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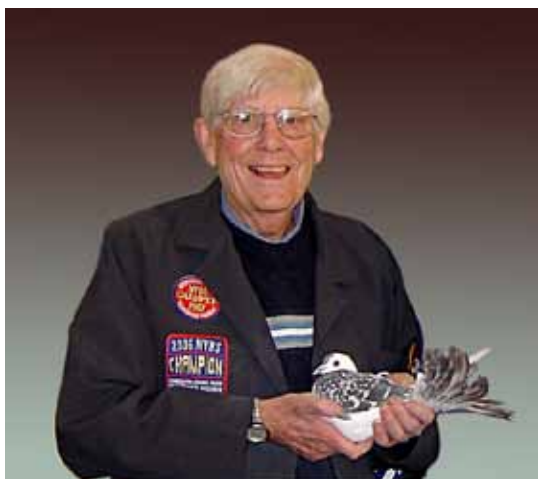
Bob Benson Memorial Show Planned

A USC memorial show honoring long time member and master breeder Bob Benson is being planned for December 7-8, 2012, in conjunction with the Iowa State Pigeon Show. Dubbed the "Checker Explosion", the purpose of this show is to challenge USC members, or those who would like to join the USC, to show a record number of checkered swallows (any type or color) in Des Moines. Checkered blue and silver Silesians were Bob's favorite breed and he won many shows and awards with them! Individual checker awards will be given along with money donations. "Checker Explosion" awards are in addition to the regular USC show awards.

If you have checkered swallows or know someone who has them in their loft, plan to be part of the fun at this year's Des Moines Show. If you would like to acquire some original Benson checkers, Chris Lindbom has quite a few available and is willing to ship. His phone number is (715) 684-9040. Mike Swanson may also have a few for sale on a first come basis. Contact him at (303) 857-0985.

Whether you decide to show checkers or not, the Des Moines show will be a good one to attend. The focus on checkers will put a new facet on our usual Des Moines event! We will be nominating the Des Moines show for the 2012 USC annual meet.

Come and join the festivities as we celebrate Bob's checker legacy and honor the spirit of a great Swallow Breeder! Any questions, contact Gloria Weisgram at (701) 261-8716 or email gweisgram@gmail.com



Bill Griebel Wins in Germany

By Gary Romig

How do you know your Swallows are of the highest quality in the world. Well, you might try having your birds judged where the competition is of the highest calibre. Then the place to have your birds judged would be in Saxony Germany. Bill Griebel, whom we all know, has some very outstanding Swallows. His show record is right up there with the best breeders in the U.S. So, Bill decided to try and show some of his birds in the show held in Zwönitz, Germany. This show is where the best of the Saxon Color Pigeons are shown every year in early January.

It is not easy to get your pigeons into a show in another country. It is just as hard as when you try to bring pigeons into the U.S. from Germany. With the help of some good friends in Germany, Bill was able to get some of his birds there and entered into the show in Zwönitz.

I remember talking with Bill when I traveled with him to Zwönitz in January 2011. He mentioned that he wanted to try to show there himself. He didn't expect to win anything but he wanted to try it. And, I remember thinking to myself "Has anyone ever done this before"?

I certainly could agree that it would be wise to go into a show like this with low expectations. And, Bill did just that. Amazingly, Bill came away with the highest award possible, a European Champion with a rating of E-97.

Congratulation to Bill. He did what none of us ever even dreamed of.



Bill Griebel's European Champion Black White Bar Silesian Swallow rated E-97 in Zwönitz, Germany, Jan. 2012. Photo: Andreas Reuter

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Message from Vice President

Frank Bailey

We recently said goodbye to our 2011 breeding season which offered several of our members a great show season. Congratulations to all of you. And now we welcome in 2012!

As we close out the year and welcome in the new, it offers us an opportunity to evaluate and recognize contributions to our USC organization.

I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize a member who was removed from the scene for many years. His return has made an impact in the state of Florida and will soon offer additional entries at other North American shows. This member is Jesse Espinosa of St. Augustine, Florida. He continues to demonstrate his desire to find recognition for his Swallows. In just three short years, Jesse has collected birds from all over North America, imported birds from Europe, and has made great progress towards breeding some competitive birds. Jesse should be commended for organizing the "Color Pigeons" at the recent NPA National event in Florida. It was great seeing him make the trip to the 2011 Pageant of Pigeons. He's also making a positive impact by adding new members



Frank Bailey and Jesse Espinosa at the recent Pageant of Pigeons in Riverside, California.

from the Florida area to our USC. At one time, the state of Florida had several USC members living there. One person that was very active and an outstanding Thüringer Breeder, was the late great Bob Austin who passed away in 2003. Since his passing, we've seen a major decline in memberships in Florida.

Hat's off to our southern California "Master Breeder, Bill Griebel Sr" - Bill needs no introduction to our group, but he does deserve the recognition as a true leader in a show class that he dominated back in the 1980's. Some of us were fortunate enough to have visited his loft and show room at that time. We left awe struck by the number of quality signature show class birds. He truly owned the Black White Barred Silesian Wing Pigeon/Swallow class.

However, In the late 80's and early '90's, he replaced that show class with his collection of Blue Black Barred Silesian Wing Pigeon's/Swallow.

Now in the last three seasons, many of us have watched Bill not only bring his Black White Bars back to a respectable level, but he has achieved something extraordinary by introducing his personal strain to their motherland in Europe.

Bill sent birds to Germany a year in advance to acclimate them to the change in the weather and other conditions. He traveled to Germany prior to the show and trimmed his team of birds for the big event in Zwönitz, Germany. By the end of the show, Bill had achieved what most of us could only dream. He had won the show class for the best of the Black White Barred Silesian Swallows.

This was the first time in history that an American Breeder had ever entered their birds in a European Show! His achievement, not only brought pride to him personally, but brought universal recognition to us here in America and our United Swallow Club. Again, thank you Bill and congratulations!

In closing, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank those of you who offered me a vote of confidence in allowing me to serve you for another term as your Vice President. It's my sincere wish, that each of you will be blessed with a wonderful breeding season.

Message from The Secretary

Elliot Yeske

As I write this message I look back on this past winter. All the people that I have been in contact with have said what a nice mild winter they have had in their part of the country. Here too, it has been good and some of the birds are starting the breeding season early. The club lost a few members this year that did not renew their membership for whatever reason, but we did pick up some new members as well. The club still has patches to sell that are \$5.00 each as well as some club bands yet to sell. Bands

are 35 cents each with \$3.00 for postage and I can send bands in the same package with patch orders to save on shipping costs. We have 144 size 8mm bands for clean leg birds and 70 size 11mm bands for the muffed birds. Please keep the club in mind for your bands and help us sell out of both sizes this year. We have not ever sold out both sizes since I have been Club Secretary. It would be great to be able to do that. I hope everyone has a wonderful year and good luck with your birds.

Canadian Colors

Gloria Weisgram

Red and yellow tigers ... black splangled and white bar Silesians ... blue and silver Silesians in barless, checker, and bar ... black barless Fullheads. These are the colors of Swallows in the loft of our new Canadian District director, Jim Richards of North Augusta, Ontario.

Jim's first Swallows came from Ron Hornby of Calgary. Ron was just a kid when Jim shipped him some pheasants and, in return, Jim got a few Swallow pigeons from Ron. Eventually, Jim got out of birds but three years ago Jim decided to start up again and Swallows were the first breed he got. He raised birds to show. In one Canadian meet, he entered 100 plus birds and rabbits. Heart surgery changed all that and now Jim raises birds merely for his own enjoyment. His favorite color is black and in

the Fall of 2010, he imported some black splangles from Germany. Jim also acquired birds from Dick Baker of New York and admits he may even have a few birds from Bob Benson who sent birds to New York a few years ago. Jim is quick to note that even though his favorite color is black, the blue and silver Swallow colors are growing on him!

Jim has several large lofts and his birds are divided by color. Two Lofts measure 10 X 42, another is 10 X 20 and a fourth is 8 X 20. He also notes that Swallows in Canada are very scarce with only a handful of fanciers are breeding them. But two hours north of Syracuse, NY, you will find Swallows in every color and type in the loft of Jim Richards, USC Canadian Director! **See pictures below of the swallow lofts of Jim Richards.**



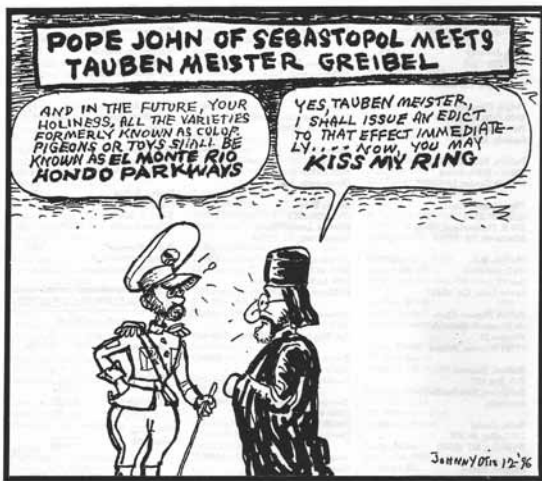
THE PASSING OF JOHNNY OTIS, 1921 - 2012

By Gary Romig

A breeder of color pigeons and swallows Johnny was an artist and Influential R&B singer, musician. Johnny Otis, who is white, grew up in a predominantly black neighborhood and had a deep connection to black culture. He discovered Etta James and Little Richard.

Johnny did a series of cartoon drawings featuring Bill Griebel and his hobby of breeding swallow pigeons. They are hilarious, well done and poignant. Many of them are framed and displayed in the central hall at Bill Griebel's house.

Johnny was the original source for my start in Saxon Field Color Pigeons. Bill Griebel had obtained a blue spangle muffed pigeon from Johnny Otis for me in 1972. That bird's genes are still found in the Saxon Field Color Pigeons I have today.



Breeding Black Spangled and White Barred Fairy Swallows for the loft of Jud Nelson.

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Saxon Silesian Swallow Blue black barred Rated E-97, Bernd Ehrler
Photo from Zwönitz 2012 by Andreas Reuter



Saxon Silesian Swallow Blue Spangle Rated HS-96, Bernd Ehrler
Photo from Zwönitz 2012 by Andreas Reuter



Saxon Silesian Swallow Blue White barred Rated E-97, Michael Gallasch
Photo from Zwönitz 2012 by Andreas Reuter



Saxon Silesian Swallow Silver Checker Rated E-97, Dieter Junghänel
Photo from Zwönitz 2012 by Andreas Reuter



Saxon Fairy Swallow Yellow White barred Rated E-97, Stephan Groschupp
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Saxon Fairy Swallow Black Spangle Rated E-97, Horst Schmidt
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Saxon Fairy Swallow Silver White barred Rated S-95, Jörg Kühne
Photo from Zwönitz 2012 by Andreas Reuter



Saxon Fairy Swallow Yellow Spangle Rated E-97, Klaus Burkhardt
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Saxon Fairy Swallow Blue White bar Rated E-97, Cor van der Post
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Saxon Fairy Swallow Silver Barless Rated E-97, Klaus Hentschel
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Saxon Fullhead Swallow Black White bar Rated HS-96, Klaus Hentschel
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Saxon Fullhead Swallow Blue Spangle Rated E-97, H.-Ulrich Lemnitz
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Saxon Fullhead Swallow Red Spangle Rated S-94, Klaus Hentschel
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Bohemian Tiger Crested Swallow, Black Rated E-97, Franz Oppl
Photo from Zwönitz 2012 by Andreas Reuter

Planning for the Show Season!



Last year's Annual Meet held at the LAPC's 100th anniversary Pageant of Pigeons Hans Schipper was the Judge and to his right the well known Werner Zahn of Germany. Photo by Tom Moss

Nominations are needed for the location and Judge of our Annual Meet. Typically we like to have the meet in association with one of the larger meets in the country. These could be the Iowa State Pigeon Show held in Des Moines early December, or the Pageant of Pigeons held in San Bernardino California the week before Thanksgiving week, or the NPA Grand National in Vancouver, Washington January, 2013. Remember other show locations can be nominated for the annual meet.

Please restrict your choice for judge to the list of eligible Judges for the show or you may add a European judge:

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Western District Director

Dave Holloway

As USC Western District Director and Member in Charge I would like to invite all USC members to a western district show at the January 2013 NPA Grand National in Vancouver, Washington (just across the Columbia River from Portland, Oregon). I live only about 35 - 40 minutes from the showroom and would be pleased to provide any help you might need.

Portland International Airport is close to the show site and there is an airport post office if you wish to mail your birds. There will be more information forthcoming later.

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Mike Swanson

Plans to have a western district meet in Denver, Colorado on Saturday, January 19, 2013. More to come on this show.

More News:

There are two new web-sites of interest to swallow and color pigeon breeders. These are nice sites that allow you to share photos and comment in a private forum. Both require you to join. One is with Facebook and the other is with Myfamily.com.

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