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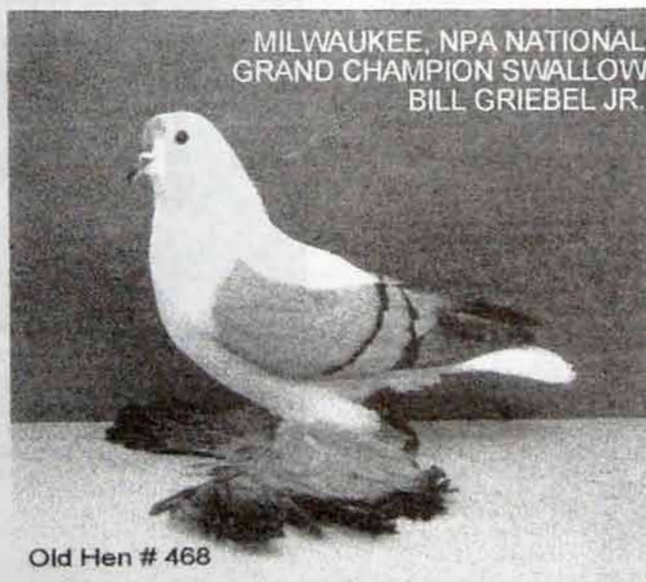
# Swallow Club



## NEWS FLASH!

THE GRIEBELS ARE AT IT AGAIN

CONGRATULATIONS BILL JR.  
YOU MADE THE FRONT PAGE



## MORE ON AN AOC CLASS

By David Halloway

Too bad the AOC class idea didn't pass. I wish we could be a little more progressive. We have added some "new" colors in the past, why those but no others?

All the colors I breed and will breed are accepted by those who believe that our standard only allows certain colors to be exhibited. Even so, why would I prevent the showing of other colors and patterns by other fanciers? "It's no skin off my nose" anyway! I say more power to them! I'll help if I can! Variety is still the spice of life! Of course I would also encourage the breeding of quality birds. It's hard enough to get people to raise and show birds without also having any additional impediments.

I'm against negative things and I perceive this as a negative! Preventing the showing of more colors makes little sense to me. The most popular breed of pigeons is the one with the most colors, the most popular breed of rabbits is the one with the most colors, the most popular breed of bantams is the one with the most colors; See any pattern there?

Who does the showing of additional colors harm? At least the person is breeding pigeons and showing them. More fanciers, more entries, etc. Isn't this what our clubs are trying to encourage?

If someone wants to breed brown W/B Swallows or red spangled Whitetails, how does that hurt anything? No change in the standard is required, just the addition of a new color description! Easy! The fancier would still be required to show Quality birds in order to win anything other than BOC!

Another example: What if someone wanted to exhibit Dun W/B Fairy Swallows? By acquiring some excellent black W/B (of which there are lots available), and some silver W/B Fairy Swallows (fairly easily available), they would be on their way with high quality birds and they wouldn't have to go outside the breed.

The blacks would add the needed "spread" gene and they have their Dun! What's so bad about that? Easily "Dun"! Actually Dun is in our standard, since silvers are and they are just Duns lacking the "spread gene"! Blacks are merely Blues with "spread" factor added, (plus dirty, sooty, Et Al). The spread factor merely "Spreads" the color of the bar (black for blues, and dun in silvers) across the windshield. Producing Quality birds would be a snap using quality blacks year after year! So where's the problem? Why prevent someone from doing this? Are we supporting the hobby in this way? Why split hairs by saying blacks are OK, but duns aren't for example! They're the same color! One simply the Dilute of the other. They're paying the feed bill, why should they be prevented from exhibiting any color they wish? Is that encouraging the breeding and exhibiting of pigeons? Color pigeons?

As for when we use a German judge... "When in Rome"... again we're not talking about "changing" the standard, just adding to it, "modernizing" it if you will. How can adding colors be disadvantageous? It can only help promote Swallows and Color Pigeons.

I also believe that we shouldn't prevent breeding of other colors even if few actually do it; or if no one does it. Someday, someone may decide to and that possibility to do so should be there! Just because I don't like a particular pattern, why should that prevent someone from showing what they like? That's Un-American!



# 1999 Pageant of Pigeons USC Western District Meet

Judge: Mike Cobb

No. of Birds: 66

## Champion & Best Fairy

Black W/B OC #100

Bill Griebel Sr.

## Best Silesian & Best Young

Blue Bar YH #121

Bill Griebel Jr.

## Best Fullhead

Black Barless YC #263

David Harris

## Best Clean Leg

Blue Bar YC #209

Bill Griebel Jr.

## RATINGS

E = Excellent

HS = Highly Superior

S = Superior

G = Good

I = Inferior

## FAIRY SWALLOW

### Black Barless OC

G 300 Stephens

### Black Spangle OC

S 639 Stephens

### OH

S 591 Stephens

### Black W/B OC

1E 100 Griebel Sr.

2S 109 Griebel Sr.

3G 46 Lawson

4G 214 Stephens

### OH

1S 616 Stephens

2S 423 Stephens

3S 249 Griebel Sr.

4G 844 Lawson

5G 1233 Lawson

6G 108 Griebel

### YC

1S 618 Lawson

2S 603 Lawson  
3G 201 Stephens

YH  
1HS 203 Stephens  
2S 628 Lawson  
3G 30 Griebel Sr.

Blue Bar OC  
S 317 Stephens

Blue W/B OC  
1S 231 Harris  
2S 709 Harris

YC  
S 610 De la Nuez

YH  
1HS 619 De la Nuez  
2G 612 De la Nuez  
3G 615 De la Nuez

Red Spangle OH  
G 841 Romig

Red W/B OC  
1HS 131 Lawson  
2S 2014 Lawson  
3S 751 Stephens  
4G 836 Romig

OH  
HS 42 Lawson

YC  
S 635 Lawson

YH  
S 637 Lawson

Yellow W/B OC  
HS 1257 Lawson

OH  
1S 404 Stephens  
2S 34 Lawson  
3G 849 Romig  
Abs 141 Lawson

YC  
S 668 Lawson

S 624 Lawson

## SILESIA SWALLOW

### Black Barless OH

G 292 Stephens

### YH

HS 213 Stephens

### Blue Bar YC

1HS 150 Griebel Jr.

2S 140 Griebel Jr.

3S 138 Griebel Jr.

4G 164 Griebel Jr.

### YH

1E 121 Griebel Jr.

2HS 128 Griebel Jr.

3G 863 Harris

### Blue Check YC

S 169 Griebel Jr.

### YH

G 343 Valencia

### Red W/B OC

1S 156 Stephens

2S 847 Romig

### YH

G 204 Stephens

### Silver Barless YH

S 120 Griebel Jr.

### Silver Bar YH

S 167 Griebel Jr.

### Silver Check YC

G 344 Valencia

## FULLHEAD SWALLOW

### Black Barless OC

G 3 Harris

Abs 556 Harris

### OH

G 542 Harris

### YC

S 263 Harris

## THURINGER SWALLOW

### Blue Bar YC

HS 209 Griebel Jr.

## **VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

*By Gloria Weisgram*

Now that the dust has settled and the Milwaukee show is behind us we turn to what lies ahead. All of us will soon be concerned with breeding season and so until then there is a little window of time to evaluate the show season we have just completed.

I was lucky enough to ride home in the same vehicle as our judge, Hans Schipper! We spent the better part of the first leg discussing this very issue. His concern was for the many show birds who received high ratings and no prize and I had to agree with him that certainly Bob Bensons bird that was rated "E" was a good example of this. This blue check "E" Silesian was second to another "E" Silesian, therefore it received nothing. In the Fairy category, the top bird received an "HS" rating and was awarded a top prize. I am wondering what other swallow breeders who show birds, think of our present award system. Certainly there needs to be awards given to the top bird in each of the swallow categories, but I do not understand why we must compare these category winners ( Silesian, Fullhead, Fairy and Thuringer ) and select a grand champion. First of all, these are completely different types of swallows bred in different quantities. Silesians are bred the most and there are usually more entered in the show than any other type. How do you justify comparing a bird without a crest to one with the same color and markings that has a crest? Furthermore where is the equation for a judge to use in doing so? Perhaps this type of competition isn't necessary. Hans remarked that when he had to choose a champion young bird from all swallow varieties in Milwaukee, he was not sure as how accurate this procedure was! This is coming from a person whose opinion we respected enough to bring him in to judge twice.

Secondly, this procedure gives an already awarded bird an additional prize! Would it make more sense to have four show champions an

maybe look at giving two prizes per category. Perhaps best old and best young, or a champion and reserve champion would be a bit more fair and would make the competition a little sharper! More breeders would have a chance to compete for a top prize. The way our system is set up now, a young bird could receive the award for Best Young Swallow, Champion of its particular type and Champion of the show. Is it really necessary for one bird to receive three awards, even if it is a great bird. In addition to this, many people show their good birds more than once.

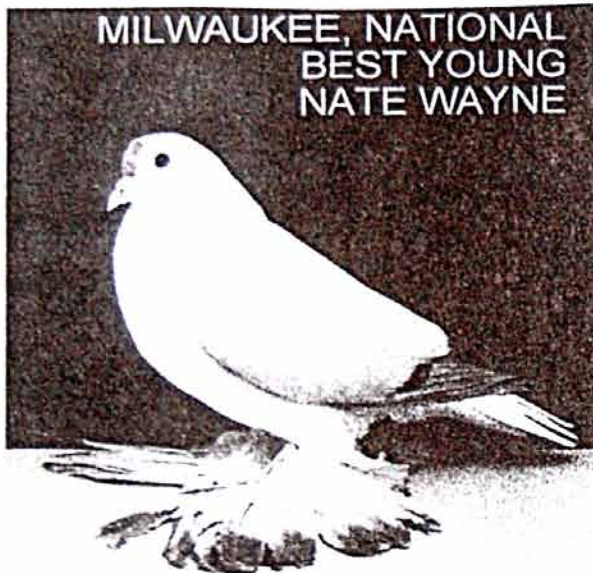
Another separate issue is an award for "E" rated birds. When Nate became President this was something he was concerned about and now that we witnessed the necessity for this award at Milwaukee, it may be time to address it. Do we need to award any "E" bird at district and national shows?

The second topic of my conversation with Hans, dealt with an experimental show situation that is being tried in Germany. Breeders are being allowed to show a group of Swallows in one large cage. All the birds must be of the same type, color and marking. They may be old or young. These birds compete as a group, and are judged on the overall presentation of the group. The judge may not handle the birds, but they must be good representations of the standard. Something such as this would provide another facet to our show and perhaps would appeal more to those breeders with large lofts of Swallows. Hans says this trial is going well, and aside from the problem of finding large pens it is successful. Perhaps starting out showing a group of four birds might be a good thing to try! The entry for this type of exhibit could be the same as the entry for one bird to encourage showing. A special award for this group showing could be created. Criteria for judging could be determined - perhaps it could be that all birds are as similar as possible.

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It's something to think about. It is well received in Germany and would create more possibilities for showing! It would also create more awards!

Thinking about all these things is one thing-if there a large number of club members who feel strongly about one or more of these issues then we need to look at tailoring our shows to meet the wishes of the majority. You can respond to this by contacting myself, Nate or your district director. As I said earlier, we have a window of time before this breeding season. Changes to be made for the next show season should be discussed now. Please take part!



YOUNG COCK # 260  
RATED HIGHLY SUPERIOR

*In this bulletin you will find a card to vote on the location and judge for the annual USC meet, please take the time to fill out the card and send it in.*

**THANKS!**

MILWAUKEE, NATIONAL  
CHAMPION FAIRY  
Bill Griebel Sr.



Old Cock # 109

#### CENTRAL DISTRICT MESSAGE

By Bob Benson

My name is Bob Benson, Central District Director, I am replacing Gloria Weisgram. But that is impossible you say, for Gloria and Mary Hapala did such a great job with the "Des Moines Show" and the club bulletin. They did this for many years! Gloria also had (or took) time to help educate many of us beginning Swallow fanciers. We thank you ladies!

Another show season is history, as is the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, (and it was a Great Century). Someone asked me which of the last 87 years I enjoyed the most? (CUTE)

The Central District meet at Des Moines in Dec. was (I think) a success. By my count, 14 lofts were represented, showing 80 birds. Very good birds I might add. Bill Griebel SR. Was the show judge, and he did a fine job! Perry Mueller had the show Champion, a beautiful Blue Barless Silesian Cock. Congratulations Perry!

Lets all have a productive breeding season, Then bring those birds to the shows.

# 2000 Milwaukee National USC Annual Meet

Judge: Hans Schipper, Holland  
No. of birds: 113

Champion & Best Silesian  
Blue Bar OH #462,  
Bill Griebel Jr.

Best Fullhead  
Black barless OC #96,  
Bob Jakubowski

Best Clean Leg  
Blue Bar YC #209,  
Bill Griebel Jr.

Best Fairy  
Black W/B OC #109  
Bill Griebel Sr.

Best Young  
Silver Barless YC #260  
Nate Wayne

## RATINGS

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HS = Highly Superior  
S+ = Superior +  
S = Superior  
S- = Superior -  
G = Good  
a = Acceptable  
I = Inferior

## FULLHEAD SWALLOW

### Black Barless OC

1S	96	Jakubowski
2G	402	Yeske
Abs	457	Harris
Abs	936	Starr

### OH

Abs	458	Harris
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### YH

S-	417	Yeske
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### Blue Check OH

Abs	424	Aldrich
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### Black W/B OC

a	1424	Jakubowski/ Breadhoff
Abs	356	Aldrich

## FAIRY SWALLOW

### Black W/B OC

1HS	109	Griebel Sr.
2G	100	Griebel Sr.
3G	1247	House
4I	43	Griebel Sr.
Abs	214	Stephens
Abs	437	Stephens

### OH

1S+	494	Griebel Sr.
2S	1417	House
3S	108	Griebel Sr.
4S-	616	Stephens
5S-	1428	House
6G	423	Stephens
7G	59	Griebel Sr.
8G	1414	House
9G	1182	Jakubowski
10a	1406	House

### YC

1S	53	Griebel Sr.
2G	201	Stephens
3a	15	Griebel Sr.

### YH

1S+	33	Griebel Sr.
2S	203	Stephens
3S-	30	Griebel Sr.

### Blue W/B OC

S	655	Swanson
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### OH

1HS	208	De la Nuez
2S	205	De la Nuez
3G	1622	House
4I	242	De la Nuez
5a	1632	House
Abs	618	Swanson

### YC

1HS	633	De la Nuez
2S	802	De la Nuez
3S	322	Swanson
4S	373	De la Nuez
5G	701	R & J Peters
6G	610	De la Nuez

### YH

1HS	619	De la Nuez
2S	345	Swanson

3G	908	Swanson
4a	615	De la Nuez
Abs	730	House

### Silver W/B YH

S	706	R & J Peters
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### Red W/B OC

S	419	Stephens
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### OH

1S-	751	Stephens
2G	355	R & J Peters
3G	950	R & J Peters

### YC

S	723	R & J Peters
Abs	1272	House

### Yellow W/B OC

S	19	Wayne
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### OH

G	404	Stephens
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### YH

1G	723	R & J Peters
2G	253	Wayne
3G	202	Wayne
Abs	210	Wayne

### Black Spangle OH

1S	591	Stephens
2S-	959	R & J Peters

### Yellow Spangle OH

1HS	545	R & J Peters
2G	385	R & J Peters

### Silver Check OC

S+	60	Wayne
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## SILESIA SWALLOWS

### Blue Barless OC

1S	2163	Swanson
2G	625	Swanson

### OH

HS	945	Weisgram
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### YC

S-	327	Swanson
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YH

1HS 1019 Weisgram  
2S 1022 Weisgram  
3S 1033 Weisgram

Red W/B OH

G 580 Volzke

Silver Barless OC

1S 55 Wayne  
2S 2090 Swanson  
3S 230 Wayne

Blue Check OC

1HS 960 Benson  
2G 43 Wayne  
OH  
E 968 Benson

OH

1S+ 309 Wayne  
2S 2150 Swanson  
3S- 228 Wayne  
Abs 270 Wayne

Silver Check OH

1S- 1512 Benson  
2a 962 Benson

YC

HS 260 Wayne

YC

1HS+ 1214 Benson  
2G 1238 Benson

Black Barless YC

HS 1016 Weisgram

YH

S+ 251 Wayne

YH

S 213 Stephens

Ash Yellow Check YH

S 1410 Starr

Blue Bar OC

1HS 1334 Griebel Jr.  
2S- 1394 Griebel Jr.

CLEAN LEG SWALLOWS

Fullhead

Black Barless OC

HS 56 Yeske

OH

1E 462 Griebel Jr.  
2G 1328 Griebel Jr.

Plainhead Spot

Red Barless OC

G 405 Taupert

YC

1S 140 Griebel Jr.  
2G 150 Griebel Jr.

YH

G 431 Kress

YH

1S+ 121 Griebel Jr.  
2S- 128 Griebel Jr.

Yellow Barless OC

S 401 Taupert

Ash Red Bar OC

a 692 Starr

YH

a 434 Kress

OH

1S 347 Starr  
2a 603 Starr

Blue Bar YC

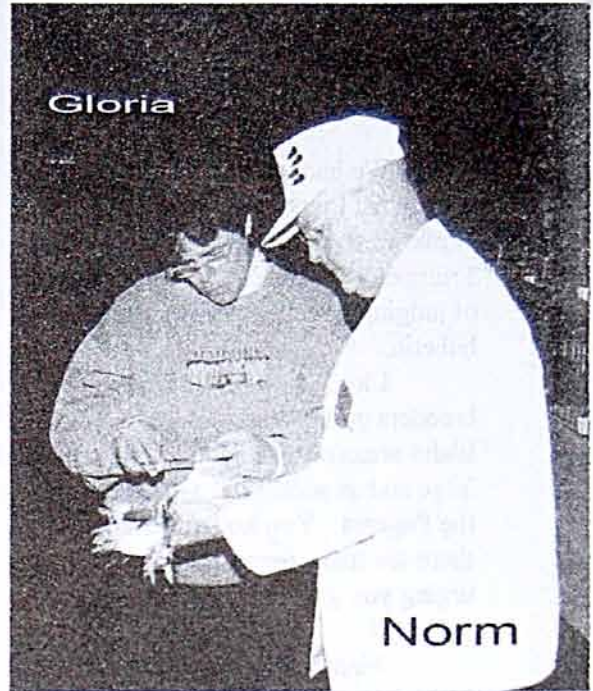
HS 209 Griebel Jr.

Ash Yellow OH

1G 657 Starr  
2G 1497 Starr

YC

Abs 644 Starr



TIME FOR A TUNE UP



## **WESTERN DISTRICT MESSAGE**

*by Bill Griebel*

We had another successful Pageant of Pigeons in 1999 with 66 swallows shown. Mike Cobb, a German Trumpeter breeder, did a very good job of judging. See the results in this bulletin.

I look forward to the swallow breeders in the Washington, Oregon and Idaho areas organizing a swallow meet as large and as successful as Des Moines or the Pageant. You know it can be done - there are many members there, so I'm urging you guys to put something together!

Many of us will be attending the German National show in Nuremberg in December. They promise to have 50,000 to 75,000 pigeons there. Even if you fly in for the weekend it would be worth it, Questions? Just ask.

I had the opportunity to judge the Des Moines show in December 1999 with 80 birds shown. This was a very memorable show for a couple of reasons. First, the quality of the birds improved dramatically from my previous assignment four years ago. Everyone should be proud! The reds and yellows are getting better each year. Perry Mueller show up with some exceptional birds and won the show with a blue barless young cock that is super. See results in this bulletin. The second reason was the passing of long time swallow breeder and supporter Cal Breadhoff in November of 1999. Norm House and Bob Jakubowski transported all of Cal's pigeons to this show to be distributed among the swallow members and the remaining birds were auctioned off with the monies going to Cal's wife Karen. Every pigeon found a good

home. Norm and Bob were very creative in packing the birds for transport and they arrived at the show in great shape. Thank you guys, your efforts didn't go unnoticed.

Our annual meet with the Milwaukee National was a great success with 113 birds shown. Members from all over the country attended, even Canada, and showed their birds. Norm and Bob again outdid themselves by building a display cage, which had swallows of various colors and markings. This caught the eye of many people at the show. We also won third place for the best decorated judging area. Our judge Hans Schipper, didn't miss a thing. He discussed all aspects of our swallows and put on a clinic for us. His sense of humor is great, joking along with us throughout the judging. The awards were great thanks to the efforts of Nate and Gloria. The get together at Nates before the show was special - if you missed it, I'm sorry, you missed a lot of fun. The quality of the birds was very high - see the results in this bulletin.

All for now. Nominate a site for the annual meet and an annual meet judge.

### **EDITORS NOTE!**

I must apologize for the tardiness of the bulletin. This is my first attempt at doing something like this. I now have a better appreciation for those who have done such a wonderful job previous to me. I will strive to do as good of a job!

I also wish to take this space to thank those of you who have been praying for me and my family in this time of need, we have not had a good start in this new year, but with your prayers and the Grace of God, we will get through this.

**THANKS TO YOU ALL!**



**USC Central  
District Meet  
Des Moines, IA,  
December, 1999**

Judge: Bill Griebel  
Number of Birds: 80

Champion, Best Young  
and Best Silesian  
Blue Barless YC  
#1616 Perry Meller  
Best Fairy Swallow  
Yellow Spangle OH  
#545 R&J Peters  
Best Fullhead Swallow  
Black W/B YC  
#737 Cal Breadhoff  
Best Clean Leg Swallow  
Black Barless OC  
#56 Elliot Yeske  
Best Red Swallow  
Red W/B Silesian  
YC #436 Greg Volzke  
Best Young Red or Yellow  
Swallow  
Yellow W/B Fairy  
YH #210 Nate Wayne  
Champion Junior Swallow  
Blue Bar YH #443  
Joelle Volzke

**FULLHEAD  
SWALLOW**

Black W/B OC  
S 1424 Breadhoff

YC  
HS 737 Breadhoff

Black Barless OC  
S1 201 Yeske  
S2 222 Yeske

**CLEAN LEG  
SWALLOW**

**Fullhead**  
Black Barless OC  
HS 56 Yeske

**Plainhead Spot**  
Red YH  
S 402 Yeske  
G 431 Kress

Yellow YH  
S 434 Kress

**FAIRY SWALLOW**

Black W/B OH  
S 1417 Breadhoff  
G 1225 House

YC  
G 925 Albrecht

YH  
G 1339 Jakubowski

Black Spangle OH  
HS 300 R&J Peters

YH  
S 1274 House

Blue W/B OH  
S 1622 House  
G 1632 House

YH  
G 701 R&J Peters  
G 711 R&J Peters

Silver W/B YH  
S 706 R&J Peters

Red W/B OC  
S 15 House

OH  
S1 950 R&J Peters  
S2 31 Wayne  
G 355 R&J Peters

YC  
S 718 R&J Peters

YH  
S 204 Wayne  
G 1272 House

Yellow W/B OC  
S 19 Wayne

YH  
S1 210 Wayne  
S2 253 Wayne  
S3 202 Wayne  
S4 715 R&J Peters  
G 716 R&J Peters

Red Spangle OC  
G 403 Wilson

OH  
G 407 Wilson

Yellow Spangle OH  
HS 545 R&J Peters  
S1 385 R&J Peters  
S2 1290 House  
G 546 Jakubowski

**SILESIA SWALLOW**

Black Barless YC  
S 1016 Weisgram  
G 1008 Weisgram

YH  
S 1004 Weisgram  
G 1006 Weisgram

**A BACK PAGE NOTE**

*by Norm House*

I have been asked to take on the responsibility of putting out the USC bulletin, and have accepted this as a challenge. I have to apologize for the tardiness of the first issue. I have had major issues in my life that have put me behind the ball. I lost my father and had my 6 year old grandson diagnosed with Cancer all since the beginning of the year. This is not an excuse but an explanation. We are learning to cope with the situations and are getting back on track. NOW! If I am going to be asked to put the bulletin together, I am going to need the help of all club members to feed me any and all information, articles or anything that would fit into the future bulletins. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, it's your club too, and it is extremely difficult to have a bulletin if I have nothing to print! I thank those of you who have supplied the information that is here, and am looking forward to future issues. BUT I NEED YOUR HELP!

HS 960 Benson

OH

S 968 Benson  
G 405 J. Volzke  
(Jr.)

YC

S 1635 Mueller  
G 121 Otto (Jr.)

YH

G 1219 Benson

Red W/B YC

S 436 G. Volzke  
G 771 Wilson

Red Spangle OH

G 515 Wilson

YC

G 760 Wilson

Blue Barless OC

HS 855 Weisgram  
S1 144 Mueller  
S2 445 Weisgram

OH

HS 930 Mueller  
S1 945 Weisgram  
S2 428 Weisgram

YC

E 1616 Mueller

YH

S1 1600 Mueller  
S2 1019 Weisgram  
S3 1022 Weisgram  
G 1033 Weisgram

Silver Bar YC

G 173 Wilson

YH

S 48 Albrecht  
G 508 Wilson

Blue Bar YH

S1 942 Albrecht  
S2 443 J. Volzke  
(Jr.)

Silver Check OH

S1 833 Mueller  
S2 849 Mueller

YC

HS 1238 Benson  
S 1214 Benson

YH

G 211 Otto (Jr.)

Blue Check OC

Bill Griebel Sr



**A GOOD JOB  
IS NEVER FINISHED  
UNTIL THE PAPERWORK  
IS DONE!**