

UNITED Swallow Club



Supporting the Culture of all types of Swallow & Wing Pigeons

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Message from the President *Perry Mueller*

It sounds like everyone is having a good season. I raised quite a few. Its time to vaccinate and start planning for the shows.

I want to urge the folks who can, to show at the NYB show this year. Last year was disappointing with only six entered. I plan to show a bunch this year and am

working on getting a judge now. The date is Oct 26.

I am looking forward to the National show in Oklahoma also. Those are two shows I hope to attend this year.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers. They should do a fine Job.

Message from the Vice President *Frank Bailey*

FELLOW MEMBERS A lot has happened since we said so long to the winter and spring of 2013. First of all I would like to congratulate all those that favored Oklahoma as their choice for our USC Annual Meet. As they were successful and based on the high number of votes, it should be a fantastic turn out.

Secondly, congratulations to Gloria Weisgram for her soon to be judgement over what is being promised to be a huge turn out of Swallows.

Lastly, our USC membership elected their choice of officers to lead our club for the next two years. I would like to wish each of you a successful term in your respective responsibilities.

I hope our entire membership is having a good breeding season. I have been in contact with several of

you here in the USA as well as those breeder friends in Europe. The feedback from nearly all of you, is in fact that you're having a very good year thus far.

For me, I have had the best breeding season in several years. Because so much of my Swallow breeding has been condensed to the recessive red color and marked by toy stencil, it has become easier for me. I now have the opportunity to cross/mate Silesians, Fairy's and Saxon Fullheads to each other with some success. The higher number of young birds has offered me some early excitement. Now I must wait for several months before I can see what they truly look like.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at one of the up coming shows this winter.

Information about the upcoming show season

Members who want to attend a good show of Swallows should consider the Grand National and the Pageant of Pigeons.

Because the Grand National is being held in Oklahoma City this coming January 2014 most swallow breeders in the mid-west are planning to attend that show. This will cut the attendance at the Iowa State Pigeon Show in Des Moines which normally has a good showing of swallows. The Iowa State show will be in early Dec. 2013.

The Grand National in Oklahoma City is the next United Swallow Club Annual meet. The judge will be Gloria Weisgram.

The Pageant of Pigeons, a Western District meet of the United Swallow Club, will be in San Bernardino, CA on Nov. 21-23. The judge for Swallows and other Color Pigeons at the Pageant will be Werner Zahn of Germany.

For getting early reservations; below is hotel info for both shows:

Grand National hotel: **Best Western Plus Saddleback Inn**

4300 SW 3rd Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73108-1024

US Phone: 405-947-7000

Rates: One King Bed \$93 per night

Two Queen Beds \$99 per night

Free Hot Breakfast

Free shuttle to the Cox Convention Center and Airport

Check In 2PM (14:00)

Check Out 12PM (12:00)

Currency: U.S. DOLLARS (USD)

Time Zone: Central Standard Time

Pageant Host hotel: **Hilton Hotel**

Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino, CA. 1-909-889- 0133.

75 rooms reserved at a special Pageant of Pigeons rate....

We need to cover 63 rooms reserved or the club gets stuck.

2 Hospitality rooms free. For clubs to use.

Cutoff date to reserve rooms-----after 11-11-13.

Be sure and ask for the special Los Angeles Pigeon Club

Pageant of Pigeons room rates below.

Room	Single Rate	Double Rate
Run of House	\$79	\$79
One King Bed	\$79	\$79
Two Double Beds	\$79	\$79
One King Bed Deluxe	\$99	\$99
Standard Suite King Bed	\$119	\$119

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A Celebration of Baby Swallows

Submitted from the 2013 season by members as noted.



Baby black barless wing pigeons from Gloria Weisgram



Baby red white bar wing pigeon from Frank Bailey

Comments by Frank: Note the back bar length... I am thinking that this bird has the longest back bar of any recessive red bird I have ever bred. This is saying a lot because since 2006 I've been breeding 50 to 60 young reds a year. (65 birds per year X 7 years) = 455 young and this bird has the longest back bar of the group.



Baby red spangled wing pigeon from Frank Bailey



Baby silver barless wing pigeons from Gloria Weisgram



Baby red white barred wing pigeon from Gary Romig

AN EXPLANATION ON VARIATION IN YOUNG RED WHITE BARS



Older young red white bar wing pigeons from Gary Romig

The bird on the left is about the same age as Frank's bird on the previous page. You can see that the bird is not showing any white bars like Frank's bird does. Beginning breeders of red white bars and spangles (white checkers) should be aware that you should not evaluate your birds before they have completed the moult. In my birds it is often the case that

beautiful white bars often appear after these feathers have moulted on the wing. The bird on the right is such a case. Most of the feathers that have the white bar marking on them are gone but you can see a couple of feathers starting to show the white bar marking. Just how good these white bars will be is revealed after a few more weeks of moult.



Very young baby red white bar wing pigeons from Gary Romig

It is hard to tell at this stage just how well marked these young will be. Certain parts of their face are the last feathers that grow in and, in the case of reds, they are often miss-marked in the face area.



Red check Saxon field color pigeon young cock rated 94
Exhibitor: André Klein. Weak in type but excellent color.
Photo by Gary Romig from Zwönitz Jan. 2011



Red check Thuringer wing pigeon by Dave Holloway. Photo: Layne Gardner

Taking a look at red and yellow checkers (Reißerflügel)

Gary Romig

(Reißerflügel) English spelling would be Reisserflügel. Reißer means to rip or tear. Why this word is used to describe a checker pattern I don't know exactly. In Germany blue checkers and red or yellow checkers in other breeds are called "gehämmert" which means hammered. Perhaps because Reißerflügel is meant for T-check pattern. Which they do appear to be. The pattern is made up of a rich red or yellow color on the wing shield with bright almost white crisp dart shapes on the tips of the feathers arranged evenly across the wing shield.

For the past couple of years I have had an interest in producing red and yellow checkers. At first I attempted to make them in my Saxon field color pigeons (SFCP). I have had some modest success in this regard.

With the recent emphasis placed on checkered swallows and the last USC annual meet the "Checker Explosion" in honor of Bob Benson, I thought, why not transfer the color from my SFCP into swallows (wing pigeons in this case).

This year I made my first crosses of SFCP to muffed wing pigeons. I have produce birds which are SFCPs but are carrying the swallow pied pattern gene.

I am kind of interested in seeing how hard this is to do. I believe in the next couple of years I will find out.

I have included in this article some photos of red and yellow checkers and some photos of the mating that I have attempted. I will post updates of my progress over the next couple of years. And, hopefully show a few red or yellow checkered swallows in that time period.



Yellow checker saxon fairy swallow (wing pigeon) young cock rated 96
Exhibitor: Stefan Heidrich. Photo taken at the Jan. 2011 Saxon Color Pigeon show in Zwönitz Germany by Gary Romig.

Starting my project for red and yellow checkers (Reißerflügel)

Gary Romig



These four photos grouped together show one of two matings that I made this year to achieve the Reißerflügel pattern in swallows (wing pigeons). At the top left a silver check cock is from Mike Swanson and directly out of Bob Benson's line. Top right is the mother of the two below. She is from my line of breeding for red checkers in Saxon field pigeons. The two birds below are the offspring: a red checker and silver checker.



The same bird from the bottom left in the above grouping. The bird is still moulting, red color could be better but I like the flight tip color and the muff color. The head will probably not be the good solid color that is wanted. The checker pattern is too open and does not show the desired darts.



Another aspect of this project is going through white-wing Archangels to improve color. This is a 2013 baby with better red color and will be used to put into the swallows to improve pattern as well as color. This bird does show more of the desired darts or T-check pattern.

