels, Yellow Suabians, 12 pair blue and silver barless, bar and check Silisian Swallows, 9 pair red and yellow whitebar and spangle cleanleg Spot Swallows, blue, silver white bar and spangle Fairy Swallows, must sell!!!









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